



Maine League of Conservation Voters

ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD / 2007

FOR MEMBERS OF THE 123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE

Dear Maine Conservationist,

The decisions our elected officials make determine our health and quality of life. Because our natural resources are the backbone of our economy, they determine our wealth. Most importantly, they determine whether we will leave the Maine we love to our children and grandchildren.

That's why Maine citizens need to know how their legislators voted on the most important conservation issues to come before them. You will find that information here in our annual *Environmental Scorecard*, which tracks votes on a range of issues including global warming, land use and conservation, and water quality.

You will see that this was a very successful year for Maine's environment. Groundbreaking legislation was passed by overwhelming majorities.

We know that sponsoring bills, forging compromise, and persuading other legislators are important actions a roll call can't measure. Because roll calls don't tell the entire story, we give additional information and analysis in the "Noteworthy Actions" section on page 7.

Let your elected representatives know how you feel about their work. You can email them from our website version of this scorecard at www.mlcv.org. See the back page for more ways you can help make Maine's natural resources a political priority.

Sincerely,

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Caroline M. Pryor, *President*

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Maureen Drouin, *Executive Director*



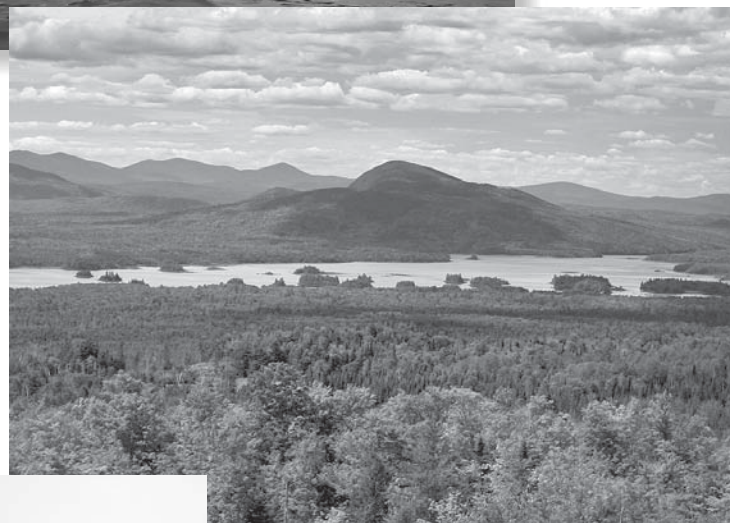
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SCORECARD BILL DESCRIPTIONS

✓ LD #153

An Act To Improve the Control and Prevention of Invasive Plant Infestations

Sponsor: Representative Jane Eberle

Invasive species are plants and animals that are not native to Maine and whose introduction is likely to cause harm to the environment. This bill will help raise an additional \$110,000 per year for Maine's invasive aquatic species program by authorizing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIFW) to incorporate the existing lake and river protection sticker fee for Maine registered boats (\$10) with the watercraft registration fee. The watercraft registration fee structure will be revised to include the lake and river protection fee for watercraft operating on inland waters of the State. It also revises the existing lake and river protection sticker requirement so that only watercraft registered outside of Maine must display a current lake and river protection sticker. The additional revenue will be divided 60% to 40% between the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and DIFW, just as money from the existing program has always been apportioned.

- **House Roll Call #23**
Pro Environment Vote: Yes / Enactment
House Vote: April 4, 2007: Yes 139; No 0; Absent 12
- **Final Outcome: Bill Passed**



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✓ LD #340

An Act To Require the Replacement of Trees Cut in Shoreland Areas

Sponsor: Representative Dawn Hill

Trees in shoreland zones provide a number of important benefits including wildlife habitat, shade, woody debris, and buffers for water quality. In some cases, people who want to enhance their view of a waterbody are willing to pay a fine for illegally cutting down trees in these areas. This bill requires a person who cuts a tree or other vegetation in violation of the law, to replace the tree or vegetation with a plant of similar size and species. In addition, the violator must submit a reforestation plan to the municipality. Timber harvesting is exempted from the requirements.

- **House Roll Call #44**
Pro Environment Vote: Yes / Enactment
House Vote: May 2, 2007: Yes 114; No 21; Absent 15*
- **Final Outcome: Bill Passed**

✓ LD #1658

An Act To Protect Pregnant Women and Children from Toxic Chemicals Released into the Home

Sponsor: Representative Hannah Pingree

With passage of this legislation, Maine becomes the second state in the nation to phase out use of Deca, a toxic flame retardant. This law mandates the replacement of the toxic Deca chemical in televisions and computers with safer but equally effective alternatives, and prohibits the use of Deca in mattresses and home furniture. This is an important environmental health victory since these chemicals build up in the bodies of people and wildlife, and can cause learning and developmental disabilities in children. The environmental community was joined by Maine firefighters and public health advocates in supporting this bill.

- **House Roll Call #92**
Pro Environment Vote: Yes / Enactment
House Vote: May 31, 2007: Yes 129; No 0; Absent 21*
- **Senate Roll Call #88**
Pro Environment Vote: Yes / Accept Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report
Senate Vote: May 24, 2007: Yes 29; No 5; Absent 1
- **Final Outcome: Bill Passed**



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✓ LD #1796

An Act To Authorize Bond Issues for Ratification by the Voters for the June and November 2007 Elections

Sponsor: Senator Beth Edmonds

The natural resource bond proposal includes \$17 million for the Land for Maine's Future program and \$5 million for riverfront community development.

The award-winning Land for Maine's Future program has conserved over 440,000 acres and protected 919 miles of shorefront, 113 miles of "rail trails," and over 5,800 acres of farmland. In 2005, Maine citizens overwhelmingly approved \$10 million in

bond money for the program, which was committed last spring to a broad range of projects including Crystal Spring Farm in Brunswick, Caribou Bog near Bangor, Grafton Notch in western Maine, and an addition to the Wells National Estuarine Reserve in southern Maine. Without an additional \$17 million in funding, Maine would be unable to protect the productive woodlands and farms, vital wildlife habitat, and access to land for outdoor recreation that are threatened every day by forestland subdivision, the loss of family farms, and sprawl.

The \$5 million Riverfront Community Development Bond offers the citizens of Maine an unprecedented opportunity to revitalize their communities and rivers. By creating a competitive grants program to support voluntary, community-driven projects across Maine, the bond will: promote environmentally sustainable economic activity along rivers, restore and improve habitat for fish and wildlife, develop and promote public



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access points for boating and fishing, create riverfront parks, trails, and other recreational amenities, and leverage other public resources and private investment.

The bond package will go before Maine voters on the November 6th ballot and will also include \$3 million for working waterfront and \$7.5 million for state parks, \$1.5 million for the Agricultural Water Source Development Program, and \$1.5 million for the Municipal Investment Trust Fund.



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- **House Roll Call #24**
Pro Environment Vote: Yes / Enactment
House Vote: April 4, 2007: Yes 138; No 6; Absent 7
- **Senate Roll Call #43**
Pro Environment Vote: Yes / Enactment
Senate Vote: April 4, 2007: Yes 33; No 0; Absent 2
- **Final Outcome: Bill Passed**

✓ LD #1851

An Act to Establish the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Act of 2007

Sponsor: Representative Theodore Koffman

This bill allows Maine to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a program of national significance. RGGI is the first multi-state effort in the U.S. to put an absolute cap on global warming pollution from power plants. Over 10 years it will reduce global warming pollution from power plants by 10% below current levels—that's 30% below what it would have been without RGGI. Ten states, from Maine to Maryland, are part of the initiative. This legislation also dramatically increases funding for energy efficiency in Maine, which not only helps reduce pollution but is the most effective way to reduce energy costs for consumers. The bill works for Maine's economy because it helps our businesses and institutions become more energy efficient and competitive, and creates a market-based solution to reducing global warming pollution across the region.

- **House Roll Call #99**
Pro-environment vote: Yes / Engrossed
House Vote: June 1, 2007: Yes 120; No 7; Absent 22; Excused 1*
- **Senate Roll Call #108**
Pro-environment vote: Yes / Accept Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report
Senate Vote: June 5, 2007: Yes 35; No 0
- **Final Outcome: Bill Passed**



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* The house has 151 voting members. Some vote totals in the house add up to 150 for the above bills because of the loss of Rep. Holman during the session.

KEY: ✓ = Pro Environment Bill ✗ = Anti Environment Bill

OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST

Good Bills Passed

Maintaining Habitat for Wildlife

LD #1477 / Sponsored by **Representative Theodore Koffman**

In 2006, the Legislature passed a bill that protects important wading bird and waterfowl habitat, shorebird resting and feeding areas, and significant vernal pools. Earlier this year, the Legislature's Natural Resources Committee considered numerous proposals to repeal part or all of these hard-won "significant wildlife habitat" rules. Maine's Department of Environmental Protection proposed the compromise LD 1477, modified by the Natural Resources Committee, which addressed the needs of landowners while successfully maintaining core protections for these highly vulnerable habitats.

Expanding Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List

LD #366 / Sponsored by **Representative Mark Bryant**

Following the unanimous vote of support from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, the Legislature approved revisions to Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List for the first time in ten years. Fourteen animals were added: the New England cottontail, least bittern, redbfin pickerel, juniper hairstreak, rapids clubtail, Barrow's goldeneye (threatened), black-crowned night heron, common moorhen, great cormorant, short-eared owl, purple lesser fritillary, sleepy duskywing, boreal snaketail, and brook floater. The list has many benefits including helping everyone know which wildlife is rare and vulnerable, encouraging landowners to work cooperatively with the state, and helping the state develop management and recovery plans for listed species.



Conserving Maine's Character and Combating Sprawl

LD #1810 / Sponsored by **Representative Christopher Barstow**

This first in the nation legislation provides Maine communities with much needed information to assess the impacts of proposed large-scale retail developments on their towns, local economies, and the environment. The legislation requires independent comprehensive impact studies for big box stores 75,000 square feet and larger to assess projected impacts on the environment, existing businesses, jobs, vacancy rates, and municipal services. The permit approval requires that the project will not have an undue adverse impact on the local economy and environment.



Protecting Children from Lead Exposure

LD #555 / Sponsored by **Representative Jon Hinck**

According to the Maine Center for Disease Control, 550 children in Maine are officially lead-poisoned each year, making lead exposure from old paint the top environmental health threat to our kids. This legislation will help address this problem by giving Maine families 30 days notice before renovations that may involve lead-based paint are performed in their home.

Safeguarding Our Oceans

LD #1297 / Sponsored by **Representative Herbert Adams**

To curb nitrogen pollution in coastal waters, this resolve directs the Department of Environmental Protection to establish nutrient pollution standards for coastal waters by January 31, 2008, focusing first on Casco Bay. Excess nitrogen pollution in coastal waters contributes to slimy, green mudflats, prolonged red tides, fish kills, marine mammal deaths, and outbreaks of shellfish poisonings. This pollution comes from sewage treatment plants, combined sewer overflows that divert combined raw sewage and storm water runoff into the ocean during heavy rains, fertilizers, car exhaust, and chimney smokestack emissions.



SP #727 / Sponsored by **Senator Dennis Damon**

This joint resolution supports the findings of the Nearshore Management Study, a 3-year intensive project that represents the most comprehensive examination of Maine's coastal management. Conducted by the Maine Coastal Program and Department of Marine Resources on behalf of the Land and Water Resources Commission, the study found that Maine's coastal resources are under increasing pressure from many fronts, challenges are getting more complex and management needs to improve to protect Maine's coastal ecosystems and the communities that depend on them.

Ensuring Clean Water in Lakes

LD #587 / Sponsored by **Representative Jane Eberle**

After January 1, 2008, all retail establishments selling lawn care products must post a sign near lawn care supplies informing customers that it's illegal to apply lawn care products containing fertilizer unless a soil test has shown a phosphorus deficiency, or unless the fertilizer is being applied to a new lawn. As a result, phosphorus-free fertilizer will become readily available in all stores after January 1, 2008. The bill also contained provisions for the DEP to investigate the role of buffers in protecting and improving lake water quality.

Protecting Freshwater Resources

LD #968 / *Emergency Measure*

Across the United States and around the world, communities struggle to meet their water needs.

Often forgotten are the needs of aquatic wildlife and ecosystems. This resolve requires that water withdrawals from streams or lakes avoid endangering freshwater animals and their habitats, and avoid compromising natural flow variability—a water body variable pattern of high and low flows.

Harmful Bills Successfully Defeated

Maintaining Clean Water Protections

LD #564 / Sponsored by **Senator John Nutting**

When composting is done on a large scale, special care has to be taken to make sure runoff does not pollute our rivers and streams. This bill would have weakened Maine's current clean water protections by taking away the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) authority to regulate a number of industrial composting facilities. In the end, Maine's Department of Agriculture and the DEP developed a resolve detailing how they will continue to work together regarding industrial composting operations. DEP's authority to enforce clean water laws was maintained.



Protecting Remote Areas in Maine's North Woods from Development

LDs #471, 472 & 473 / Sponsored by **Senator Peter Mills**

LD 471 would have rolled-back an important law adopted in 2001 closing a loophole that had allowed 213,000 acres of timberland in Maine to be converted from commercial forestry to residential uses. LD 472 threatened to

politicize land use management in the unorganized territories in Maine by opening up the Land Use Regulation Commission's (LURC) comprehensive land use plan to amendment by the Legislature. LD 473 would have changed the mission of LURC so that the primary purpose of the agency would be to serve the interests of the timber and agriculture sectors, at the expense of the public interest. LDs 471 & 473 were defeated. LD 472 was amended acceptably before passing.



MAINE LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS – 2007 HOUSE SCORECARD

NAME	TOWN	PARTY	Pro Environment Votes					2007 SESSION				
			2007	2005-2006	2003-2004	2001-2002	1999-2000	Invasive Plants LD 153	Replacement of Trees LD 340	DECA LD 1658	Bonds LD 1796	RGGI LD 1851
ADAMS, Herbert	Portland	D	5/5	100%	100%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
ANNIS, James	Dover-Foxcroft	R	5/5	33%	21%	55%	*	+	+	+	+	+
AUSTIN, Susan	Gray	R	5/5	33%	7%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
AYOTTE, Bernard	Caswell	R	2/5	*	*	*	*	+	-	a	+	-
BABBIDGE, Christopher	Kennebunk	D	5/5	100%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
BARSTOW, Christopher	Gorham	D	4/5	58%	93%	*	*	+	a	+	+	+
BEAUDETTE, Stephen	Biddeford	D	5/5	67%	100%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
BEAUDOIN, Paulette	Biddeford	D	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
BEAULIEU, Michael	Auburn	R	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
BERRY, Seth	Bowdoinham	D	4/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	a	+	+
BERUBE, Robert	Lisbon	R	2/5	25%	0%	*	*	+	-	a	+	a
BLANCHARD, Richard	Old Town	D	3/5	83%	*	*	*	+	a	+	+	a
BLANCHETTE, Patricia	Bangor	D	5/5	83%	79%	73%	*	+	+	+	+	+
BLISS, Lawrence	South Portland	D	5/5	83%	86%	82%	*	+	+	+	+	+
BOLAND, Andrea	Sanford	D	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
BRAUTIGAM, John	Falmouth	D	5/5	100%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
BROWNE, William	Vassalboro	R	5/5	33%	7%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
BRYANT, Mark	Windham	D	5/5	75%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
BURNS, Richard	Berwick	D	5/5	83%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
CAIN, Emily	Orono	D	5/5	100%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
CAMPBELL, James	Newfield	R	5/5	58%	14%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
CANAVAN, Marilyn	Waterville	D	4/5	92%	100%	73%	*	a	+	+	+	+
CARTER, Timothy	Bethel	D	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
CASAVANT, Alan	Biddeford	D	4/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	a
CEBRA, Richard	Naples	R	5/5	25%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
CHASE, Kathleen	Wells	R	4/5	*	*	*	*	+	-	+	+	+
CLARK, Herbert	Millinocket	D	4/5	58%	*	*	*	+	-	+	+	+
CLEARY, Richard	Houlton	D	3/5	*	*	*	*	+	-	+	+	a
CONNOR, Gary	Kennebunk	D	3/5	*	*	*	*	+	a	a	+	+
CONOVER, Jill	Oakland	D	4/5	*	*	*	*	+	a	+	+	+
COTTA, H. David	China	R	4/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	-
CRAVEN, Margaret	Lewiston	D	5/5	92%	86%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
CRAY, Dean	Palmyra	R	3/5	*	*	*	*	+	-	+	+	a
CRESSEY, Philip	Cornish	R	0/5	17%	7%	9%	*	a	a	a	a	a
CROCKETT, Patsy	Augusta	D	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
CROTHWAITE, Robert	Ellsworth	R	4/5	17%	0%	*	*	+	-	+	+	+
CUMMINGS, Glenn	Portland	D	5/5	75%	93%	91%	*	+	+	+	+	+
CURTIS, Philip	Madison	R	3/5	33%	*	*	*	+	-	+	+	a
DILL, Cynthia	Cape Elizabeth	D	4/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	a
DRISCOLL, Timothy	Westbrook	D	5/5	83%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
DUCHESNE, Robert	Hudson	D	5/5	92%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
DUNN, Michael	Bangor	D	3/5	58%	*	*	*	+	a	a	+	+
DUPREY, Brian	Hampden	R	4/5	33%	7%	0%	*	+	+	+	+	a
EATON, Robert	Sullivan	D	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
EBERLE, Jane	South Portland	D	5/5	92%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
EDGECOMB, Peter	Caribou	R	4/5	33%	*	*	*	+	-	+	+	+
EMERY, Harold	Cutler	R	3/5	33%	*	*	*	+	+	a	+	a
FAIRCLOTH, Sean	Bangor	D	5/5	75%	100%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
FARRINGTON, David	Gorham	D	2/5	75%	*	*	*	a	a	a	+	+
FINCH, Edward	Fairfield	D	5/5	83%	64%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
FINLEY, Donna	Skowhegan	R	4/5	*	*	*	*	+	a	+	+	+
FISCHER, Jeremy	Presque Isle	D	5/5	67%	57%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
FISHER, Charles	Brewer	D	5/5	58%	*	91%	75%	+	+	+	+	+
FITTS, Stacey Allen	Pittsfield	R	5/5	25%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
FLETCHER, Kenneth	Winslow	R	5/5	33%	7%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
FLOOD, Patrick	Winthrop	R	4/5	50%	*	*	*	+	-	+	+	+
GERZOFISKY, Stan	Brunswick	D	2/5	92%	86%	91%	*	a	+	a	a	+
GIFFORD, Jeffery	Lincoln	R	2/5	*	*	*	*	+	-	+	-	-
GILES, Jayne	Belfast	R	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
GOULD, Bonnie	South Berwick	R	4/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	a
GREELEY, Christian	Levant	R	5/5	25%	0%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
GROSE, Carol	Woolwich	D	5/5	75%	79%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
HAMPER, James	Oxford	R	5/5	25%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
HANLEY, Stephen	Gardiner	D	5/5	67%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
HARLOW, Charles	Portland	D	5/5	100%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
HASKELL, Anne	Portland	D	3/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	a	+	a
HAYES, Teresea	Buckfield	D	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
HILL, Dawn	York	D	4/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	a	+	+
HINCK, Jon	Portland	D	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
HOGAN, George	Old Orchard Beach	D	4/5	83%	*	*	*	+	+	a	+	+
HOLMAN, Abigail †	Fayette	R	2/2	*	*	*	*	+	**	**	+	**
HOTHAM, Randy	Dixfield	R	4/5	42%	21%	*	*	+	+	+	a	+
JACKSON, Troy	Allagash	D	4/5	50%	57%	*	*	+	-	+	+	+
JACOBSEN, Lawrence	Waterboro	R	1/5	33%	7%	*	*	a	-	+	a	-
JONES, Deane # (6/12/07)	Mount Vernon	D	**	*	*	*	*	**	**	**	**	**
JOY, Henry	Cyrstal	R	2/5	17%	0%	*	8%	+	-	+	-	-

(See key on page 6 for explanation of symbols.)

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KAENRATH, Bryan	South Portland	D	4/5	*	*	*	*	+	a	+	+	+
KNIGHT, L. Gary	Livermore Falls	R	4/5	*	*	*	*	+	-	+	+	+
KOFFMAN, Theodore	Bar Harbor	D	5/5	83%	100%	64%	*	+	+	+	+	+
LANSLEY, Scott	Sabattus	R	3/5	8%	*	*	*	+	a	+	-	+
LEWIN, Sarah	Eliot	R	5/5	17%	0%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
LUNDEEN, Jacqueline	Mars Hill	D	5/5	83%	71%	82%	*	+	+	+	+	+
MacDONALD, W. Bruce	Boothbay	D	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
MAKAS, Elaine	Lewiston	D	4/5	100%	100%	*	*	a	+	+	+	+
MAREAN, Donald	Hollis	R	2/5	42%	*	*	*	+	+	a	a	a
MARLEY, Boyd	Portland	D	3/5	92%	100%	100%	*	+	a	a	+	+
MAZUREK, Edward	Rockland	D	4/5	75%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	a
McDONOUGH, John	Scarborough	R	5/5	*	*	82%	83%	+	+	+	+	+
McfADDEN, Howard	Dennysville	R	1/5	33%	*	*	*	a	-	+	a	a
McKANE, Jonathan	Newcastle	R	5/5	42%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
McLEOD, Everett	Lee	R	2/5	25%	*	*	*	+	-	+	-	-
MILLER, Elizabeth	Somerville	D	5/5	92%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
MILLETT, H. Sawin	Waterford	R	5/5	33%	14%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
MILLS, Janet	Farmington	D	5/5	83%	71%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
MIRAMANT, David	Camden	D	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
MOORE, Gary	Standish	R	3/5	17%	7%	*	*	+	a	+	+	a
MUSE, Roberta	Fryeburg	R	5/5	67%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
NASS, Joan	Acton	R	4/5	42%	*	*	*	+	+	a	+	+
NORTON, Jacqueline	Bangor	D	5/5	100%	93%	64%	*	+	+	+	+	+
PATRICK, John	Rumford	D	4/5	67%	71%	91%	*	+	+	+	+	a
PENDLETON, Peggy	Scarborough	D	5/5	*	75%	33%	88%	+	+	+	+	+
PEOPLES, Ann	Westbrook	D	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
PERCY, Leila	Phippsburg	D	4/5	92%	100%	*	*	+	+	+	+	a
PERRY, Anne	Calais	D	5/5	75%	64%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
PIEH, Wendy	Bremen	D	5/5	*	*	*	92%	+	+	+	+	+
PILON, Donald	Saco	D	5/5	75%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
PINEAU, Raymond	Jay	D	3/5	75%	93%	82%	*	a	a	+	+	+
PINGREE, Hannah	North Haven	D	5/5	92%	93%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
PINKHAM, Wright	Lexington Twp	R	5/5	33%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
PIOTTI, John	Unity	D	5/5	83%	79%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
PLUMMER, Gary	Windham	R	5/5	42%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
PRATT, Benjamin	Eddington	D	3/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	a	+	a
PRESCOTT, Kerri	Topsham	R	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
PRIEST, Charles	Brunswick	D	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
RAND, Anne	Portland	D	5/5	*	*	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+
RECTOR, Christopher	Thomaston	R	5/5	75%	71%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
RICHARDSON, David	Carmel	R	5/5	42%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
RICHARDSON, Earl †	Greenville	R	1/5	42%	0%	*	25%	a	a	a	+	a
RICHARDSON, Wesley	Warren	R	5/5	33%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
RINES, Peter	Wiscasset	D	5/5	92%	57%	91%	*	+	+	+	+	+
ROBINSON, John	Raymond	R	4/5	25%	*	*	*	+	-	+	+	+
ROSEN, Kimberley	Bucksport	R	5/5	50%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
SAMSON, Mark	Auburn	D	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
SAVAGE, David	Falmouth	R	4/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	a	+	+
SAVIELLO, Thomas	Wilton	U	4/4	58%	64%	*	*	+	+	+	+	E
SCHATZ, James	Blue Hill	D	5/5	75%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
SILSBY, Kimberly	Augusta	D	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
SIMPSON, Deborah	Auburn	D	5/5	75%	86%	91%	*	+	+	+	+	+
SIROIS, Lawrence	Turner	D	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
SMITH, Nancy	Monmouth	D	3/5	75%	93%	*	*	+	+	a	+	a
STRANG BURGESS, Meredith	Cumberland	R	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
SUTHERLAND, Patricia	Chapman	D	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
SYKES, Richard	Harrison	R	5/5	33%	0%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
TARDY, Joshua	Newport	R	5/5	33%	7%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
THERIAULT, Charles	Madawaska	D	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
THIBODEAU, Michael	Winterport	R	4/5	*	*	*	*	+	-	+	+	+
THOMAS, Douglas	Ripley	R	4/5	0%	*	*	*	+	+	+	-	+
TIBBETTS, Joseph	Columbia	R	3/5	*	*	*	*	+	-	+	+	-
TREAT, Sharon	Farmingdale	D	5/5	*	100%	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+
TRINWARD, Pamela	Waterville	D	4/5	*	*	*	*	+	a	+	+	+
TUTTLE, John	Sanford	D	4/5	83%	*	45%	50%	a	+	+	+	+
VALENTINO, Linda	Saco	D	5/5	83%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
VAUGHAN, Michael	Durham	R	1/5	25%	0%	*	*	a	-	+	-	a
WAGNER, Richard	Lewiston	D	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
WALCOTT, William	Lewiston	D	5/5	92%	93%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
WALKER, Robert	Lincolntonville	R	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
WATSON, Thomas	Bath	D	3/5	92%	86%	*	*	+	+	a	a	+
WEAVER, Windol	York	R	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
WEBSTER, David	Freeport	D	4/5	92%	*	*	*	a	+	+	+	+
WEDDELL, Lance	Frankfort	D	5/5	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+
WHEELER, Walter	Kittery	D	4/5	83%	79%	*	*	+	+	a	+	+
WOODBURY, Richard	Yarmouth	U	5/5	83%	86%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+

MAINE LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS – 2007 SENATE SCORECARD

NAME	COUNTY	PARTY	Pro Environment Votes					2007 SESSION		
			2007	2005-2006	2003-2004	2001-2002	1999-2000	DECA LD 1658	Bonds LD 1796	RGGI LD 1851
BARTLETT, Philip	Cumberland	D	3/3	91%	*	*	*	+	+	+
BENOIT, Paula	Sagadahoc	R	3/3	*	*	*	*	+	+	+
BOWMAN, Peter	York	D	3/3	*	*	*	*	+	+	+
BRANNIGAN, Joseph	Cumberland	D	2/3	75%	79%	100%	*	+	a	+
BROMLEY, Lynn	Cumberland	D	3/3	82%	88%	86%	*	+	+	+
BRYANT, Bruce	Oxford	D	3/3	73%	75%	82%	83%	+	+	+
COURTNEY, Jonathan	York	R	2/3	36%	0%	*	*	-	+	+
DAMON, Dennis	Hancock	D	3/3	80%	88%	*	*	+	+	+
DIAMOND, Bill	Cumberland	D	3/3	64%	*	*	*	+	+	+
DOW, Dana	Lincoln	R	3/3	36%	*	*	*	+	+	+
EDMONDS, Beth	Cumberland	D	3/3	100%	100%	100%	*	+	+	+
GOOLEY, Walter	Franklin	R	3/3	*	*	18%	66%	+	+	+
HASTINGS, David	Oxford	R	2/3	36%	*	*	*	a	+	+
HOBBS, Barry	York	D	3/3	73%	*	*	*	+	+	+
MARRACHÉ, Lisa	Kennebec	D	3/3	75%	50%	36%	*	+	+	+
MARTIN, John	Aroostook	D	3/3	73%	75%	83%	92%	+	+	+
McCORMICK, Earle	Kennebec	R	3/3	42%	21%	*	*	+	+	+
MILLS, Peter	Somerset	R	3/3	45%	79%	43%	63%	+	+	+
MITCHELL, Elizabeth	Kennebec	D	3/3	73%	*	*	*	+	+	+
NASS, Richard	York	R	2/3	36%	25%	45%	58%	-	+	+
NUTTING, John	Androscoggin	D	3/3	55%	*	*	63%	+	+	+
PERRY, Joseph	Penobscot	D	3/3	73%	43%	64%	42%	+	+	+
PLOWMAN, Debra	Penobscot	R	3/3	36%	*	*	8%	+	+	+
RAYE, Kevin	Washington	R	3/3	36%	*	*	*	+	+	+
ROSEN, Richard	Hancock	R	2/3	27%	21%	27%	42%	-	+	+
ROTUNDO, Margaret	Androscoggin	D	3/3	100%	100%	100%	*	+	+	+
SAVAGE, Christine	Knox	R	3/3	45%	25%	29%	58%	+	+	+
SCHNEIDER, Elizabeth	Penobscot	D	3/3	73%	*	*	*	+	+	+
SHERMAN, Roger	Aroostook	R	2/3	25%	7%	9%	17%	-	+	+
SMITH, Douglas	Piscataquis	R	1/3	*	*	*	*	-	a	+
SNOWE-MELLO, Lois	Androscoggin	R	3/3	36%	0%	9%	25%	+	+	+
STRIMLING, Ethan	Cumberland	D	3/3	82%	100%	*	*	+	+	+
SULLIVAN, Nancy	York	D	3/3	82%	79%	100%	92%	+	+	+
TURNER, Karl	Cumberland	R	3/3	64%	63%	57%	*	+	+	+
WESTON, Carol	Waldo	R	3/3	27%	25%	18%	42%	+	+	+

(See key below for explanation of symbols.)

Maine's Path of Legislation

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Idea Developed

A legislator decides to sponsor a bill, sometimes at the suggestion of a constituent, interest group, public official or the Governor. The legislator may ask other legislators in either chamber to join as co-sponsors.



Bill Drafted

At the legislator's direction, the Revisor's Office, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, and Office of Fiscal and Program Review staff provides research and drafting assistance and prepare the bill in proper technical form.



Bill Introduction

The legislator gives the bill to the Clerk of the House or Secretary of the Senate. The bill is numbered, a suggested committee recommendation is made and the bill is printed. The bill is placed on the respective body's calendar.



Committee Reference

The bill is referred to one of the Joint Standing or Joint Select committees in the originating branch and then sent to the other body for concurrence.



Committee Action

When scheduled by the chairs, the committee conducts a public hearing where it accepts testimony supporting and opposing the proposed legislation from any interested party. Notices of public hearings are printed in newspapers with statewide distribution.



General Order

When the bill is reported to the floor it receives its first reading and any committee amendments are adopted at this time. The committee reports the bill to the originating body as is, with amendment, with a divided report or with a unanimous recommendation of Ought Not to Pass.



Second Reading

The next legislative day the bill is given its second reading and floor amendments may be offered. When one chamber has passed the bill to be engrossed, it is sent to the other body for its consideration. The House has a consent calendar for unanimous Ought to Pass or Ought to Pass as amended bills which takes the place of First and Second readings.



Second Chamber

The bill goes through a similar process. If the second chamber amends the bill, it is returned to the first chamber for a vote on the changes. It may then be sent to a conference committee to work out a compromise agreeable to both chambers. A bill receives final legislative approval when it passes both chambers in identical form.



Governor

After final passage (enactment) the bill is sent to the Governor. The Governor has ten days in which to sign or veto the bill. If the Governor does not sign the bill and the Legislature is still in session, the bill after ten days becomes law as if the Governor signed it. If the Legislature has adjourned for the year the bill does not become law. This is called a "pocket veto." If the Legislature comes back into special session, the Governor on the 4th day must deliver a veto message to the chamber of origin or the bill becomes law.



Law

A bill becomes law 90 days after the end of the legislative session in which it was passed. A bill can become law immediately if the Legislature, by a 2/3 vote of each chamber, declares that an emergency exists. An emergency law takes effect on the date the Governor signs it unless otherwise specified in its text. If a bill is vetoed, it will become law if the Legislature overrides the veto by a 2/3 vote of those members present and voting of both chambers.

KEY TO SCORECARDS (found on pages 4 & 5 and above)

- + Pro Environment vote
- Anti Environment vote
- a Absent
- E Excused from voting
- * Was not legislator during session
- ** Not legislator on date of vote(s)
- D Democrat
- R Republican
- U Unenrolled

- G Green Independent
- † Deceased
- # Elected at end of session

Rating: The rating is the number of Pro Environment votes cast by each legislator out of the bills tracked.

Absences: Unexcused absences are counted as Anti Environment votes. Excused absences and vacancies are not figured into a legislator's rating.

NOTEWORTHY ACTIONS

→ Freshman standouts **Representatives Dawn Hill, Ben Pratt, and Jon Hinck** demonstrated the positive impact you can have during your first year in the Legislature. Hill was successful in sponsoring and passing an important bill to address cutting trees in shoreland zones. Hinck showed similar leadership around



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protecting children from lead paint. As a dynamic member of the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee, Pratt played a key role in defending clean water laws, including action on the industrial composting bill.

→ As House Majority Leader, **Representative Hannah Pingree** was instrumental in the environmental successes achieved this year. In particular, she sponsored and led the effort to pass the bill that phases out the toxic brominated flame retardant Deca and was a key cosponsor of the Land for Maine's Future bond.

→ An admirer of President Teddy Roosevelt and a former chemistry school-teacher, **Senator Dana Dow** gave impassioned and influential speeches on the floor of the Senate in support of the

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Act of 2007 and the bill that phases out the toxic brominated flame retardant Deca.

→ Senate Natural Resources Committee chair **Senator John Martin** ensured clean passage of the bill that phases out the toxic brominated flame retardant Deca and added language to strengthen the legislation.

→ In his position as House chair of the Natural Resources Committee, fourth-term **Representative Theodore Koffman** showed incredible leadership in passing several significant bills for Maine's environment this year. He shepherded new water withdrawal standards through the legislative portion of the major substantive rulemaking process, sponsored and championed the *Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Act of 2007*, and spoke eloquently about the Riverfront Community Development bond. Together with **Representative Robert Duchesne**, he worked



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with diligence and determination to successfully identify a solution to the shorebird habitat protection issue that would address property rights issues while maintaining core habitat protections.

→ Bipartisan cooperation helped secure a \$5 million bond for a new program to aid riverfront community development. In her position as Senate chair of the Appropriations Committee, **Senator Margaret Rotundo** was instrumental to the riverfront bond's success. A number of legislators spoke or offered key support for the bond including Minority Leader **Representative Joshua Tardy**, **Senators Walter Gooley and Joseph Perry**, and **Representatives Kimberly Rosen, Thomas Watson, Jill Conover, Donna Finley and Theodore Koffman**.

→ A new \$17 million bond for the Land for Maine's Future Program also enjoyed bipartisan leadership. Key cosponsors of the bond included **Speaker Glenn Cummings**, **Senators Karl Turner and Bill Diamond**, and **Representatives Patrick Flood, Donald Marean, Hannah Pingree, Herbert Adams, and Meredith Strang Burgess**.

→ Passage of the *Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Act of 2007* wouldn't have happened without the leadership of Senate Utilities and Energy Committee chair **Senator Philip Bartlett** and Speaker of the House **Representative Glenn Cummings**. Bartlett participated in long negotiations that led to the consensus agreement on the bill. Out of six hours of testimony, only two people spoke against passing this landmark legislation.

→ **Representative Jane Eberle** demonstrated her commitment to wildlife habitat protection by leading the charge to update the State's Endangered and Threatened Species List. The bill adds fourteen new animals to the list.



U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

→ When several nasty bills emerged that threatened protection of remote areas in Maine's North Woods, **Representative Wendy Pieh** was there to stop them. Her experience on the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee helped the committee successfully address bills that attacked the Land Use Regulation Commission's authority.

“Great thoughts speak only to the thoughtful mind, but great actions speak to all mankind.”

— President Theodore Roosevelt

MLCV Honors Passing of Legislators

We recognize the loss of Representative Abigail Holman of Fayette, Representative Deane Jones of Mount Vernon and Representative Earl Richardson of Greenville who passed away this year.

In her first term, **Representative Abigail Holman** represented District 83 in central Maine. An attorney, Holman had a long history of working in politics and policy before being elected to the State House in 2006.

Representative Deane Jones was elected on June 12th to fill the District 83 seat left vacant by Holman's passing. A Mount Vernon selectman for 18 years, Jones served in the Air Force and was a conservationist who hiked the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine in 2000.

Representative Earl Richardson was serving his fourth term for House District 27 in Piscataquis County. Richardson served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was town manager of Monroe and Greenville before owning and operating the Boom Chain Restaurant in Greenville for over 30 years with his wife, Avis.

We are sorry for the loss of Representatives Holman, Jones and Richardson and offer our deepest sympathies to their families and friends.

2007 Environmental Priorities

For the third consecutive year, the Maine League of Conservation Voters convened a partnership of 22 conservation and environmental organizations representing 100,000 members to identify the most pressing environmental issues facing the State and requiring the attention of our elected leaders. These groups outlined six priorities for the session. How did the priorities fare?

LD #366 – Protecting Wildlife: strengthens protection of endangered & threatened species	Passed
LD #1658 – Reducing Exposure to Toxic Chemicals: bans use of the toxic flame retardant Deca	Passed
LD #1796 – Funding Land Conservation: provides \$17 million for Land for Maine's Future program	Passed, to be voted on November 6th
LD #1796 – Funding Revitalization of Riverfront Communities: provides \$5 million for river restoration programs	Passed, to be voted on November 6th
LD #1851 – Reducing Global Warming: implements 10-state initiative to reduce global warming pollution	Passed
No Weakening of Current Environmental Protections	Bad bills on clean water and North Woods defeated or adequately amended

About the Maine League of Conservation Voters

The mission of the Maine League of Conservation Voters is to make the protection of our natural resources a political priority. We are an independent, non-partisan organization with a unique role in Maine's conservation community.



The Maine League outlines the real impact of decisions made in the Maine Legislature and gives Maine citizens information on the performance of legislators on environmental matters.

www.mlcv.org

The Legislature's Website

<http://janus.state.me.us/legis>



The legislature's website is a very useful tool for citizens interested in public policy. The site puts an enormous amount of information at your finger tips, from legislation to schedules to information on laws and lawmakers. You can listen to broadcasts of proceedings including committee hearings and work sessions.

To Do... to make Maine's environment a political priority

- ✓ Read the Environmental Scorecard
- Send a contribution to MLCV
- Attend MLCV's Evening for the Environment - October 11, 2007
- Contact my legislators to let them know how I feel about their work
- Write a letter to my local paper calling attention to my legislator's record
- Join Maine ECO for updates and to contact decision makers at -- <http://maineeco.e-actionmax.com>
- Visit www.mlcv.org for events and to volunteer



* Please recycle this Maine LCV Scorecard by passing it along to a friend.

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Yes! I want to help protect Maine's natural resources.

Enclosed is my contribution of: \$500 \$250 \$100
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