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of Conservation Voters is
Keeping Score for the Environment Since 1979
the nonpartisan political
voice of the environmental
community, promoting
conservation-minded
candidates for public
office and holding officials
accountable for
their actions.



2003-2004
Maryland General Assembly Scorecard



**MARYLAND
LEAGUE OF
CONSERVATION
VOTERS**

25 YEARS OF KEEPING SCORE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Keeping Score for 25 years!

Dear Marylander,

This year we are proud to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Maryland League of Conservation Voters. It all started in 1979 when a group of the state's environmental leaders gathered in my living room to discuss how to give the environment a powerful voice in politics and elections.

Since that time the Maryland LCV and our committed board of directors, volunteers, allies and, more recently, full-time staff, have done some extraordinary things in the name of environmental protection. We initiated our Scorecard to allow voters to hold their elected officials accountable for their actions regarding the environment. Through our strategic campaign efforts, dozens of environmental champions have been elected to the General Assembly and to statewide offices. Our efforts to educate voters about the environmental actions of their elected officials have resulted in numerous anti-environmental legislators being turned out of office. Also, our lobbying efforts have helped the environmental community win important victories in cleaning up our waters and air and protecting our land and communities.

With your help, our efforts are making a difference. The average scores have risen and more elected officials are making the environment a priority. We know there is still much more to do to truly protect our health and communities, to clean up our Bays and to save our dwindling open space. Thank you to everyone that has been a part of the Maryland LCV over the years. I hope we can count on you for your continued support as we look forward to celebrating many more milestones.

Sincerely,

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About this Scorecard

This scorecard includes votes for all members of the General Assembly for the 2003 and 2004 sessions and covers a range of conservation issues. The votes that constitute this scorecard are on bills, amendments, appointments and committee votes representing priorities of the state's environmental community. The scorecard is intended to fairly and accurately reflect who is voting pro-environment and who is not. These particular votes offered legislators politically difficult but environmentally clear choices on a range of conservation issues.

Unfortunately, a scorecard can only evaluate the votes that are cast, and in this scorecard, there is a distinct dearth of meaningful votes on at least two critical issues: land conservation and transportation policy. Millions of dollars of dedicated funding for parks and open space protection have been diverted through the state's budgets and legislators have passed up opportunities to take a stand to protect this funding. Meanwhile, our state's transportation policies are increasingly in disarray, with critical failures by the General Assembly to press for sensible alternatives to destructive and wasteful highway projects like the Intercounty Connector. Without meaningful and recorded legislative votes in these areas, we cannot adequately allocate these failures to individual members of the General Assembly in this particular scorecard. The Maryland League of Conservation Voters is dedicated to these issues and will continue to advocate and press for accountability in these important areas before the next election.

Therefore, it is important to recognize that this scorecard is just one test of a legislator's environmental record and reflects only one component of a legislator's overall environmental commitment. Factors such as leadership and vision, behind-the-scenes activity or inactivity, or political party pressure on a legislator are not easily quantifiable on a chart.

We encourage you to use this scorecard and to join us in making environmental protection a top priority in Maryland.



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The Maryland League of Conservation Voters has analyzed and evaluated the legislative performance of our state representatives in Annapolis since 1979.

Every two years, the Maryland LCV produces a legislative scorecard designed to give Maryland citizens a convenient reference for assessing the environmental record of their legislators.

Senate Committee Votes

Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

1. SB 394 (2003) Energy Efficiency Standards

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 7-3, 1 absent.

This bill sets minimum energy efficiency standards for certain new products and equipment sold in Maryland beginning in 2005 which will conserve energy and reduce pollution.

2. SB 393 (2003) Water Penalties

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 8-3.

This legislation significantly increases the penalties for violating water quality and wetland laws.

3. SB 698 (2003) Oysters - Power Dredging

No is the correct vote. Bill passed 9-2.

This bill would have allowed for expanded power dredging for oysters in a manner inconsistent with responsible long-term oyster management.

4. SB 320 (2004) Bay Restoration Fund

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 8-3.

This bill establishes a \$2.50 monthly surcharge on public sewer users and a \$30 annual charge to septic users to dedicate millions of dollars for sewage treatment plant and septic system upgrades. The committee amended the bill to strengthen the nitrogen standards and to include septic systems. Upgrades will greatly reduce the amount of nitrogen entering the Chesapeake and Coastal Bays and their tributaries.

5. SB 596 (2004) Public-Private Partnership Act

Yes is the correct vote on the unfavorable motion. Bill failed 7-4.

This bill would have allowed public facilities and transportation projects financed solely with private funding to evade requirements for rigorous environmental study, analysis of alternatives, and citizen input.

6. SB 694 (2004) Chesapeake & Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 8-3.

This bill reaffirmed the critical areas protections for our shorelines. Current penalties were weak and recent court cases chipped away at the critical area protections that protect our fragile shorelines from harmful development and protect water quality.

Senate Executive Nominations

Buhl Nomination (2003) Secretary of Maryland Department of the Environment

Yes is the correct vote on an unfavorable motion. Nomination rejected 10-9.

Lynn Buhl was nominated by Governor Ehrlich to serve as head of the Department of the Environment. Conservation leaders testified that Ms. Buhl lacked the qualifications and experience needed to make her suitable for such an important position.

- + Kelley, Currie, Forehand, Frosh, Green, Hollinger, McFadden, Miller, Ruben, Teitelbaum
- Jimeno, DeGrange, Haines, Harris, Kasemeyer, Middleton, Munson, Stoltzfus, Stone

Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Votes

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
11 Paula Hollinger (D), Chair	+	+	—	+	+	+	5/6
43 Joan Carter Conway (D), Vice Chair	+	+	—	+	+	+	5/6
47 Gwendolyn Britt (D)	+	+	—	+	+	+	5/6
37 Richard Colburn (R)	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/6
29 Roy Dyson (D)	+	+	—	+	+	+	5/6
33 Janet Greenip (R)	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/6
18 Sharon Grosfeld (D)	E	+	+	+	+	+	5/5
7 Andrew Harris (R)	—	—	—	+	—	—	1/6
22 Paul Pinsky (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
13 Sandra Schrader (R)	+	+	—	+	—	+	4/6
6 Norman Stone, Jr. (D)	+	+	—	+	+	+	5/6

Legend

- + Pro-environment vote
- Anti-environment vote
- E Excused absence

Senate Budget and Taxation

1. SB 497 (2003)

Public-Private Transportation Act

No is the correct vote. Bill passed 11-2.

Under this legislation, privately funded transportation projects that did not use federal funds could bypass federal laws that require critical environmental study, analysis of alternatives, and citizen input. Environmental protections would have been lost and highway projects that failed environmental review could move forward.

- + Jones, Ruben
- Currie, Hogan, Brinkley, DeGrange, Kasemeyer, Kittleman, Kramer, Lawlah, McFadden, Munson, Stoltzfus

2. SB 282 (2004)

Transit Funding

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 10-3.

This bill keeps the amount a transit line has to recover from its fares at 40% as passed in 2000. Without this legislation, transit riders could expect more fare increases and service cuts in the summer of 2004.

- + Currie, Hogan, DeGrange, Jones, Kasemeyer, Kramer, Lawlah, McFadden, Munson, Ruben
- Brinkley, Kittleman, Stoltzfus

Senate Finance

1. SB 394 (2003)

Energy Efficiency Standards

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 9-2.

This bill sets minimum energy efficiency standards for certain new products and equipment sold in Maryland beginning in 2005 which will conserve energy and reduce pollution.

2. SB 654 (2004)

Energy-Saving Investment Program

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 7-4.

This bill would have re-established an important energy efficiency program intended to save consumers millions of dollars in energy costs, reduce pollution, and increase energy reliability.

3. SB 869 (2004)

Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 10-0, 1 absent.

This bill requires Maryland to derive 7.5 percent of its electricity from clean, renewable power, like solar and wind within the next decade.

Committee Votes Count

Since many important decisions are made in legislative committees, this General Assembly Scorecard includes committee votes as well as floor votes in the scores. Each committee vote counts exactly the same as a floor vote. Each legislator is assigned a score based on his or her total number of floor and committee votes.

Senate Finance Committee Votes

District		1	2	3	Total
28	Thomas Middleton (D), Chair	+	+	E	2/2
30	John Astle (D), Vice Chair	+	+	+	3/3
46	George Della Jr. (D)	+	—	+	2/3
24	Nathaniel Exum (D)	+	+	+	3/3
41	Lisa Gladden (D)	+	+	+	3/3
1	John Hafer (R)	—	—	+	1/3
35	J. Robert Hooper (R)	—	—	+	1/3
10	Delores Kelley (D)	+	+	+	3/3
8	Katherine Klausmeier (D)	+	+	+	3/3
36	Edward J. Pipkin (R)	+	—	+	2/3
19	Leonard Teitelbaum (D)	+	+	+	3/3

Legend

- + Pro-environment vote
- Anti-environment vote
- E Excused absence

Senate Floor Votes

1. SB 394 (2003)

Energy Efficiency Standards

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 33-12, 2 not voting.

This bill sets minimum energy efficiency standards for certain new products and equipment sold in Maryland beginning in 2005 which will conserve energy and reduce pollution. The bill passed the Senate and House by an overwhelming bipartisan majority but was vetoed by Governor Ehrlich.

2. SB 497 (2003)

Private Public Transportation Act

No is the correct vote. Bill passed 26-20, 1 not voting.

Under this legislation, privately funded transportation projects that did not use federal funds could bypass federal laws that require critical environmental study, analysis of alternatives, and citizen input. Environmental protections would have been lost and highway projects that failed environmental review could move forward. The House did not act on the bill.

3. Buhl Nomination

Secretary of Maryland Department of the Environment (2003)

No is the correct vote. Nomination rejected by the Senate 21-26.

Lynn Buhl was nominated by Governor Ehrlich to serve as head of the Department of the Environment. Conservation leaders testified that Ms. Buhl lacked the qualifications and experience needed to make her suitable for such an important position. For the first time, the State Senate rejected the appointment of a governor's cabinet nominee.

4. SB 393 (2003)

Water Penalties

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 35-12.

This legislation significantly increases the penalties for violating water quality and wetland laws. The bill passed the Senate and House and was signed into law by the governor.

5. HB 747 (2004)

Energy Efficiency Standards Veto Override

Yes is the correct vote. Override succeeds with 32 votes.

In 2003, Governor Ehrlich vetoed the Energy Efficiency Standards Act (HB 747). The House and Senate voted with the required 3/5's of majority of members to override the governor's veto and put HB 747 into law.

6. SB 282 (2004)

Transit Funding

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 34-13.

This bill keeps the amount a transit line has to recover from its fares at 40% as passed in 2000. Without this legislation, transit riders could expect more fare increases and service cuts in the summer of 2004. The bill passed the House and the Senate and was signed into law by the governor.

7. SB 320 (2004)

Bay Restoration Fund

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 39-8.

This bill establishes a \$2.50 monthly surcharge on public sewer users and a \$30 annual charge to septic users to dedicate millions of dollars for sewage treatment plant and septic system upgrades. The legislature amended the bill to strengthen the nitrogen standards and to include septic systems. Upgrades will greatly reduce the amount of nitrogen entering the Chesapeake and Coastal Bays and their tributaries. The bill passed the House and Senate and was signed into law by the governor.

8. SB 320 (2004)

Brinkley Amendment

No is the correct vote. Amendment failed 13-33, 1 absent.

This floor amendment to SB 320 would have removed septic systems. The environmental community advocated strongly to keep septic systems in the bill since septic systems can be a significant source of nitrogen pollution in local watersheds. The amendment failed and the bill passed the House and Senate and was signed into law by the governor.

9. SB 654 (2004)

Energy-Saving Investment Program

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 30-17.

This bill would have re-established an important energy efficiency program intended to save consumers millions of dollars in energy costs, reduce pollution, and increase energy reliability. The bill passed the Senate, but the House Economic Matters committee killed the bill in the final week of the session.

10. HB 1009 (2004)

Chesapeake & Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 37-8, 1 absent, 1 not voting.

This bill reaffirmed the critical areas protections for our shorelines. Current penalties were weak and recent court cases chipped away at the critical area protections that protect our fragile shorelines from harmful development and protect water quality. The bill passed the House and Senate and was signed into law by the governor.

11. HB 811 (2004)

Environmentally Preferable Products

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 32-14, 1 absent.

This bill allows state agencies to purchase environmentally preferable products within a certain percentage of the lowest bid. Encouraging state agencies to purchase these products is both economically and environmentally responsible. This bill passed the House and the Senate but was vetoed by Governor Ehrlich.

12. SB 869 (2004)

Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 35-10, 2 not voting.

This bill requires Maryland to derive 7.5 percent of its electricity from clean, renewable power, like solar and wind within the next decade. The bill passed the House and Senate and was signed into law by the governor.

Senate Floor Votes

District	Senator	2003-2004 Score		2001-2002												Committee Score
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
		Energy Efficiency Standards	Public-Private Transportation	Buhl Nomination	Water Penalties	Energy Veto Override	Transit Funding	Bay Restoration Fund	Brinkley Amendment	Energy-Saving Investment	Critical Areas	Environmental Programs	Renewable Energy			
1	John Hafer (R)	27%	15%	—	—	—	—	—	—	+	+	—	—	+	1/3	
2	Donald Munson (R)	27%	33%	—	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	—	—	+	1/3	
3	Alex Mooney (R)	8%	8%	—	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
4	David Brinkley (R)	21%	0%*	+	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	—	+	—	0/2	
5	Larry Haines (R)	8%	0%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	0/1	
6	Norman Stone, Jr. (D)	79%	80%	+	+	—	+	+	+	+	+	—	+	+	5/7	
7	Andrew Harris (R)	5%	7%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1/7	
8	Katherine Klausmeier (D)	100%	54%*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	4/4	
9	Robert Kittleman (R)	7%	8%	—	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	—	—	—	0/2	
10	Delores Kelley (D)	94%	93%	+	+	—	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	3/3	
11	Paula Hollinger (D)	95%	93%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/7	
12	Edward Kasemeyer (D)	73%	58%	+	—	—	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/3	
13	Sandra Schrader (R)	61%	100%	+	+	—	+	—	—	+	+	—	+	—	4/6	
14	Rona Kramer (D)	79%		+	—	—	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/2	
15	Rob Garagiola (D)	92%		+	—	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
16	Brian Frosh (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1	
17	Jennie Forehand (D)	92%	82%	+	—	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1	
18	Sharon Grosfeld (D)	100%	100%*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	5/5	
19	Leonard Teitelbaum (D)	100%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	4/4	
20	Ida Ruben (D)	100%	92%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	3/3	
21	John Giannetti, Jr. (D)	92%	75%*	+	—	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
22	Paul Pinsky (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6	
23	Leo Green (D)	92%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1	
24	Nathaniel Exum (D)	80%	79%	+	—	+	+	+	+	+	—	+	+	a	3/3	
25	Ulysses Currie (D)	87%	75%	+	—	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	2/3	
26	Gloria Lawlah (D)	71%	58%	+	—	—	+	+	+	+	+	—	+	+	1/2	
27	Thomas "Mike" Miller, Jr. (D)	92%	70%	+	—	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1	
28	Thomas Middleton (D)	91%	67%	+	—	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	E	2/2	
29	Roy Dyson (D)	78%	67%	—	+	+	+	+	+	—	+	+	+	+	4/6	
30	John Astle (D)	87%	79%	+	—	—	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	3/3	
31	Philip Jimeno (D)	62%	64%	—	—	+	+	—	+	+	—	+	+	+	0/1	
32	Ed DeGrange, Sr. (D)	80%	43%	+	—	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/3	
33	Janet Greenip (R)	6%	0%*	a	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	—	—	—	0/6	
34	Nancy Jacobs (R)	0%	0%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
35	J. Robert Hooper (R)	7%	0%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1/3	
36	E.J. Pipkin (R)	53%		+	+	—	+	—	—	+	—	—	+	—	2/3	
37	Richard Colburn (R)	6%	18%	—	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	—	—	—	0/6	
38	J. Lowell Stoltzfus (R)	13%	8%	—	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	—	+	—	0/3	
39	Patrick J. Hogan (D)	71%	58%	a	—	—	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/2	
40	Ralph Hughes (D)	100%	91%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
41	Lisa Gladden (D)	100%	88%*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	3/3	
42	James Brochin (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
43	Joan Carter Conway (D)	94%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	5/6	
44	Verna Jones (D)	93%	100%*	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	2/2	
45	Nathaniel McFadden (D)	87%	67%	+	—	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	2/3	
46	George Della Jr. (D)	87%	71%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	—	+	+	2/3	
47	Gwendolyn Britt (D)	94%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	5/6	

Legend

- + Pro-environment vote
- Anti-environment vote
- E Excused absence

- A Not voting (advantage for the environment)
- a Not voting (disadvantage for the environment)
- * Score from the House of Delegates

House Committee Votes

House Environmental Matters Committee

1. HB 747 (2003)

Energy Efficiency Standards

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 14-7, 1 not voting.

This bill sets minimum energy efficiency standards for certain new products and equipment sold in Maryland beginning in 2005 which will conserve energy and reduce pollution.

2. SB 698 (2003)

Oysters - Power Dredging

No is the correct vote. Bill failed 9-12, 1 not voting.

This bill would have allowed for expanded power dredging for oysters in a manner inconsistent with responsible long-term oyster management.

3. SB 320 (2004)

Bay Restoration Fund

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 19-3.

This bill establishes a \$2.50 monthly surcharge on public sewer users and a \$30 annual charge to septic users to dedicate millions of dollars for sewage treatment plant and septic system upgrades. The legislature amended the bill to strengthen the nitrogen standards and to include septic systems. Upgrades will greatly reduce the amount of nitrogen entering the Chesapeake and Coastal Bays and their tributaries.

4. HB 314 (2004)

Clean Cars

Yes is the correct vote. Bill failed 8-12, 1 not voting, 1 absent.

This bill would have strengthened Maryland's auto emissions standards to require a small percentage of new cars sold in the state to meet more effective emissions standards starting in the 2010 model year.

5. HB 491 (2004)

Office of Smart Growth

No is the correct vote. Bill failed 9-11, 1 not voting, 1 absent.

This bill was an effort to abolish the Office of Smart Growth and roll back the State's commitment to smart growth. The functions of this office are critical to working efficiently and effectively on the often complex issues of smart growth.

6. HB 1441 (2004)

Air Quality - Emissions Fees

No is the correct vote. Bill failed 10-11, 1 absent.

This bill would have required certain large air polluters to pay fines for not meeting minimum standards. Unfortunately, the bill also included a provision to return penalty monies back to these large air polluters.

House Environmental Matters Committee Votes

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
43 Maggie McIntosh (D), Chair	NV	NV	+	NV	NV	—	1/2
12A James Malone, Jr. (D), Vice Chair	+	+	+	+	+	—	5/6
6 John Arnick (D)	+	—	+	—	—	—	2/6
17 Kumar Barve (D)	+	+	+	—	+	—	4/6
12B Elizabeth Bobo (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
8 Joseph Boteler III	—	—	*	*	*	*	0/2
16 William Bronrott (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
37A Rudolph Cane (D)	+	—	+	—	+	+	4/6
30 Virginia Clagett (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
8 John Cluster, Jr. (R)	*	*	+	—	—	—	1/4
21 Barbara Frush (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
35A Barry Glassman (R)	*	*	+	—	—	+	2/4
3A Patrick Hogan (R)	+	—	+	—	—	—	2/6
23B Marvin Holmes, Jr. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	E	5/5
7 J. B. Jennings (R)	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/6
33A Anthony McConkey (R)	—	+	+	—	E	+	3/5
14 Karen Montgomery (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
27B George Owings III (D)	+	—	+	—	—	+	3/6
47 Rosetta Parker (D)	+	—	+	E	—	+	3/5
37B Kenneth Schisler (R)	—	—	*	*	*	*	0/2
36 Richard Sossi (R)	—	+	—	—	—	—	1/6
39 Joan Stern (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
4A Paul Stull (R)	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/6
6 Michael Weir, Jr. (D)	—	+	+	—	+	—	3/6

Legend

+ Pro-environment vote
 — Anti-environment vote
 E Excused absence

* Not a member at the time of the vote
 NV Not voting

House **Economic Matters**

1. SB 654 (2004)

Energy-Saving Investment Program

No is the correct vote on an unfavorable motion. Bill failed 17-5, 1 excused, 1 not voting.

This bill would have re-established an important energy efficiency program intended to save consumers millions of dollars in energy costs, reduce pollution, and increase energy reliability.

- + Conroy, Feldman, Krebs, Moe, Walkup
- Doory, Burns, Fulton, Haddaway, Harrison, Impallaria, Jameson, Kirk, Krysiak, Love, McHale, Miller, Minnick, Parrott, Taylor, Vaughn, Wood
- E Trueschler
- NV Davis

2. HB 1308 (2004)

Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 14-3, 6 absent, 1 not voting.

This bill requires Maryland to derive 7.5 percent of its electricity from clean, renewable power, like solar and wind within the next decade.

- + Doory, Burns, Conroy, Feldman, Haddaway, Harrison, Kirk, Krysiak, Love, McHale, Moe, Taylor, Vaughn, Walkup
- Miller, Parrott, Wood
- E Fulton, Impallaria, Jameson, Krebs, Minnick, Trueschler
- NV Davis

House **Health and Government Operations**

HB 811 (2004)

Environmentally Preferable Products

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 16-7.

This bill allows state agencies to purchase environmentally preferable products within a certain percentage of the lowest bid. Encouraging state agencies to purchase these products is both economically and environmentally responsible.

- + Hammen, Benson, Bromwell, Goldwater, Hubbard, Kach, Mandel, Morhaim, Murray, Nathan-Pulliam, Oaks, Pendergrass, Rosenberg, Rudolph, Smigiel, Turner
- Boteler, Boutin, Costa, Donoghue, Elliott, McDonough, Weldon
- NV Hurson

Story Behind the Score

House committee chairs typically choose not to cast a vote in their committees, but the influence of the chair over committee matters remains quite strong. Through their comments and questions during the debate and through their control of the committee's calendar and agenda, a committee chair routinely influences the outcome of committee votes.

Missed Opportunities

In January 2004, Maryland's environmental community released the Greening the Budget report that identified eleven actions the General Assembly and governor could take that would both protect the environment and ease the state budget crisis. The suggested policies included closing environmentally damaging tax loopholes, canceling costly highway projects and ending unfair subsidies for polluters. Unfortunately, none of these proposals were adopted during the 2004 General Assembly session.

House Floor Votes

1. HB 747 (2003)

Energy Efficiency Standards

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 94-40.

This bill sets minimum energy efficiency standards for certain new products and equipment sold in Maryland beginning in 2005 which will conserve energy and reduce pollution. The bill passed the Senate and House by an overwhelming bipartisan majority but was vetoed by Governor Ehrlich.

2. HB 715 (2003)

Water Penalties

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 130-6.

This legislation significantly increases the penalties for violating water quality and wetland laws. The bill passed the Senate and House and was signed into law by the governor.

3. HB 747 (2004)

Energy Efficiency Standards Veto Override

Yes is the correct vote. Override succeeds with 92 votes.

In 2003, Governor Ehrlich vetoed the Energy Efficiency Standards Act (HB 747). The House and Senate voted with the required 3/5's of majority of members to override the governor's veto and put HB 747 into law.

4. HB 682 (2004)

Transit Funding

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 111-29.

This bill keeps the amount a transit line has to recover from its fares at 40% as passed in 2000. Without this legislation, transit riders could expect more fare increases and service cuts in the summer of 2004. The bill passed the House and the Senate and was signed into law by the governor.

5. HB 811 (2004)

Environmentally Preferable Products

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 105-33.

This bill allows state agencies to purchase environmentally preferable products within a certain percentage of the lowest bid. Encouraging state agencies to purchase these products is both economically and environmentally responsible. This bill passed the House and the Senate but was vetoed by Governor Ehrlich.

6. HB 1308 (2004)

Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 108-29.

This bill requires Maryland to derive 7.5 percent of its electricity from clean, renewable power, like solar and wind within the next decade. The bill passed the House and Senate and was signed into law by the governor.

7. HB 1308 (2004)

Costa Amendment

No is the correct vote. Amendment failed 47-87.

This floor amendment to HB 1308 would have weakened the measure and lessened the chances of successful renewable energy production in Maryland. The amendment failed and HB 1308 passed the House and the Senate and was signed into law by the governor.

8. SB 320 (2004)

Bay Restoration Fund

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 121-19.

This bill establishes a \$2.50 monthly surcharge on public sewer users and a \$30 annual charge to septic users to dedicate millions of dollars for sewage treatment plant and septic system upgrades. The legislature amended the bill to strengthen the nitrogen standards and to include septic systems. Upgrades will greatly reduce the amount of nitrogen entering the Chesapeake and Coastal Bays and their tributaries. The bill passed the House and Senate and was signed into law by the governor.

9. SB 320 (2004)

O'Donnell Amendment

No is the correct vote. Amendment failed 50-85.

This floor amendment to SB 320 would have stripped out septic systems. The environmental community advocated strongly to keep septic systems in the bill since septic systems can be a significant source of nitrogen pollution in local watersheds. The amendment failed and the bill passed the House and Senate and was signed into law by the governor.

The Budget

The state budget is of critical importance to environmental programs and protection. Unfortunately, votes on the budget are actually quite difficult to score. Votes on the House or Senate floor are typically on the complete budget package, not individual line items. And committee votes are not recorded. Maryland LCV makes a point of attending the budget hearings to monitor the proceedings and note which legislators are fighting for environmental funding.

House Floor Votes

District	Delegate	2003-2004 Score	2001-2002	Energy Efficiency Standards									Committee Score	
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
1A	George Edwards (R)	33%	57%	—	+	—	—	—	—	+	—	+	—	
1B	Kevin Kelly (D)	56%	71%	—	+	—	+	+	+	+	—	+	—	
1C	LeRoy Myers, Jr. (R)	11%		—	a	—	—	—	—	+	—	—	—	
2A	Robert McKee (R)	11%	50%	—	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2B	Christopher Shank (R)	11%	50%	—	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2C	John Donoghue (D)	50%	71%	—	+	+	—	+	+	+	+	—	—	0/1
3A	Galen Clagett (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
3A	Patrick Hogan (R)	40%		a	+	—	—	+	+	—	+	—	—	2/6
3B	Richard Weldon, Jr. (R)	30%		—	+	—	—	—	—	+	—	+	—	0/1
4A	Joseph Bartlett (R)	11%	25%	—	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4A	Paul Stull (R)	7%	15%	—	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/6
4B	Donald Elliott (R)	20%	15%	—	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	0/1
5A	Carmen Amedori (R)	44%	13%	—	+	—	+	—	—	+	—	+	—	
5A	Nancy Stocksdale (R)	33%	14%	—	—	—	+	—	—	+	—	+	—	
5B	A. Wade Kach (R)	30%	57%	—	—	—	+	+	—	—	—	—	—	1/1
6	John Arnick (D)	60%	57%	+	+	+	+	—	a	+	+	+	+	2/6
6	Joseph Minnick (D)	80%	57%	+	+	+	+	+	+	a	A	+	+	0/1
6	Michael Weir, Jr. (D)	67%		+	+	—	+	+	+	—	—	+	+	3/6
7	Richard Impallaria (R)	0%		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/1
7	J. B. Jennings (R)	13%		—	+	—	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/6
7	Patrick McDonough (R)	10%		—	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/1
8	Joseph Boteler III (R)	25%		—	+	—	—	+	—	—	—	+	—	0/3
8	Eric Bromwell (D)	50%		E	+	E	+	+	—	—	—	—	—	1/1
8	John Cluster, Jr. (R)	18%		*	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	1/4
8	Alfred Redmer, Jr. (R)	0%	38%	a	E	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
9A	Gail Bates (R)	11%	0%	—	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
9A	Warren Miller (R)	0%		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/2
9B	Susan Krebs (R)	40%		—	+	—	—	—	—	+	—	+	—	1/1
10	Emmett Burns, Jr. (D)	91%	63%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/2
10	Adrienne Jones (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
10	Shirley Nathan-Pulliam (D)	90%	92%	+	+	+	a	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
11	Jon Cardin (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
11	Daniel Morhaim (D)	100%	92%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
11	Robert Zirkin (D)	100%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
12A	Steven DeBoy, Sr. (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
12A	James Malone, Jr. (D)	93%	63%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	5/6
12B	Elizabeth Bobo (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
13	Shane Pendergrass (D)	100%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
13	Neil Qunter (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
13	Frank Turner (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	
14	Anne Kaiser (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	

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House Floor Votes

District	Delegate	2003-2004 Score		2001-2002		Energy Efficiency Standards	Water Penalties	Energy Veto Override	Transit Funding	Environmental Products	Renewable Energy	Costa Amendment	Bay Restoration Fund	O'Donnell Amendment	Committee Score
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9					
14	Karen Montgomery (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		6/6
14	Herman Taylor (D)	91%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		1/2
15	Jean Cryor (R)	67%	38%	+	+	—	+	+	+	—	+	—			
15	Kathleen Dumais (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
15	Brian Feldman (D)	91%		+	a	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		2/2
16	William Bronrott (D)	100%	75%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		6/6
16	Marilyn Goldwater (D)	100%	71%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		1/1
16	Susan Lee (D)	100%	75%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
17	Kumar Barve (D)	87%	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		4/6
17	Michael Gordon (D)	100%	50%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
17	Luiz Simmons (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
18	Ana Sol Gutierrez (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
18	John Hurson (D)	88%	100%	+	a	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
18	Richard Madaleno, Jr. (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
19	Henry Heller (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
19	Adrienne Mandel (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		1/1
19	Carol Petzold (D)	100%	63%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
20	Peter Franchot (D)	100%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
20	Sheila Hixson (D)	89%	86%	a	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
20	Gareth Murray (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		1/1
21	Barbara Frush (D)	100%	85%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		6/6
21	Pauline Menes (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
21	Brian Moe (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		2/2
22	Anne Healey (D)	100%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
22	Tawanna Gaines (D)	100%	75%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
22	Justin Ross (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
23A	Mary Conroy (D)	100%	63%	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		2/2
23A	James Hubbard (D)	100%	92%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		1/1
23B	Marvin Holmes, Jr. (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		5/5
24	Joanne Benson (D)	100%	75%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		1/1
24	Carolyn Howard (D)	100%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
24	Michael Vaughn (D)	91%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		1/2
25	Anthony Brown (D)	89%	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	—		
25	Dereck Davis (D)	100%	69%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
25	Melony Griffith (D)	100%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
26	Darryl Kelley (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
26	Obie Patterson (D)	100%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
26	Veronica Turner (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		1/1
27A	James Proctor, Jr. (D)	100%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+		
27A	Joseph Vallario, Jr. (D)	100%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
27B	George Owings III (D)	67%	38%	+	+	+	+	+	a	—	A	+	+		3/6

Legend

- + Pro-environment vote
- Anti-environment vote
- E Excused absence
- A Not voting (advantage for the environment)
- a Not voting (disadvantage for the environment)
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House Floor Votes

District	Delegate	2003-2004 Score	2001-2002	Energy Efficiency Standards									Committee Score
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
28	W. Louis Hennessy (R)	22%	—	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	
28	Sally Jameson (D)	50%	+	+	+	—	+	—	—	—	+	—	0/1
28	Van Mitchell (D)	11%	57%	a	—	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	
29A	John Wood, Jr. (D)	45%	57%	—	+	+	+	a	—	A	+	—	0/2
29B	John Bohanan, Jr. (D)	56%	57%	+	+	+	—	+	—	—	+	—	
29C	Anthony O'Donnell (R)	11%	38%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	
30	Michael Busch (D)	100%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
30	Virginia Clagett (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
30	Herbert McMillan (R)	22%	—	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	
31	Joan Cadden (D)	78%	71%	+	+	+	+	+	+	—	+	—	
31	Donald Dwyer, Jr. (R)	22%	—	+	—	—	+	—	—	—	—	—	
31	John Leopold (R)	56%	57%	+	+	—	+	+	+	—	—	—	
32	Terry Gilleland, Jr. (R)	43%	*	*	—	+	+	—	—	—	+	—	
32	Mary Ann Love (D)	91%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/2
32	James Rzepkowski (R)	50%	13%	—	+	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
32	Theodore Sophocleus (D)	89%	63%	+	+	+	+	+	+	—	+	+	
33A	David Boschert (R)	44%	63%	—	+	—	+	+	—	—	+	—	
33A	Anthony McConkey (R)	43%	—	+	—	—	+	—	—	—	+	—	3/5
33B	Robert Costa (R)	60%	+	+	—	+	—	+	—	+	+	+	0/1
34A	Charles Boutin (R)	50%	46%	—	+	—	+	—	+	—	+	+	0/1
34A	Mary-Dulany James (D)	100%	57%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	
34B	David Rudolph (D)	90%	71%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	—	1/1
35A	Barry Glassman (R)	45%	38%	—	+	—	—	—	E	E	+	A	2/4
35A	Joanne Parrott (R)	18%	38%	—	+	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	0/2
35B	Susan McComas (R)	56%	—	+	—	+	—	+	—	—	+	+	
36	Michael Smigiel, Sr. (R)	60%	+	+	—	+	+	+	+	—	—	—	1/1
36	Richard Sossi (R)	20%	—	+	—	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	1/6
36	Mary Roe Walkup (R)	73%	29%	—	+	—	+	+	+	+	+	—	2/2
37A	Rudolph Cane (D)	80%	64%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	—	+	4/6
37B	Adelaide Eckardt (R)	33%	57%	—	+	—	—	—	+	—	+	—	
37B	Jeannie Haddaway (R)	67%	*	*	—	+	+	+	+	+	+	—	1/2
37B	Kenneth Schisler (R)	25%	23%	—	+	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0/2
38A	Page Elmore (R)	56%	—	+	—	+	—	+	—	—	+	A	
38B	Bennett Bozman (D)	78%	75%	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	—	—	
38B	Norman Conway (D)	100%	71%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	
39	Charles Barkley (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
39	Nancy King (D)	100%	—	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
39	Joan Stern (D)	100%	77%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
40	Tony Fulton (D)	60%	67%	+	+	—	+	+	+	+	a	—	0/1
40	Marshall Goodwin (D)	100%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	

Legend

- + Pro-environment vote
- Anti-environment vote
- E Excused absence

- A Not voting (advantage for the environment)
- a Not voting (disadvantage for the environment)
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House Floor Votes

District	Delegate	2003-2004 Score	2001-2002 Score	2003-2004 Score									Committee Score
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
40	Salima Marriott (D)	100%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A
40	Howard Rawlings (D)	100%	86%	+	E	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
41	Jill Carter (D)	89%		a	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
41	Nathaniel Oaks (D)	100%	85%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
41	Samuel Rosenberg (D)	100%	71%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
42	Susan Aumann (R)	44%		—	+	—	—	+	+	—	+	—	
42	William Frank (R)	22%		—	+	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	
42	John Trueschler (R)	50%		—	+	—	—	+	E	A	+	—	
43	Curtis Anderson (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
43	Ann Marie Doory (D)	91%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/2
43	Maggie McIntosh (D)	91%	75%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/2
44	Keith Haynes (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
44	Ruth Kirk (D)	91%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/2
44	Jeffrey Paige (D)	100%	75%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
45	Talmadge Branch (D)	89%	71%	+	+	+	+	a	+	+	+	+	
45	Clarence Davis (D)	100%	75%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
45	Hattie Harrison (D)	91%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/2
46	Peter Hammen (D)	100%	62%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
46	Carolyn Krysiak (D)	91%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/2
46	Brian McHale (D)	91%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/2
47	Doyle Niemann (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
47	Rosetta Parker (D)	86%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	3/5
47	Victor Ramirez (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	

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Special thanks are due to all of the committed environmental leaders who provided their valuable input on this scorecard. Thanks are also due to the thousands of Maryland citizens who took action on behalf of the environment by contacting their elected officials on key issues. Together, we will work to ensure that Maryland's environment is protected for future generations.

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