# THE MAINE LEAGUE of CONSERVATION VOTERS

# of the 112th MAINE LEGISLATURE (1985 & 1986)

Including Ratings
of all
Members
of the
MAINE STATE SENATE
and
MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Fall 1986

## **DESCRIPTIO**

## **Chemical Insecticides**



House Vote #58 Senate Vote #53

LD 978 An Act to Prohibit the Use of Chemical Insecticides in the State Budworm Suppression Program After 1985 Motion: Acceptance of Majority "Ought Not to Pass" Report Correct Vote: NO

House Vote: May 8, 1985; Yes 93, No 40, Absent 18; Motion Prevailed

Senate Vote: May 3, 1985; Yes 15, No 10, Absent 4, Paired 6; Motion Prevailed

Description: This bill would have prohibited the use of chemical insecticides in the State's spruce budworm spray program, thus requiring the use of biological insecticides which was the primary spray used in the 1985 project. The bill was killed by these votes.

## Freshwater Wetlands



#### House Vote #92

LD 838 An Act to Protect Freshwater Wetlands

Motion: Acceptance of Majority "Ought to Pass" Report Correct Vote: YES

House Vote: May 28, 1985; Yes 121, No 24, Absent 6; Motion Prevailed

Description: This bill provided for protection of freshwater wetlands by requiring permits for development, draining or filling of wetlands of 10 acres or more and which are not protected by other laws. In several previous sessions, the Legislature failed to enact a program to protect freshwater wetlands. Such a program was finally created with passage of this bill.

## **Radioactive Waste**



#### House Vote #129

LD 642 An Act to Create the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste to Replace the Low-level Waste Commission (S. "A" S-134 to C. "A" S-107; S. "A" S-115) House Motion: Indefinitely Postpone

Correct Vote NO

House Vote: June 3, 1985; Yes 52, No 91, Absent 8; Motion Failed

Description: This was a bill to change the Legislative commission on radioactive waste from dealing solely with low-level waste to having responsibility for both low and high level radioactive waste. This bill is a good indicator of a legislator's environmental position because it was enacted prior to Maine becoming a semi-finalist as a high-level dump site when virtually everyone called for action to stop the dump from being located in Maine.

## Right-to-know



#### House Vote #177 Senate Vote #135

LD 1436 An Act to Allow the Department of Human Services to Investigate and Provide Information on Community Health Issues.

House Motion: Acceptance of Majority "Ought to Pass" Report

Correct Vote in House: YES

House Vote: June 11, 1985; Yes 88, No 43, Absent 20; Motion Prevailed

Senate Motion: Indefinite Postponement

#### Correct Vote in Senate: NO

Senate Vote: June 14, 1985; Yes 11, No 18, Paired 6; Motion Failed

Description: This bill requires the State Bureau of Health to provide state agencies, municipalities and individuals with information about hazardous chemicals present at a specific location, upon request. The bill included funding to help carry out the purpose of the bill. The bill passed and the new law is known as the "Community Right-to-know Act."

## Big 'A'



#### House Vote #246 Senate Vote #19

LD 2107 An Act to Clarify the Application of Water Quality Standards to Hydroelectric Projects

House Motion: Acceptance of Majority "Ought to Pass" Report

Correct Vote in House: NO

House Vote: February 28, 1986; Yes 85, No 45, Absent 17, Paired 4; Motion Prevailed

Senate Motion: Passage to be Engrossed (in concurrence with the House)

Correct Vote in Senate: NO

Senate Vote: March 10, 1986; Yes 13, No 20, Paired 2; Motion Failed

Description: This bill made provision for overturning a Board of Environmental Protection decision and giving Great Northern Paper Co. a permit, retroactively, to build the Big 'A' dam. This bill was sent back to committee where the retroactive permit provisions were removed and the bill was finally passed without provision for a permit for the dam.

### **Hazardous Waste**



#### House Vote #255 Senate Vote #25

LD 1751 An Act Concerning Fees Imposed on the Generation of Hazardous Waste

Motion: Acceptance of Minority "Ought Not to Pass" Report Correct Vote: NO

House Vote: March 17, 1986; Yes 100, No 36, Absent 13, Paired 2: Motion Prevailed

Senate Vote: March 18, 1986; Yes 21, No 10, Absent 4, Motion Prevailed

Description: This bill would have established new fees levied on recipients of certain hazardous wastes and removed the annual ceiling of fees paid by generators of hazardous waste. The fees would have gone to the Maine Hazardous Waste Fund. The bill was defeated as a result of these two votes.

### **Acid Rain**



#### House Vote #261 Senate Vote #27

LD 2034 An Act to Control Acid Rain

Motion: Acceptance of Majority "Ought Not to Pass" Report Correct Vote: NO

House Vote: March 20, 1986; Yes 101, No 32, Absent 18; Motion Prevailed

Senate Vote: March 20, 1986; Yes 17, No 14, Absent 4; Motion Prevailed

Description: This bill would have required a substantial reduction, over time, of acid rain causing sulfur dioxide

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emissions in Maine. The bill was defeated by these two votes.

## **Energy Standards**



#### Senate Vote #31 House Vote #264

LD 1954 An Act to Revise the Energy Building Standards Act House Motion: Acceptance of Majority "Ought Not to Pass" Report

Correct Vote in House: NO

House Vote: March 25, 1986; Yes 96, No 46, Absent 9;

Motion Prevailed

Senate Motion: Accept Minority "Ought to Pass as Amended" Report (in non-concurrence)

Correct Vote in Senate: YES

Senate Vote: March 25, 1986; Yes 17, No 11, Absent 3, Paired 2; Motion Prevailed

Description: This bill, as amended, would have changed existing voluntary energy-efficiency building standards and made them mandatory minimum standards for most new construction and major renovations. New voluntary standards would also have been established for construction at higher levels of efficiency. The Senate repeatedly voted in favor of the bili, the House repeatedly voted against it. A conference committee was formed, but could not reach agreement and therefore the bill died.

## Lobster Management



#### House Vote #279

LD 2248 An Act to Improve Lobster Research and Management (H. "A" H-606; H. "B" H-616; H. "C" H-641) Motion: Passage to be Enacted

Correct Vote: YES

House Vote: April 8, 1986; Yes 93, No. 43, Absent 15; Motion Prevailed

Description: This bill mandated that existing lobster research be continued. It also increased the minimum legal size for lobsters provided that the federal government impose the same legal limits on other states, and that it adopt Maine's current lobster throw-back program. This bill became law.

## Intertidal Rights



#### House Vote #316 Senate Vote #64

LD 2380 An Act to Confirm and Recognize Public Trust Rights in Intertidal Land (H. "A" H-730)

Motion: Passage to be Enacted

Correct Vote: YES

House Vote: April 14, 1986; Yes 91, No 51, Absent 9; Motion

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Senate Vote: April 14, 1986; Yes 22, No 9, Absent 2, Paired 2; Motion Prevailed

Description: This bill puts into statute the long standing right of the public to use the intertidal area for recreation. These were the final votes on the bill's path to becoming law.

## Wildlife Bond



#### House Vote #325

LD 1781 An Act to Authorize the Issuance of a Bond not Exceeding \$5,000,000 for the Financing of the Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Acquisition Fund (BOND ISSUE) (C. "A" S-481; H. "A" H-736)

Motion: Passage to be Enacted (% of all members present and voting needed to pass - 98 votes)

Correct Vote: YES

House Vote: April 16, 1986; Yes 93, No 53, Absent 5; Motion

Description: This bill authorizes a bond issue of \$5,000,000 for the State to acquire wildlife habitat and areas for the public to gain access to fish and wildlife, including access to great ponds. This bill failed to get the necessary 3/2 vote during the regular session and was held over until a special session when it obtained sufficient votes to send it to referendum on November 4, 1986.

## Coastal Bond



#### House Vote #326

LD 2250 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the amount of \$10,000,000 for Coastal Access, Harbor Improvements, Maine State Ferry Improvements, and Marine Laboratory Improvements (BOND ISSUE) (H. "B" H-737 to C. "B" S-490)

Motion: Passage to be Enacted (% of all members present and voting needed to pass - 98 votes)

Correct Vote: YES

House Vote: April 16, 1986; Yes 98, No 45, Absent 8; Motion Prevailed

Description: This bill authorizes a bond issue of \$10,000,000 for various coastal purposes, the most controversial portion of which was \$3,250,000 to acquire public access to the coast. This was the final vote in the House enabling the bond to go to referendum on November 4, 1986.

## **Subdivision Law**



#### Senate Vote #33

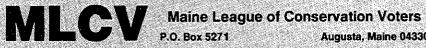
LD 1229 An Act to Bring Into Conformity Municipal and State Subdivision Laws

Motion: Recede and Concur (with Passage to be Engrossed) Correct Vote: NO

Senate Vote: March 26, 1986; Yes 19, No 9, Absent 3, Paired 4; Motion Prevailed

Description: This bill changed the definition of "subdivision" under the State's Site Location of Development Law so that fewer subdivisions would require permits under the State's

environmental laws. The bill was passed and signed into law.



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## 1985-86 Maine Legislative Environmental Voting Record

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## **Summary**

# **Energy and Natural Resources Committee**

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Senators:	Usher, Chair	25
	Kany	100
	Emerson	0
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	Michaud, Chair	54
	Jacques	54
	Mitchell	100
	Ridley	33
	Coles	92
	Hoglund	70
	Dexter	27
	Brown	0
	Holloway	20
	Law	0

## KEY

Y = Yes, pro-conservation vote

y = yes, anti-conservation vote

N = No, pro-conservation vote

n = no, anti-conservation vote

a = absent or not voting

— = not a member of the Legislature at the time of the vote

 voted on fewer than ½ of the votes used for the chart, therefore did not receive a rating Names in bold type indicate legislators who are running for election in November, 1986
 Representative running for the Senate

Absences: Absences were not figured into a legislator's rating. The rating is a percentage of the number of pro-conservation votes cast relative to the total number of votes cast on the roll call votes being used on these charts. Legislators who were not present for at least one half of these votes were not given a percentage rating.

Paired Votes: Legislators may "pair" their vote with the opposite vote of another legislator. In the official legislative tally, paired votes are not counted; however, in these charts, paired yes votes are counted as yes votes and paired no

votes are counted as no votes.

#### THE MAINE LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

The Maine League of Conservation Voters (MLCV) is an independent, non-partisan political action group organized to protect environmental quality through the electoral process.

The League analyzes and publishes the environmental voting records of public officials.

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#### EXPLANATION OF VOTING CHART

The charts you will find by folding out the pages present the voting record of each State Legislator on key bills relating to a broad range of environmental and natural resource issues. The votes tabulated are considered by the Maine League of Conservation Voters to be the most relevant roll call votes for each bill. Any vote by itself may not be a fair benchmark of a legislator's environmental record. However, the percentage of pro-conservation votes cast, based on a series of votes, as presented here, should give a good indication of an individual's overall environmental record.

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A couple of other cautions: In comparing ratings among legislators, differences of 10 or 15% may be insignificant, but differences of 25% or 50% are very revealing. Also, the votes only measure decisions made on roll call votes on bills that reached the floor of the House and Senate. Committee actions and votes which are not recorded are also frequently important.

Leadership on environmental issues is not measured on these charts. Sponsoring bills, forging important compromises, derailing environmentally damaging proposals and convincing other legislators to vote correctly are critical activities which some legislators are far more active at than others on environmental issues.

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Absences make it impossible to compare the record of individual legislators on every vote. The validity of a legislator's overall rating may also be reduced by a large number of absences. You should note the number of absences of your legislator in addition to the overall percentage rating. Finally, the combined ratings of the individual legislators should not be taken as descriptive of the environmental performance of the Legislature as a whole, which is not being rated here.

#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP!**

The most effective way to express your approval or disapproval of the environmental performance of legislators is to communicate with them directly. Call or write to them at home when the Legislature is not in session. When in session, you can contact them in Augusta by calling (Senate, 1-800-423-6900; House, 1-800-423-2900) or writing c/o State House, Augusta, Maine 04333.

Two useful publications: Senate and House Registers, available for \$1.00 from Clerk of the House, State House, Augusta, Maine 04333. Citizen's Guide to the Maine Legislature, available for \$5.00 from Maine People's Resource Center, P.O. Box 2490, Augusta, Maine, 04330.

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