

Legislative Affairs

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2013-2014 LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD *Twenty-Seventh Edition*



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Since 1985, Mass Audubon has reported the environmental voting records of the Massachusetts legislature to inform citizens of their state legislators' performance in protecting the nature of Massachusetts.

ruby-throated hummingbird

Purpose: This Report Card is a compilation of the roll call votes by state legislators on environmental bills or budget items with environmental implications. It is not a personal evaluation of legislators. We publish only how each legislator voted on environmental issues when he or she was asked to stand up and be counted during formal debate. A legislator's score does not represent an endorsement, or lack thereof, by Mass Audubon.

Method: To prepare this Report Card, we review all roll call votes on record filed with the Senate and House Clerks' offices. These are the votes of the legislators themselves, not Mass Audubon.

Many bills are passed or rejected by "voice votes" in formal or informal sessions. In these cases, the Senate President or Speaker of the House judges a motion's outcome based on the members' oral responses in the chamber, or on their written or vocal communications prior to open consideration in the House or Senate chambers. These decisions are not possible to track in an even fashion, and are not recorded in this Report Card. Otherwise, when one-fifth of the legislative body requests a call of the "yeas" and "nays" in a formal session, each member's vote is recorded on a roll call, and is printed in the legislative journal.

We evaluate those roll call votes that impact state conservation programs, budgets, policies, statutes, and regulations. A vote supporting environmental protection is given a point. Zero points are given to a vote against environmental protection, not voting, or voting as present. The scores of individual legislators are calculated by dividing the total points a legislator earned by the maximum possible score.

Results: An individual legislator's score may fluctuate from year to year, subject to the nature of the issues before the legislature, political dynamics, or absences due to illnesses or personal commitments, among other variables. If a legislator missed one or more votes, we made allowances for illness, military service, or family emergencies. Surveying a legislator's scores over the course of his/her tenure in office may produce a more comprehensive view of his/her commitment to environmental protection.

Roll call votes are the single available objective measure to evaluate legislators on their performance. This metric does not enable us to consider other critical subjective environmental leadership qualities, including:

A legislator's position on an environmental item that was passed or rejected by a "voice vote" or that did not come to a vote;

Time and energy spent by a legislator advocating for specific district-related environmental bills, projects, or grants;

Quality of environmental bills filed or cosponsored by legislators; or

A legislator's personal philosophy, ethic, or affiliation with national, state, regional, or local environmental organizations.

In 2013-2014, the House voted on 10 priority environmental roll calls (out of a total of 505 roll calls). The Senate voted on 14 priority environmental roll calls (out of a total of 492 roll calls).

The average score in the House was 94 percent. The average score in the Senate was 92 percent.

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northern mockingbird

Year in Review

The 2013-2014 legislative session was a busy one for the environment. One of the biggest successes of the year was the passage of a \$2.2 billion environmental bond bill, the largest in the Commonwealth's history. A capital bond bill is filed once every five years and is a critical source of funding for wildlife, conservation, and other environmental programs across the state.

Other important bills for which Mass Audubon advocated that we saw signed into law included legislation improving drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, and legislation regulating the sale and disposal of mercury thermostats.

Another favorable outcome was a decision by the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture not to report out legislation that would have essentially repealed the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act. This decision was in agreement with a Massachusetts Supreme Court ruling in favor of the state's authority to protect endangered species using existing regulations.

There is always room for improvement, and in the coming year Mass Audubon encourages the legislature to engage in more floor debate on environmental legislation. The unfinished agenda from last year includes several of our priorities including planning for climate change adaptation, old-growth forest protection, and updating the bottle deposit system.

For the 2015-2016 legislative session, we will be advocating for: one percent of the state operating budget to be devoted to environmental programs; amending the Community Preservation Act to sustain its funding; passing a climate change adaptation bill, which would help Massachusetts better prepare for impacts of climate change such as rising sea levels and more frequent storms; and permanently protecting old-growth forests.

Introduction to House and Senate Votes

The legislative process has unique terminology. Below is a glossary of terms.

Amendment – Proposal by a member of the House or Senate to change the language or provisions of a bill.

Body – Refers to either the House or the Senate.

Conference Committee – Committee of three members from each body (one senator and one representative acting as chairs) appointed by legislative leaders to resolve differences between the two bodies when there are significant differences between the two versions of a bill passed by each body.

Third Reading – Preliminary approval of a bill by a body. The Committee on Third Reading reviews the bill for technical changes, constitutionality, and to ensure that the bill does not duplicate existing law prior to the final vote by the legislature to approve, or engross, the bill. The bill can be amended after Third Reading and prior to engrossment.

Veto Override – A vote to overturn a governor's veto. A two-thirds vote of the members present in both bodies is required to override a veto.

Engrossment – Passage of the final version of a bill for enactment.

Enactment – Final passage of a bill by the House or Senate.

HOUSE REPORT CARD SCORING METHOD

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- A (+) vote received one point, and (NV) or (P) or (-) votes received zero points.
- If multiple roll calls occurred in the House on the same bill, we only scored the last vote taken.
- An environmental vote indicates whether a Yea (Y) or a Nay (N) is a vote for the environment.
- An asterisk (*) in a voting slot indicates that a Representative has either left the body or has yet to join the body.
- Representatives' absences causing them to miss one or more votes in 2013-2014 (noted by the asterisk [*] next to the score) could have been due to one or more of the following reasons: official business outside of the chamber; previously scheduled or unavoidable personal/family commitments, military service, illnesses, or other medical issues.

HOUSE VOTES 2013-2014

Bill Number Bill Title

KEY

Vote No. Date Action Environmental Vote Y-N-NV
Bill and vote description.

H. 3539 Fiscal Year 2013 Supplemental

Budget – state parks and recreation

No. 183 7/24/13 veto override Y 155-0-2

Rejects the Governor's proposed reduction in funding in the state supplemental budget for Department of Conservation and Recreation aquatic invasive species control.

H. 3539 Fiscal Year 2013 Supplemental

Budget – state parks and recreation

No. 184 7/24/13 veto override Y 155-0-2

Rejects the Governor's proposed reduction in funding in the state supplemental budget for the Department of Conservation and Recreation state parks and recreation account.

H. 4000 Fiscal Year 2015 Budget – consolidated environmental amendment

No. 352 4/29/14 amendment adopted Y 151-0-3

Designates additional operating funds in the proposed state budget to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

H. 4138 Environmental bond – consolidated amendment

No. 382 6/4/14 amendment adopted Y 128-16-11

Designates additional funding for environmental programs through the proposed 5-year state environmental bond.

H. 4164 Natural gas leaks

No. 384 6/11/14 conference committee report accepted Y 147-0-8

Improves natural gas leak regulations and protocols, including a better prioritized infrastructure replacement system.

H. 4001 Fiscal Year 2015 Budget – dam regulatory office

No. 449 7/29/14 veto override Y 143-9-3

Rejects the Governor's proposed reduction in funding in the state budget for the Department of Conservation and Recreation's dam regulatory office.



Carolina wren

H. 4001 Fiscal Year 2015 Budget – state parks

No. 450 7/29/14 veto override Y 131-21-3

Rejects the Governor's proposed reduction in funding in the state budget for Department of Conservation state parks, which includes funding for Mass Audubon's Blue Hills Trailside Museum.

H. 4001 Fiscal Year 2015 Budget – watershed management

No. 465 7/30/14 veto override Y 138-12-5

Rejects the Governor's proposed reduction in funding in the state budget for Department of Conservation watershed management programs.

H. 4375 Environmental bond

No. 502 8/1/14 enactment Y 153-0-2

Provides cornerstone funding for long-range capital conservation projects.

S. 2021 Drinking water and wastewater

No. 505 8/1/14 enactment Y 152-0-3

Improves drinking water and wastewater infrastructure through updated regulations and grant and technical assistance programs.

HOUSE REPORT CARD 2013–2014 CONTINUED

Vote#	183	184	352	382	384	449	450	465	502	505	
Date	7.24.13	7.24.13	4.29.14	6.4.14	6.11.14	7.29.14	7.29.14	7.30.14	8.1.14	8.1.14	
Yeas	155	155	151	128	147	143	131	138	153	152	
Nays	0	0	0	16	0	9	21	12	0	0	
No vote	2	2	3	11	8	3	3	5	2	3	
Enviro. vote	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	total
Andrews, D.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Arciero, J.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Ashe, B.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Atkins, C.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Ayers, B.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Balser, R.	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%*
Barrows, F.	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	60%
Basile, C.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Beaton, M.	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	70%
Benson, J.	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%*
Binienda, J.	+	+	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	*
Boldyga, N.	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	70%
Bradley, G.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Brady, M.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Brodeur, P.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Cabral, A.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Calter, T.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Campbell, L.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Canavan, C.	+	+	+	NV	NV	+	+	NV	NV	NV	50%*
Cantwell, J.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Cariddi, G.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Carvalho, E.	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Chan, T.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Coakley-Rivera, C.	+	+	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cole, L.	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	80%
Collins, N.	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%*
Conroy, T.	+	+	+	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	+	+	50%*
Coppinger, E.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Costello, M.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	90%*
Cronin, C.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Cullinane, D.	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Curran, S.	+	+	+	+	NV	NV	NV	+	+	+	70%*
Cusack, M.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Cutler, J.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Decker, M.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
DeLeo, R.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
deMacedo, V.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
D'Emilia, A.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Dempsey, B.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Devers, M.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Diehl, G.	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	70%
DiNatale, S.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%

Vote#	183	184	352	382	384	449	450	465	502	505	
DiZoglio, D.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Donahue, P.	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Donato, P.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Dooley, S.	*	*	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	50%
Durant, P.	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	90%
Dwyer, J.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Dykema, C.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Ehrlich, L.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Fallon, C.	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	90%*
Farley-Bouvier, T.	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%*
Fattman, R.	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	70%
Fennell, R.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Ferguson, K.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Fernandes, J.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Ferrante, A.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Finn, M.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Fiola, C.	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Fox, G.	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%*
Frost, P.	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	80%
Galvin, W.	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%*
Garballey, S.	+	+	+	NV	NV	+	+	+	+	+	80%*
Garlick, D.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Garry, C.	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	90%
Gifford, S.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Gobi, A.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Golden, T.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Gordon, K.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Gregoire, D.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Haddad, P.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Harrington, S.	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	60%
Hecht, J.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Henriquez, C.	+	+	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Heroux, P.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hill, B.	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	70%
Hogan, K.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Holmes, R.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Honan, K.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Howitt, S.	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	70%
Humason, D.	+	+	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hunt, D.	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hunt, R.	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%
Jones, B.	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	70%
Kafka, L.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Kaufman, J.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Keefe, M.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Keenan, J.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	90%*
Khan, K.	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%*

saw-whet owl

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Rogers, J.		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Rosa, D.		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Roy, J.		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Rushing, B.		+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	90%*
Ryan, D.		*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Sanchez, J.		+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	90%*
Sannicandro, T.		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Scaccia, A.		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Schmid, P.		NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%*
Scibak, J.		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Sciortino, C.		+	+	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Silvia, A.		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Smizik, F.		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Smola, T.		+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	80%

SENATE VOTES 2013-2014

Bill Number	Bill Title	KEY			
Vote No.	Date	Action	Environmental	Vote	Y-N-NV
Bill and vote description.					

S. 1758 Mercury thermostats

No. 17 3/28/13 engrossment Y 36-0-2
Improves regulations for the sale, installation, and disposal of thermostats containing mercury.

H. 3539 Fiscal Year 2013 Supplemental Budget – state parks and recreation

No. 129 7/25/13 veto override Y 39-0-0
See House No. 183.

H. 3539 Fiscal Year 2013 Supplemental Budget – state parks and recreation

No. 130 7/25/13 veto override Y 39-0-0
See House No. 184.

S. 4 Fiscal Year 2015 Senate Budget – zero emission vehicle amendment

No. 318 5/21/14 amendment adopted Y 39-0-0
Establishes a commission to study the economic and environmental benefits and costs of increased zero emission vehicle use in Massachusetts.

H. 4164 Natural gas leaks

No. 349 6/12/14 conference committee report accepted Y 38-0-1
See House No. 384.

H. 4088 Ocean ecology and shark protection

No. 363 6/19/14 engrossment Y 38-0-1
Prohibits the possession, sale, trade, and distribution of shark fins.

S. 2255 Job creation through energy efficiency

No. 399 7/10/14 engrossment Y 38-0-1
Establishes a commercial sustainable energy program in which municipalities may participate.

S. 2250 Environmental bond amendment - conservation land tax credit

No. 401 7/10/14 amendment adopted Y 38-0-1
Increases the tax credit for donations of land for conservation through the environmental bond.

S. 225 Environmental bond amendment - water regulation cost review

No. 402 7/10/14 amendment adopted N 37-1-1
Requires a review and cost analysis of water management act revisions, which we felt would have been prohibitive given the extensive deliberations that went into the regulations, and the consideration of costs and affordability already built into them.

H. 4001 Fiscal Year 2015 Budget – dam regulatory office

No. 430 7/29/14 veto override Y 40-0-0
See House No. 449.

H. 4001 Fiscal Year 2015 Budget – state parks

No. 435 7/30/14 veto override Y 38-1-0
See House No. 450.

H. 4001 Fiscal Year 2015 Budget – watershed management

No. 451 7/30/14 veto override Y 38-1-0
See House No. 465

S. 2342 Environmental bond

No. 490 8/1/14 enactment Y 39-0-0
See House No. 502

S. 2021 Drinking water and wastewater

No. 492 8/1/14 enactment Y 40-0-0
See House No. 505

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SENATE REPORT CARD 2013–2014

Vote#	17	129	130	318	349	363	399	401	402	430	435	451	490	492	
Date	3.28.13	7.25.13	7.25.13	5.21.14	6.12.14	6.19.14	7.10.14	7.10.14	7.10.14	7.29.14	7.30.14	7.30.14	8.1.14	8.1.14	
Yeas	36	39	39	39	38	38	38	38	37	40	38	38	39	40	
Nays	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	
No vote	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Enviro. vote	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	total
Barrett, M.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Brewer, S.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Brownsberger, W.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Candaras, G.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Chandler, H.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Chang-Diaz, S.	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	71%*
Clark, K.	+	+	+	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Creem, C.	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	NV	NV	+	+	+	+	+	79%*
DiDomenico, S.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Donnelly, K.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Donoghue, E.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Downing, B.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Eldridge, J.	NV	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	86%*
Finegold, B.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Flanagan, J.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Forry, L.	*	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	85%*
Hedlund, R.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Humason, D.	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	91%
Jehlen, P.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Joyce, B.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Keenan, J.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Kennedy, T.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Knapik, M.	+	+	+	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lewis, J.	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	91%
Lovely, J.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
McGee, T.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Montigny, M.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Moore, M.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Moore, R.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Murray, T.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	+	*	*	*	+	*
O'Connor Ives, K.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Pacheco, M.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Petrucelli, A.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Rodrigues, M.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Rosenberg, S.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Ross, R.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Rush, M.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Spilka, K.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Tarr, B.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Timilty, J.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Welch, J.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Wolf, D.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	93%



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common grackles



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