



# CONSERVATION SCORECARD 2009-2010

for the Wisconsin Legislature



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## About Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters

Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to electing conservation leaders to the state legislature and encouraging lawmakers to champion conservation policies that effectively protect Wisconsin's public health and natural resources.

In pursuit of its mission, Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters holds legislators accountable to their votes and engages in voter education, lobbying and issue advocacy. WLCV also recruits candidates, issues candidate endorsements and actively works for the election of candidates committed to strong and effective conservation policies.

To learn more about the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters or to view the Conservation Scorecard 2009-2010, visit <http://conservationvoters.org/scorecard/10>

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## INTRODUCTION

The *Conservation Scorecard 2009-2010* is **your guide to how Wisconsin state legislators voted on key conservation issues** during the past legislative session.

### Purpose of the Conservation Scorecard

**The goal of the Scorecard is to provide objective, factual information about the voting records of Wisconsin's state Senators and Representatives.** The Scorecard is designed to provide voters with the information necessary to distinguish true stewards of Wisconsin's environment from those who just talk about it.

### Summary of the Legislative Session

Despite a tough economic climate that overshadowed many legislative actions, there are numerous examples of conservation successes from the 2009-2010 legislative session. There were many pro-conservation bills passed with bi-partisan support, including several that had been introduced but never successfully adopted in past legislative sessions – bills that will reduce phosphorus run-off into our lakes, ensure that electronics are recycled, and implement youth mentored hunting. That said, the legislature missed opportunities this session to tackle the biggest issues selected by the conservation community – the issues included in the *Conservation Priority Agenda*. The failure of the legislature to meaningfully address climate change, to protect our groundwater and drinking water, and to override Governor Doyle's veto of the independent Department of Natural Resources Secretary were particularly disappointing.

### How the Conservation Scorecard is Prepared

Throughout each of the Wisconsin Legislature's two-year sessions, Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters tracks each and every conservation bill. This Conservation Scorecard 2009-2010 reports on the most important of those bills that were voted on in the full Senate and Assembly and in the important Joint Finance Committee. The Conservation Scorecard Advisory Council - an independent and diverse group of conservation, business and community leaders – recommended which votes to score. The Board of Directors of Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters made the final decision.

### Where You Come In

Conservation has no political party. While it is legislators who ultimately cast the votes that determine Wisconsin's conservation policies, **the real power lies in the hands of voters like you** – you determine who makes those decisions. We hope that you'll use the *Conservation Scorecard 2009-2010* to get the information you need to become an educated conservation voter.

# BILL DESCRIPTIONS

Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters tracks every important conservation bill as it moves through the legislative process. To learn more about these bills and view their complete history, please visit the Conservation Voter Tracker at <http://www.conservationvoters.org/Public/voteTracker.php>

## AB 3: Phosphorus

Runoff from phosphorus in lawn fertilizers leads to increased pollution and algae in our lakes. AB 3 prohibits the sale and residential application of fertilizer containing phosphorus to turf in Wisconsin except in certain circumstances.

**Pro-Conservation Vote: YES**

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

## AB 43: Wild Rivers

Pristine, free-flowing rivers provide unique recreational and aesthetic value as well as critical habitat. However, until now, only three Wisconsin rivers have been preserved since the Wisconsin's Wild Rivers Act was adopted over forty years ago. AB 43 designates portions of the Totogatic River as a Wild River, thereby preserving it for future generations to enjoy.

**Pro-Conservation Vote: YES**

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

## AB 138: Independent DNR Secretary

### Conservation Priority

In 1995, the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) became a political appointee of the Governor. AB 138 would have restored integrity to natural resource management by allowing the Natural Resources Board to select the DNR Secretary once again.

**Pro-Conservation Vote: YES**

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Vetoed by Governor Doyle.

## AB 138: Independent DNR Secretary Veto Override.

### Conservation Priority

On November 13, 2009, Governor Doyle vetoed AB 138, which would allow the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Board to appoint the DNR Secretary. This vote would have overridden the Governor's veto, allowing AB 138 to become law.

**Pro-Conservation Vote: YES**

### Status

- Veto override of AB 138 failed in the Assembly.

## AB 139: Littering

Large waste items, such as furniture and appliances, are sometimes abandoned in common spaces. AB 139 creates a greater disincentive to litter by increasing the fines for those who choose to violate littering laws.

**Pro-Conservation Vote: YES**

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

## AB 258: Motor Oil Recycling

Used oil filters contain motor oil that is often contaminated with heavy metals and chemical additives. When disposed of in landfills they can leach toxic materials into our groundwater. AB 258 requires used oil filters and materials used to soak up used motor oil to be recycled rather than thrown into our landfills.

**Pro-Conservation Vote: YES**

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

## AB 281: Phosphorus

Phosphorus in cleaning products contributes to greater pollution in our waters. Current law only allows small amounts of phosphorus in most household cleaning products. However, dishwashing detergent was exempted from these limits and can have up to seventeen times more phosphorus than other cleaning products. AB 281 brings dishwashing detergent into line with the same phosphorus limits as other household cleaning products.

**Pro-Conservation Vote: YES**

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.



## AB 372: Solid Waste

Wisconsin DNR regulates the disposal of most solid waste to ensure that it does not contaminate our groundwater. However, solid waste disposal on residential property is not regulated. AB 372 would have allowed the DNR to regulate solid waste disposal on residential property.

**Pro-Conservation Vote:** YES

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- AB 372 was never taken up by the Senate.

## AB 910: Conservation Corps

Protection of Wisconsin's natural resources depends on committed volunteers to help implement conservation programs. At the same time, many youth in Wisconsin do not have access to good jobs and education opportunities after high school. AB 910 would have reestablished the Wisconsin Conservation Corps, putting youth to work in conservation programs.

**Pro-Conservation Vote:** YES

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- AB 910 was never taken up by the Senate.

## SB 6: Wild Rivers

Pristine, free-flowing rivers provide unique recreational and aesthetic value as well as critical habitat. However, until now, only three Wisconsin rivers had been preserved since the Wisconsin's Wild Rivers Act was adopted over forty years ago. SB 6 designates the Brunsweiler River as a Wild River, preserving it for future generations to enjoy. The legislation also honors Martin Hanson's legacy as one of Wisconsin's great conservation leaders.

**Pro-Conservation Vote:** YES

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.



## SB 107: Electronic Waste

Every year, thousands of tons of old televisions and video screens from computers are thrown into Wisconsin's landfills. This electronic waste can leak toxic substances like mercury, cadmium, and chromium that can cause developmental problems in children or lead to cancer. SB 107 keeps toxic electronics out of our landfills by requiring producers of electronics to collect and properly dispose of video display devices once they are no longer wanted by consumers.

**Pro-Conservation Vote:** YES

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

## SB 123: Invasive Species

Invasive species have the ability to change aquatic systems and the plants and animals that live in them by shading out native plant species or by consuming plants and animals that fish rely on for food. SB 123 gives the DNR more ability to limit the transport of invasive species from one water body to another.

**Pro-Conservation Vote:** YES

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

## SB 167: Hunting

Hunting is critical to maintaining the health of Wisconsin's wildlife populations and is an important source of funding for wildlife and habitat. Each year, the number of registered Wisconsin hunters declines, a fact some say can be attributed to fewer youth involved in the sport. SB 167 gives young people an opportunity to learn the sport of hunting from an experienced hunter under very specific requirements while encouraging greater environmental education and providing an additional \$220,000 in funding for the Conservation Fund.

**Pro-Conservation Vote:** YES

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

## SB 185: Wind Energy

Wind is a critical part of Wisconsin's plan to develop clean and renewable energy. However, the existing patchwork of confusing and overly-restrictive local regulations for permitting new wind farm developments has made it difficult to invest in new wind energy. SB 185 authorizes the Public Service Commission to convene a stakeholder committee that will establish uniform standards for regulating wind power.

**Pro-Conservation Vote:** YES

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.



## SB 200: Mercury

Mercury is one of the most toxic substances to human health. All in-state Wisconsin lakes have mercury advisories warning women and children to limit the amount of fish they eat from our waters. However, mercury is still found in many common household products. SB 200 protects human health and our environment from toxic mercury by phasing out its unnecessary use in certain products.

**Pro-Conservation Vote:** YES

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

## SB 271: Toxics

Bisphenol-A (BPA) is a toxic chemical commonly found in children's bottles and sippy cups. It is suspected to cause cancer, heart disease, neurological defects, diabetes, hyperactivity and sex hormone problems in fetuses and young children. SB 271 protects children's health by banning the manufacture and sale of children's bottles and cups containing BPA.

**Pro-Conservation Vote:** YES

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

## SB 273: Energy

Wisconsin needs an energy plan that: 1) reduces the need for more energy generation through efficiency and conservation measures; and 2) replaces the use of dirty fossil fuels with clean, renewable sources. SB 273 undermines those efforts by combining both concepts under the state's renewable energy goals. Counting conservation and efficiency efforts under the renewable portfolio standard (RPS) greatly reduces the amount of new renewable energy required.

**Pro-Conservation Vote:** NO

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

## Senate Amendment 1 to SB 273: Energy

Senate Amendment 1 to SB 273 will count technology that allows for the burning of trash and the possible incineration of hazardous waste towards the RPS. These types of technologies result in heavy metals, mercury, and pollutants such as dioxins being released into the air.

**Pro-Conservation Vote:** NO

### Status

- Adopted by the Senate.
- Assembly did not remove the amendment.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.



## SB 279: Transportation Fuels

Wisconsin's transportation fuels are almost exclusively out-of-state petroleum and corn or soybean-derived ethanol which are harmful to our environment and increase the impact of global warming. SB 279 begins to move Wisconsin towards more cutting-edge, clean energy fuels and technologies by setting a goal for renewable fuels sold in state that meet or exceed the federal greenhouse gas reduction requirements and requires the state to assess trends in and impacts of the production and use of bioenergy crops.

**Pro-Conservation Vote:** YES

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

## SB 557: Wetlands

Wetlands improve water quality, help protect against flooding, and provide habitat for wildlife. Unfortunately, private landowners who do not know that their property contains wetlands sometimes unknowingly build in them. SB 557 helps to protect wetlands and private landowners by a) requiring the DNR to establish services and tools to help private landowners identify wetlands on their property and, b) increasing the amount of information citizens receive about wetlands and wetland laws when applying for local building permits.

**Pro-Conservation Vote:** YES

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

## SB 616: Green Buildings

Large buildings, like many of the buildings used by state agencies and the university system, use a significant amount of energy to run. Many buildings waste energy through inefficient lighting and heating/ventilation systems, poor water conservation, and less than optimal building structure. SB 616 would have directed the state to use the LEED Green Building standards for any new state buildings of a certain size, which would have resulted in pollution reduction and increased long-term energy savings for taxpayers.

**Pro-Conservation Vote:** YES

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Vetoed by Governor Doyle.

## SB 651: Green Manufacturing

The cheapest, cleanest energy is that which we never have to produce. SB 651 allows Wisconsin manufacturers to receive loans from existing energy efficiency funds to upgrade their facilities to use less energy, retool their facilities to produce green products, and begin manufacturing clean energy technologies.

**Pro-Conservation Vote:** YES

### Status

- Passed the Assembly.
- Passed the Senate.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.



### Budget: Motion 218

Regional Transit Authorities (RTA) can improve local transit options by operating regional transportation systems, such as local and express bus systems, shared ride taxis, vanpools, park-and-ride lots and commuter trains. Motion 218 established a Milwaukee County RTA to operate Milwaukee County's local transit and included authorization for funding through a 1% sales tax in Milwaukee County.

**Pro-Conservation Vote: YES**

#### Status

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Governor Doyle vetoed Milwaukee County out of the final budget signed into law as part of Act 28.

### Budget: Motion 219

Regional Transit Authorities (RTA) can improve local transit options by operating regional transportation systems, such as local and express bus systems, shared ride taxis, vanpools, park-and-ride lots and commuter trains. Motion 219 established a Dane County RTA and allowed voters to weigh in on a sales tax through a non-binding referendum.

**Pro-Conservation Vote: YES**

#### Status

- Passed Joint Finance.
- Signed into law as part of Act 28.

### Budget: Motion 223

Regional Transit Authorities (RTA) can improve local transit options by operating regional transportation systems, such as local and express bus systems, shared ride taxis, vanpools, park-and-ride lots and commuter trains. Motion 223 established a KRM RTA for the single purpose of building and operating commuter rail in the counties of Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha. The motion would fund the KRM through bonding authority and authorizing a rental car fee within the jurisdiction of the KRM RTA.

**Pro-Conservation Vote: YES**

#### Status

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Passed into law as part of Act 28.

### Budget: Motion 273

Every year in Wisconsin, 30,000 acres of farmland are lost to development. The Working Lands Initiative provided much-needed updates to Wisconsin's Farmland Preservation Program and created new incentives and tools for local communities and landowners to protect farmland.

**Pro-Conservation Vote: YES**

#### Status

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Signed into law as part of Act 28.

### Budget: Motion 456

This motion provided funding for County Conservation staff and to farmers to reduce polluted runoff, the biggest water quality problem in Wisconsin. This motion also raised the fee on garbage to help reduce out-of-state waste, reinstated the Clean Sweep program to dispose of toxic materials, and raised air permit fees on large industrial polluters to fund clean air enforcement.

**Pro-Conservation Vote: YES**

#### Status

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Signed into law as part of Act 28.

### Budget: Motion 528

Fees collected from various water permits provide the staffing and resources for clean water enforcement. This motion allocated four full-time staff to implement the Great Lakes Compact and authorized water withdrawal fees to pay for the program. In addition, the motion created a program to prevent the spread of invasive species in the Great Lakes, created fees to be paid by the largest farms to fund greater water quality protections, and gave DNR the responsibility for protecting water quality at commercial construction sites.

**Pro-Conservation Vote: YES**

#### Status

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Everything in the motion was signed into law in Act 28, except the new fees on large farms, which were removed in the legislature.

### Budget: Paper 111, Alt A2, B2, C1

Coastal management grants are awarded to state, local, and private entities to revitalize coastal waterfronts, restore rivers, wetlands and shorelines, and educate the public about the Great Lakes. JFC reversed the Governor's proposal and kept the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program under the Department of Administration and reinstated the three federally funded staff positions to manage the program.

**Pro-Conservation Vote: YES**

#### Status

- Passed the Joint Finance Committee.
- Signed into law as part of Act 28.

### Budget: Paper 575, Alt A4, B2, C1, and D2

Urban Forestry Grants fund projects that improve a community's capacity to manage its trees. Urban trees sequester carbon and shade buildings, reducing cooling and heating costs. The motion reinstated the \$524,000 that was cut from the program in the Governor's proposed budget.

**Pro-Conservation Vote: YES**

#### Status

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Signed into law as part of Act 28.



## WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

Representative	District	Score (Percent)	AB 3	AB 43	AB 138	AB 138 Override	AB 139	AB 258	AB 281	AB 372
			Phosphorus	Rivers	DNR Secretary	Override	Waste	Recycling	Phosphorus	Waste
Ballweg, Joan	41	44%	+	+	-	-	•	•	-	-
Barca, Peter	64	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Benedict, Chuck	45	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Berceau, Terese	76	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bernard Schaber, Penny	57	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bies, Garey	01	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Black, Spencer	77	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Brooks, Ed	50	67%	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Clark, Fred	42	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Colón, Pedro	08	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cullen, David	13	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Danou, Chris	91	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Davis, Brett	80	44%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-
Dexter, Kristen	68	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Fields, Jason	11	94%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Fitzgerald, Jeff	39	50%	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-
Friske, Donald	35	53%	•	+	-	-	+	-	•	-
Garthwaite, Phil	49	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Gottlieb, Mark	60	50%	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
Grigsby, Tamara	18	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Gunderson, Scott	83	44%	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
Gundrum, Mark	84	35%	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-
Hebl, Gary	46	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hilgenberg, Steve	51	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hintz, Gordon	54	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hixson, Kim	43	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Honadel, Mark	21	56%	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
Hraychuck, Ann	28	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hubler, Mary	75	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Huebsch, Michael	94	56%	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
Jorgensen, Andy	37	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kaufert, Dean	55	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kerkman, Samantha	66	39%	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
Kessler, Frederick	12	89%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Kestell, Steve	27	61%	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Kleefisch, Joel	38	6%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Knodl, Dan	24	33%	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-
Kramer, Bill	97	19%	+	-	-	-	•	•	-	-
Krusick, Margaret	07	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
LeMahieu, Daniel	59	33%	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
Lothian, Thomas	32	50%	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
Mason, Cory	62	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Meyer, Dan	34	72%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Milroy, Nick	73	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Molepske, Jr., Louis	71	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Montgomery, Phil	04	50%	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
Mursau, Jeffery	36	78%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Murtha, John	29	53%	+	+	+	-	+	•	-	-
Nass, Stephen	31	24%	+	•	-	-	-	+	-	-
Nelson, Tom	05	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

+ Legislator made the pro-conservation vote  
 - Legislator made the anti-conservation vote

• Excused absence. For excused absences, the legislator's score is derived from the number of votes made when the legislator was present.  
 •• Unexcused absence. Unexcused absences are counted as negative votes.

## WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

Representative	AB 910	SB 6	SB 107	SB 123	SB 185	SSB 200	SB 271	SB 279	SB 616	SB 651
	Conservation	Rivers	Waste	Invasive Species	Energy	Mercury	Toxics	Biofuels	Energy	Energy
Ballweg, Joan	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+
Barca, Peter	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Benedict, Chuck	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Berceau, Terese	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bernard Schaber, Penny	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bies, Garey	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Black, Spencer	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Brooks, Ed	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Clark, Fred	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Colón, Pedro	+	+	+	+	+	+	•	+	+	+
Cullen, David	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Danou, Chris	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Davis, Brett	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
Dexter, Kristen	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Fields, Jason	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Fitzgerald, Jeff	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-
Friske, Donald	+	•	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
Garthwaite, Phil	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Gottlieb, Mark	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
Grigsby, Tamara	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Gunderson, Scott	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-
Gundrum, Mark	-	+	-	-	•	+	+	-	-	-
Hebl, Gary	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hilgenberg, Steve	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hintz, Gordon	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hixson, Kim	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Honadel, Mark	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+
Hraychuck, Ann	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hubler, Mary	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Huebsch, Michael	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+
Jorgensen, Andy	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kaufert, Dean	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kerkman, Samantha	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Kessler, Frederick	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kestell, Steve	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+
Kleefisch, Joel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Knodl, Dan	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
Kramer, Bill	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
Krusick, Margaret	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
LeMahieu, Daniel	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Lothian, Thomas	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Mason, Cory	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Meyer, Dan	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Milroy, Nick	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Molepske, Jr., Louis	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Montgomery, Phil	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+
Mursau, Jeffery	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
Murtha, John	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Nass, Stephen	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Nelson, Tom	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+



## WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

Representative	District	Score (Percent)	AB 3	AB 43	AB 138	AB 138 Override	AB 139	AB 258	AB 281	AB 372
			Phosphorus	Rivers	DNR Secretary	Override	Waste	Recycling	Phosphorus	Waste
Nerison, Lee	96	72%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Newcomer, Scott	33	6%	•	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nygren, John	89	39%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ott, Alvin	03	83%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Ott, Jim	23	44%	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
Parisi, Joe	48	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pasch, Sandy	22	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Petersen, Kevin	40	41%	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
Petrowski, Jerry	86	56%	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
Pocan, Mark	78	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pope-Roberts, Sondy	79	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pridemore, Don	99	22%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Radcliffe, Mark	92	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Rhoades, Kitty	30	56%	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
Richards, Jon	19	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ripp, Keith	47	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Roth, Roger	56	58%	+	+	•	+	•	•	-	-
Roys, Kelda Helen	81	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Schneider, Marlin	72	94%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Seidel, Donna	85	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sheridan, Mike	44	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sherman, Gary	74	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Shilling, Jennifer	95	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sinicki, Christine	20	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Smith, Jeff	93	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Soletski, James	88	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Spanbauer, Richard	53	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Staskunas, Tony	15	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Steinbrink, John	65	94%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Stone, Jeffrey	82	40%	•	•	-	-	+	+	-	-
Strachota, Pat	58	47%	+	+	-	-	+	+	•	-
Suder, Scott	69	33%	+	-	•	•	-	-	-	•
Tauchen, Gary	06	44%	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Toles, Barbara	17	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Townsend, John	52	56%	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
Turner, Robert	61	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Van Akkeren, Terry	26	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Van Roy, Karl	90	78%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Vos, Robin	63	11%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vruwink, Amy Sue	70	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Vukmir, Leah	14	22%	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Williams, Annette	10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Williams, Mary	87	67%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-
Wood, Jeffrey	67	78%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-
Young, Leon	16	94%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Zepnick, Josh	09	94%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Ziegelbauer, Bob	25	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Zigmunt, Ted	02	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Zipperer, Rich	98	28%	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-

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Representative	AB 910	SB 6	SB 107	SB 123	SB 185	SSB 200	SB 271	SB 279	SB 616	SB 651
	Conservation	Rivers	Waste	Invasive Species	Energy	Mercury	Toxics	Biofuels	Energy	Energy
Nerison, Lee	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+
Newcomer, Scott	-	•	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Nygren, John	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
Ott, Alvin	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Ott, Jim	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Parisi, Joe	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pasch, Sandy	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Petersen, Kevin	-	+	•	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Petrowski, Jerry	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+
Pocan, Mark	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pope-Roberts, Sindy	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pridmore, Don	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
Radcliffe, Mark	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rhoades, Kitty	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+
Richards, Jon	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ripp, Keith	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Roth, Roger	+	+	•	•	-	•	+	-	-	+
Roys, Kelda Helen	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Schneider, Marlin	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Seidel, Donna	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sheridan, Mike	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sherman, Gary	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Shilling, Jennifer	+	+	+	•	+	•	+	+	+	+
Sinicki, Christine	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Smith, Jeff	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Soletski, James	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Spanbauer, Richard	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Staskunas, Tony	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Steinbrink, John	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Stone, Jeffrey	+	•	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
Strachota, Pat	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
Suder, Scott	•	-	•	•	+	•	•	+	•	-
Tauchen, Gary	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-
Toles, Barbara	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Townsend, John	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-
Turner, Robert	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Van Akkeren, Terry	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Van Roy, Karl	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Vos, Robin	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Vruwink, Amy Sue	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Vukmir, Leah	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
Williams, Annette	•	+	+	+	+	+	+	•	•	•
Williams, Mary	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+
Wood, Jeffrey	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Young, Leon	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Zepnick, Josh	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ziegelbauer, Bob	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Zigmunt, Ted	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Zipperer, Rich	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-

## WISCONSIN STATE SENATORS

Senator	District	Score (Percent)	AB 3	AB 138	SB 107	SB 167	SB 185
			Phosphorus	DNR Secretary	Waste	Hunting	Energy
Carpenter, Tim	3	92%	+	+	+	+	+
Coggs, Spencer	6	92%	+	+	+	+	+
Cowles, Robert	2	67%	+	+	+	+	+
Darling, Alberta	8	50%	+	-	-	+	+
Decker, Russell	29	83%	+	+	+	+	+
Ellis, Michael	19	75%	+	+	+	+	-
Erpenbach, Jon	27	83%	+	+	+	+	+
Fitzgerald, Scott	13	50%	+	-	-	+	+
Grothman, Glenn	20	36%	+	-	-	+	•
Hansen, Dave	30	75%	+	+	+	-	+
Harsdorf, Sheila	10	58%	+	-	-	+	+
Holperin, Jim	12	83%	+	+	+	+	+
Hopper, Randy	18	50%	+	-	-	+	+
Jauch, Robert	25	92%	+	+	+	-	+
Kanavas, Theodore	33	42%	+	-	-	+	-
Kapanke, Dan	32	67%	+	+	+	+	-
Kedzie, Neal	11	42%	+	-	-	+	-
Kreitlow, Pat	23	83%	+	+	+	+	+
Lasee, Alan	1	33%	+	-	-	+	-
Lassa, Julie	24	75%	+	+	+	-	+
Lazich, Mary	28	33%	+	-	-	+	-
Lehman, John	21	100%	+	+	+	+	+
Leibham, Joe	9	50%	+	+	-	+	-
Miller, Mark	16	92%	+	+	+	-	+
Olsen, Luther	14	67%	+	-	+	+	+
Piale, Jeffrey	7	83%	+	+	+	+	+
Risser, Fred	26	92%	+	+	+	-	+
Robson, Judy	15	100%	+	•	+	+	+
Schultz, Dale	17	75%	+	+	+	+	-
Sullivan, Jim	5	83%	+	+	+	+	+
Taylor, Lena	4	67%	+	-	+	-	+
Vinehout, Kathleen	31	75%	+	+	+	+	-
Wirsch, Robert	22	100%	+	+	+	+	+

## JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Name	District	Motion 218	Motion 219	Motion 223	Motion 273	Motion 456	Motion 528	Paper 111	Paper 575
		Transit	Transit	Transit	Woking Lands	Energy/Waste	Water	Water	Forestry
Darling, Alberta	SD 8	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Hansen, Dave	SD 30	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	•
Lassa, Julie	SD 24	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lehman, John	SD 21	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Miller, Mark	SD 16	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Olsen, Luther	SD 14	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Robson, Judy	SD 15	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Taylor, Lena	SD 4	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Colón, Pedro	AD 8	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Grigsby, Tamara	AD 18	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Mason, Cory	AD 62	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Montgomery, Phil	AD 4	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Pocan, Mark	AD 78	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sherman, Gary	AD 74	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Shilling Jennifer	AD 95	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Vos, Robin	AD 63	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-



## WISCONSIN STATE SENATORS

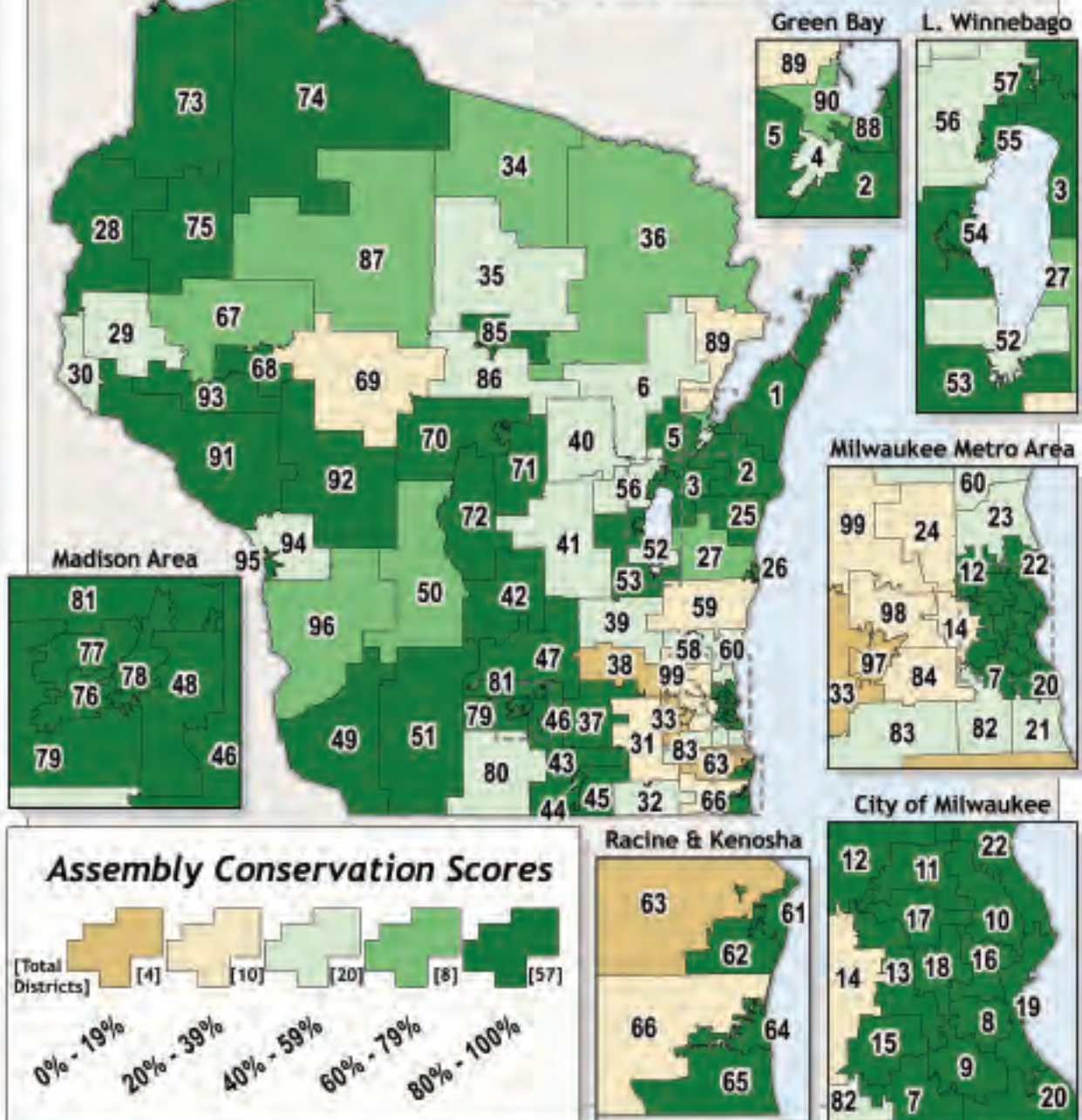
Senator	SB 271	SB 273	SA 1 to SB 273	SB 279	SB 557	SB 616	SB 651
	Toxics	Energy	Energy	Biofuels	Wetlands	Energy	Energy
Carpenter, Tim	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Coggs, Spencer	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Cowles, Robert	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
Darling, Alberta	+	-	-	-	+	-	+
Decker, Russell	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Ellis, Michael	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Erpenbach, Jon	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Fitzgerald, Scott	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
Grothman, Glenn	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
Hansen, Dave	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Harsdorf, Sheila	+	-	-	+	+	-	+
Holperin, Jim	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Hopper, Randy	+	-	-	-	+	-	+
Jauch, Robert	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kanavas, Theodore	+	-	-	-	+	-	+
Kapanke, Dan	+	-	-	+	+	-	+
Kedzie, Neal	+	-	-	-	+	-	+
Kreitlow, Pat	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Lasee, Alan	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
Lassa, Julie	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Lazich, Mary	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
Lehman, John	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Leibham, Joe	+	-	-	-	+	-	+
Miller, Mark	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Olsen, Luther	+	-	-	+	+	-	+
Plale, Jeffrey	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Risser, Fred	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Robson, Judy	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Schultz, Dale	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Sullivan, Jim	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Taylor, Lena	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Vinehout, Kathleen	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Wirth, Robert	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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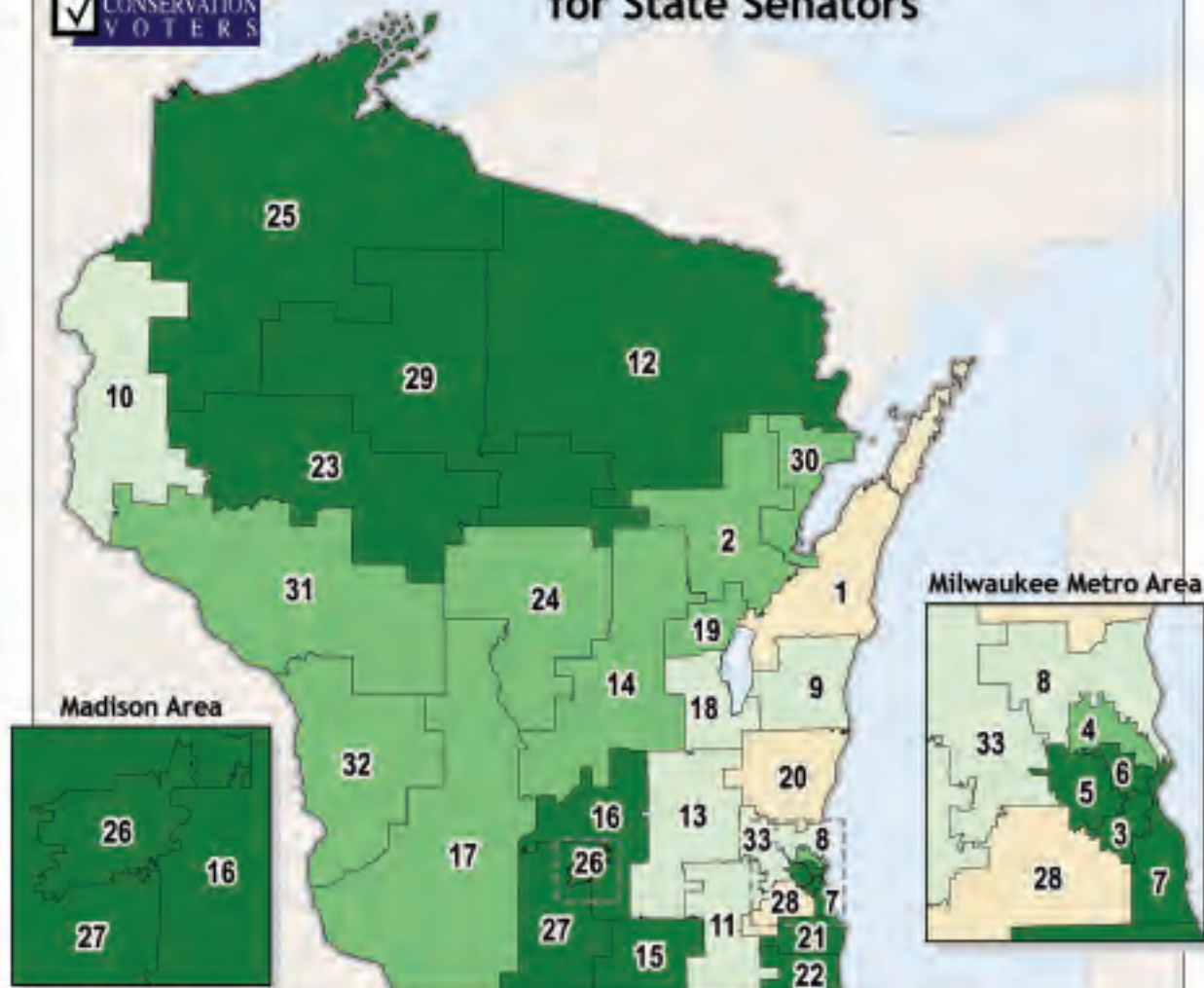


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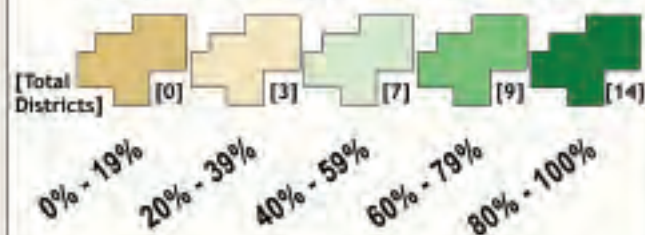
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# **Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters' Conservation Scorecard 2009-2010 for State Senators**



## **Senate Conservation Scores**



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## Conservation Honor Roll

Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters understands that the black and white nature of a Scorecard sometimes makes it difficult to recognize those instances where legislators went the extra mile for natural resources. The Conservation Honor Roll recognizes the following legislators for the extra effort they put forth to conserve Wisconsin's natural resources.

### **Representative Steve Hilgenberg:**

Polluted runoff is one of the biggest threats to water quality in Wisconsin. Rep. Hilgenberg worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that increased funding for the non-point program was adopted by the Joint Finance Committee.

### **Representatives Spencer Black and Dean Kaufert and Senator Bob Wirth:**

Restoring a DNR Board appointed Secretary has been a priority of the conservation community since 1995. The authors worked to get a bi-partisan majority of each chamber signed-on as co-sponsors of AB 138. Due to their leadership, the bill made its way through the entire legislature for the first time in the bill's history.

### **Senators Mark Miller and Robert Cowles, Representatives Penny Bernard Schaber, Spencer Black, and Gary Bies:**

Legislation to promote electronics recycling and reduce phosphorus in our lakes has been introduced for the last several sessions, but never made it through both houses of the legislature. This year, because of the leadership of these legislators, both bills were passed and signed into law during the first year of the session.

### **Senator Dave Hansen**

Numerous studies have documented that Wisconsin's current statewide regulations for land spreading are not sufficient to protect drinking water in five counties in Northeastern Wisconsin. Sen. Hansen showed leadership by introducing SB 632 to reduce pollution from contaminating groundwater despite heavy pressure from agribusiness interests.

## Conservation Dishonor Roll

Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters also understands that there are times when a poor Scorecard score doesn't do enough to illustrate just how far some legislators will go to jeopardize Wisconsin's natural resources. Actions by the following legislators are grossly out-of-line with the conservation values of their constituents.

### **Governor Jim Doyle and Representatives Ed Brooks, Steve Kestell, John Murtha, John Steinbrink, Leon Young and Josh Zepnick:**

Despite their public support for an independent DNR Secretary in the past, the Governor and these legislators caved to political pressure and flipped their support at the last minute, killing this Conservation Priority. Governor Doyle vetoed the bill after his decades-long support for this issue and despite overwhelming public and legislative support. Representatives Brooks, Kestell, Murtha, Steinbrink, Young and Zepnick supported the bill's passage, but voted against it when it came time to override the Governor's veto.

### **Senators Jeff Plale, Russ Decker and Dave Hansen:**

In the last days of the legislative session, these senators offered an amendment to an anti-conservation bill that made it even worse. Their amendment to SB 273 allows trash-burning and the possible incineration of hazardous waste to be counted as clean energy. SB 273 was the only anti-conservation bill to make it through the entire legislature.

### **Representatives Joel Kleefisch and Scott Newcomer**

The 2009-2010 legislative session saw a generally upward trend in incumbent legislators' Conservation Scores with the very notable exceptions of Representatives Kleefisch and Newcomer who had a score of just six percent. Their demonstrated lack of support for conservation stood out this session.



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Name and District #

Bill Number

See inside for detailed description of the bill.

Anti-conservation vote

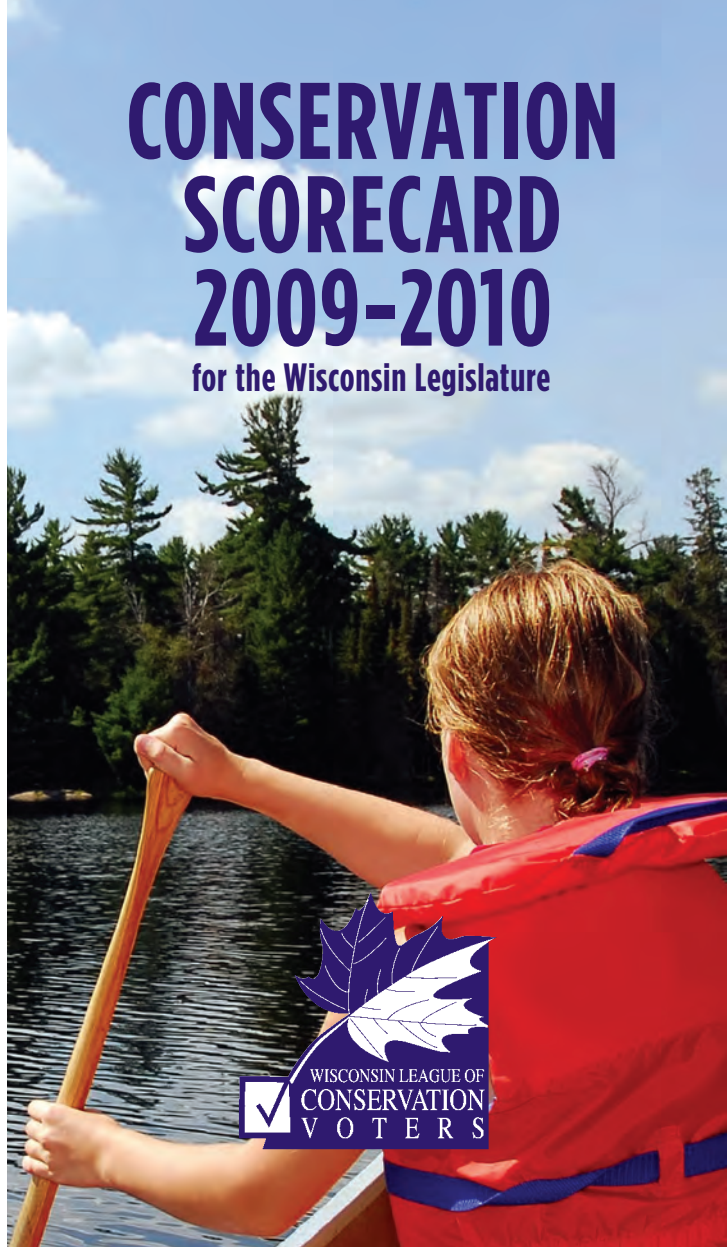
Pro-conservation vote

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# CONSERVATION SCORECARD 2009-2010

for the Wisconsin Legislature



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