



MARYLAND
LEAGUE OF
CONSERVATION
VOTERS

2005-2006
Maryland General Assembly
Scorecard

Keeping Score for the Environment Since 1979

13th Edition of the Scorecard



Dear Marylander,

I am pleased to share with you the *2005-2006 Maryland General Assembly Scorecard*. For the past two years, Maryland's state Senators and Delegates have tackled some serious threats to our water, our air, and our land. With the Chesapeake Bay's dead zone growing each year, with air pollution causing devastating health problems, and with land being developed at a record pace, concerned citizens sought real leadership from our legislators.

In line with the Maryland League of Conservation Voters' mission to "keep score for the environment," this scorecard is intended to make clear just who is protecting our environment and who is not. Actions speak louder than words, and this scorecard lays out each critical conservation vote count — from committee to the floor — in 2005 and 2006.

This election year, Marylanders will face many choices. We will have an unusual number of open seats due to the "domino effect" caused by the retirement of U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes and Attorney General Joe Curran. The Maryland League of Conservation Voters will let you know the real environmental score, right up to Election Day. We'll fight for our champions and work to defeat legislators who consistently favor polluters, industry, and developers over a healthy and safe environment.

We hope you will find this scorecard timely and use it to hold your elected officials accountable. Please join us in our efforts this summer and fall to elect an environmental majority in our General Assembly. With so much at stake in this critical election year, your support is more important than ever before.

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About this Scorecard

This scorecard includes votes for all members of the General Assembly for the 2005 and 2006 legislative sessions and covers a range of conservation issues. The votes that constitute this scorecard are on bills, amendments, 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, chosen by the Maryland League of Conservation Voters' Board of Directors, offered legislators politically difficult but clear choices on a range of conservation and voting issues. The selected votes distinguish those legislators who may simply call themselves conservationists from those who vote for strong environmental and voter protection and who do so when it really counts.

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 and will certainly be considered when the Maryland League of Conservation Voters decides which candidates to endorse for public office.

Over the course of the 2005 and 2006 legislative sessions, a variety of conservation bills passed the General Assembly with overwhelming bipartisan support and are not included in the scorecard. We thank the members of the legislature for their dedication to these issues, which include placing restrictions on the introduction of Asian oysters into the Chesapeake Bay (HB 1250 / SB 405 - 2005), investing in agriculture to help farmers implement necessary practices to protect waterways (HB 2 / SB 5 - 2006), ensuring additional protection for Program Open Space (SB 306 - 2005), creating a task force to increase minority participation in the environmental community (HB 412 / SB 350 - 2006), prohibiting the sale of thermostats containing mercury (SB 772 / HB 1041 - 2006) and establishing penalties for falsifying environmental permits (SB 125 - 2006).

We encourage you to use this scorecard, share it with others, and join us in making environmental protection a top priority in Maryland.



MARYLAND LEAGUE
OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters (LCV) 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.

Scorecard Summary

Averages:

	05-06	03-04	01-02
Senate	59%	68%	60%
Republicans	13%	18%	20%
Democrats	79%	89%	76%
House	67%	73%	66%
Republicans	26%	32%	29%
Democrats	85%	92%	79%

Highest Scores:

Senate (100%)
Conway, Frosh, Gladden, Green, Grosfeld, Hollinger

House (100%)
Benson, Bobo, Cardin, Conroy, Frush, Gutierrez, Hammen, Healey, Heller, Holmes, Hubbard, Kaiser, Kullen, Lawton, Mandel, Menes, Moe, Montgomery, Morhaim, Murray, Parker, Proctor, Pugh, Ramirez, Ross, F. Turner, V. Turner

Lowest Scores:

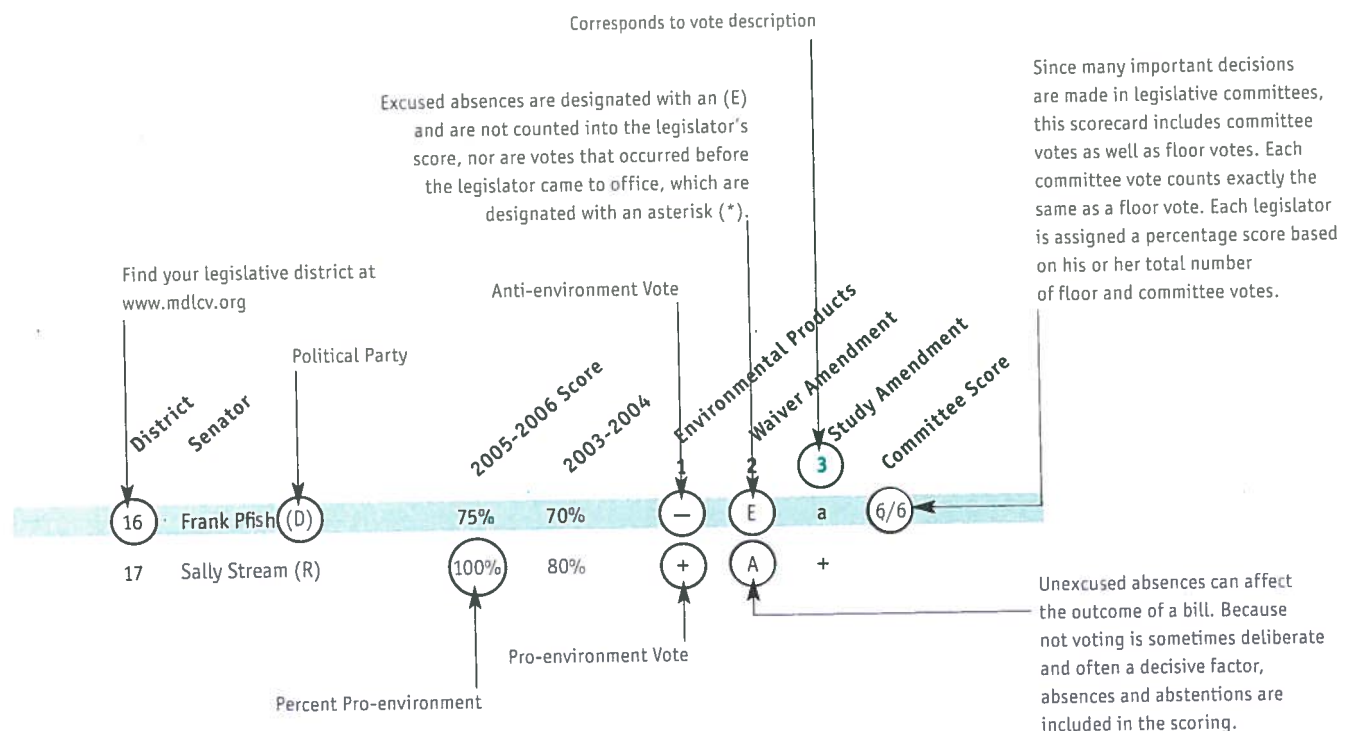
Senate (0%)
Jacobs, Stoltzfus

House (0%)
Bates, Boteler, Dwyer, Krebs, McConkey, Miller, Shewell, Stocksdale

Regional:

	Senate			House		
	05-06	03-04	01-02	05-06	03-04	01-02
Western Maryland	18%	18%	13%	24%	33%	39%
Baltimore County	64%	69%	69%	55%	57%	60%
Howard County	40%	47%	53%	53%	64%	66%
Montgomery County	81%	92%	74%	89%	96%	72%
Prince George's County	81%	89%	80%	93%	99%	82%
Southern Maryland	64%	87%	68%	48%	37%	48%
Anne Arundel County	49%	65%	59%	61%	69%	61%
Harford County	5%	4%	0%	37%	37%	56%
Eastern Shore	9%	18%	23%	58%	62%	53%
Baltimore City	89%	94%	79%	90%	94%	78%

How to Use this Scorecard



Senate Committee Votes

Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

1. SB 102: 2005

Program Open Space Constitutional Amendment

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 6-4, 1 excused.

This bill requires General Assembly approval to sell any state lands bought with conservation funding. Maryland voters will have a chance to ratify the amendment at the ballot box in 2006.

2. SB 744: 2005

Four Air Pollutants

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

Because of a loophole in clean air laws, Maryland's seven dirtiest power plants are allowed to pollute at extreme levels—many times the standards newer plants must meet. The four pollutants bill would have required power plant operators to use modern controls to reduce pollution. This bill failed in 2005, but was reintroduced in 2006 as the Healthy Air Act.

3. HB 346: 2005

Environmentally Preferred Products

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

This bill would have made it easier for state agencies to purchase environmentally preferred products and equipment. This bill passed the General Assembly but was vetoed by the governor.

4. SB 478: 2005

Early Voting

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

This bill allows for limited early voting. Registered voters will be able to vote in designated early voting centers in the days prior to the election. This bill was vetoed by the governor and the General Assembly overrode the veto in 2006.

5. SB 154: 2006

Healthy Air Act

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

The Healthy Air Act requires power plant operators to use affordable, modern technology to reduce air pollution. In addition to fighting serious harmful effects on human and environmental health caused by mercury, nitrogen, and sulfur, the Healthy Air Act will help Maryland take steps to reduce carbon dioxide, which causes global warming. The Healthy Air Act passed both chambers and was signed by the governor.

6. SB 589: 2006

Citizens' Standing in Court

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 7-3, 1 not voting.

Although often permitted a voice before zoning boards and similar public agencies, Maryland community and environmental organizations are consistently denied "standing to sue"—the right to contest or appeal adverse decisions in the courts where ultimate decisions are made. This particular bill would level the playing field by allowing community and environmental organizations to challenge certain environmental permits in court. On the last day of session, a conference committee agreed on the legislation. Their report was accepted by the House but failed in the Senate.

7. SB 257: 2006

Blackwater National Refuge

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

The disastrous development proposed outside Blackwater National Refuge on the Eastern Shore is a poster child for the poorly planned development and lack of environmental protections that are becoming all too common in Maryland, and it will hurt the Chesapeake Bay—a resource we all share. This bill would have outlawed development in conservation areas next to or within 1,000 feet of Blackwater National Refuge. Unfortunately, the emergency Blackwater bill on the senate floor.

8. SB 174: 2006

Septic Exclusion to the Flush Fee

No is the correct vote. Bill failed 5-6.

In 2004, the General Assembly recognized the importance of including all sewage disposal systems equally and fairly in the "flush fee" and overwhelmingly passed this law, including septic systems. SB 174 sought to exempt those on a septic system.

9. SB 51: 2006

Unicorn Lake

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 7-3, 1 not voting.

SB 51 prevents the construction of an environmentally destructive landfill near Unicorn Lake in Queen Anne's County until at least 2009. This bill passed both chambers and was signed by the governor.

Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Votes

District	Senator	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
11	Hollinger, Chair	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	9/9
43	Carter Conway, Vice Chair	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	9/9
47	Britt	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	8/9
42	Brochin	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	8/9
37	Colburn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1/9
29	Dyson	E	E	+	+	+	a	+	-	+	5/7
33	Greenip	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	a	0/9
18	Grosfeld	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	9/9
7	Harris	-	a	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1/9
9	Kittleman	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	1/9
22	Pinsky	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	8/9

Legend

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- Pro-environment vote
Anti-environment vote
Excused absence
Not voting (disadvantage for the environment)

SenateJudicial Proceedings

1. SB 366: 2005

Clean Cars

Yes is the correct vote. Bill failed 5-6.

This bill would have helped Maryland clean up pollution from vehicles by tightening emissions requirements and reducing the impact of air pollution on our health and environment.

- + Frosh, Green, Forehand, Garagiola, Giannetti
- Haines, Hughes, Jacobs, Jimeno, Mooney, Stone

2. HB 1507: 2006

Workplace Giving

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 9-1, 1 not voting.

This bill would open up public workplace giving campaigns to a broader number of federations. This would be helpful particularly to small local environmental groups working throughout Maryland. This bill passed the House, but did not make it out of the Senate on the last day of session.

- + Frosh, Green, Forehand, Garagiola, Giannetti, Haines, Hughes, Jimeno, Mooney
- Jacobs
- a Stone

SenateBudget and Taxation

1. SB 102: 2005

Program Open Space Constitutional Amendment

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 7-6.

This bill requires General Assembly approval to sell any state lands bought with conservation funding. Maryland voters will have a chance to ratify the amendment at the ballot box in 2006.

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

Defending Voter Rights

During the 2005 and 2006 sessions, we put the "voter" back in the Maryland League of Conservation Voters. In 2005, three voting bills passed the General Assembly. These bills allowed early voting, made it easier to obtain absentee ballots, and ensured that provisional ballots would be counted.

Following the 2005 session, Governor Ehrlich vetoed these important voter bills, but you helped us rally for voter rights by signing our online petition and contacting the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate. Fortunately, the General Assembly overrode these vetoes.



Senate Floor Votes

1. HB 346: 2005

Environmentally Preferred Products

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

This bill would have made it easier for state agencies to purchase environmentally preferred products and equipment. This bill passed the General Assembly but was vetoed by the governor.

2. SB 154: 2006

Waiver Amendment to the Healthy Air Act

No is the correct vote. Amendment passed 33-12, 1 excused, 1 not voting.

This amendment to the Healthy Air Act, offered by Senator Middleton, allows companies to avoid penalty if they were found to be in violation of the Healthy Air Act but could prove that being in compliance might increase their operating costs.

3. SB 154: 2006

Study Amendment to the Healthy Air Act

No is the correct vote. Amendment failed 20-25, 1 excused, 1 not voting.

This amendment to the Healthy Air Act, offered by Senator Middleton, would have delayed full implementation of the law by asking the Public Service Commission to study a portion of the bill. Fortunately, the Senate killed this weakening amendment.

4. SB 154: 2006

Healthy Air Act

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 33-14.

The Healthy Air Act requires power plant operators to use affordable, modern technology to reduce air pollution. In addition to fighting serious harmful effects on human and environmental health caused by mercury, nitrogen, and sulfur, the Healthy Air Act will help Maryland take steps to reduce carbon dioxide, which causes global warming. The Healthy Air Act passed both chambers and was signed by the governor.

5. SB 589: 2006

Citizens' Standing in Court Amendment

No is the correct vote. Amendment passes 24-22, 1 excused.

This amendment to the Standing legislation offered by Senator Pipkin created a loophole in the legislation, excepting permits for piers and for shoreline rip-rap.

6. HB 1429: 2006

Citizens' Standing in Court

Yes is the correct vote. Bill failed 20-26, 1 not voting.

Although often permitted a voice before zoning boards and similar public agencies, Maryland community and environmental organizations are consistently denied "standing to sue"—the right to contest or appeal adverse decisions in the courts where ultimate decisions are made. This particular bill would level the playing field by allowing community and environmental organizations to challenge certain environmental permits in court. On the last day of session, a conference committee agreed on the legislation. Their report was accepted by the House but failed in the Senate.

7. SB 257: 2006

Blackwater National Refuge

Yes is the correct vote. Bill failed 20-27.

The disastrous development proposed outside Blackwater National Refuge on the Eastern Shore is a poster child for the poorly planned development and lack of environmental protections that are becoming all too common in Maryland, and it will hurt the Chesapeake Bay—a resource we all share. This bill would have outlawed development in conservation areas next to or within 1,000 feet of Blackwater National Refuge. Unfortunately, the emergency Blackwater bill died in the Senate.



Blackwater Refuge/Photo by Lisa Mayo

8. HB 1507: 2006

Workplace Giving Amendment

No is the correct vote. Amendment failed 7-26, 14 not voting.

This bill would have opened up public workplace giving campaigns to a broader number of federations. This would be helpful particularly to small, local environmental groups. Senator Colburn's amendment would have excluded the Environmental Fund for Maryland from participation. Fortunately, this amendment was defeated, but the bill did not make it out of the Senate on the last day of session.

9. SB 478: 2005

Early Voting

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

SB 478 allows for limited early voting. Under this bill, registered voters will be able to vote in designated early voting centers prior to the election. This bill was vetoed by the governor.

10. SB 478: 2005

Early Voting Veto Override

Yes is the correct vote. Override succeeds with 31 votes.

SB 478 allows for limited early voting. Under this bill, registered voters will be able to vote in designated early voting centers prior to the election. In 2006, the General Assembly overrode the governor's veto.

Senate Floor Votes

District	Senator	2005-2006 Score		2003-2004 Score		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Committee Score
						Environmental Products	Waiver Amendment	Study Amendment	Healthy Air Act	Standing Amendment	Citizens' Standing	Blackwater Refuge	Workplace Giving	Early Voting	Veto Override	
1	John Hafer (R)	20%	27%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	+	-	
2	Donald Munson (R)	18%	27%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	0/1
3	Alex Mooney (R)	25%	8%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	1/2
4	David Brinkley (R)	9%	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	0/1
5	Larry Haines (R)	17%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	1/2
6	Norman Stone, Jr. (D)	75%	79%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0/2
7	Andrew Harris (R)	5%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/9
8	Katherine Klausmeier (D)	60%	100%	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	A	+	+	+	
9	Allan Kittleman (R)	11%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	1/9
10	Delores Kelley (D)	90%	94%	+	A	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	-	+	
11	Paula Hollinger (D)	100%	95%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	9/9
12	Edward Kasemeyer (D)	82%	73%	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	1/1
13	Sandra Schrader (R)	27%	61%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	0/1
14	Rona Kramer (D)	55%	79%	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	0/1
15	Rob Garagiola (D)	92%	92%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	2/2
16	Brian Frosh (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	2/2
17	Jennie Forehand (D)	67%	92%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	2/2
18	Sharon Grosfeld (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	9/9
19	Leonard Teitelbaum (D)	80%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	A	+	+	+	
20	Ida Ruben (D)	91%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
21	John Giannetti, Jr. (D)	92%	92%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	2/2
22	Paul Pinsky (D)	95%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	8/9
23	Leo Green (D)	100%	92%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	2/2
24	Nathaniel Exum (D)	88%	80%	+	E	E	+	+	+	a	+	+	A	+	+	
25	Ulysses Currie (D)	64%	87%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	1/1
26	Gloria Lawlah (D)	55%	71%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	0/1
27	Thomas "Mike" Miller, Jr. (D)	60%	92%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	
28	Thomas "Mac" Middleton (D)	60%	91%	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	A	+	+	+	
29	Roy Dyson (D)	71%	78%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	5/7
30	John Astle (D)	60%	87%	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	A	+	+	+	
31	Philip Jimeno (D)	42%	62%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	1/2
32	Ed DeGrange, Sr. (D)	45%	80%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	1/1
33	Janet Greenip (R)	5%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	0/9
34	Nancy Jacobs (R)	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0/2
35	Robert Hooper (R)	10%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	
36	E.J. Pipkin (R)	30%	53%	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	
37	Richard Colburn (R)	5%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/9
38	Lowell Stoltzfus (R)	0%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	0/1
39	Patrick J. Hogan (D)	64%	71%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	1/1
40	Ralph Hughes (D)	83%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/2
41	Lisa Gladden (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	
42	James Bröchin (D)	79%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	8/9
43	Joan Carter Conway (D)	100%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	9/9
44	Verna Jones (D)	91%	93%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
45	Nathaniel McFadden (D)	82%	87%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	1/1
46	George Della (D)	80%	87%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	-	
47	Gwendolyn Britt (D)	95%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	8/9

Legend

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- Pro-environment vote
Anti-environment vote
Excused absence

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- Not voting (advantage for the environment)
Not voting (disadvantage for the environment)

House Committee Votes

House Environmental Matters

1. SB 102: 2005

Program Open Space Constitutional Amendment

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 16-3, 2 excused, 1 not voting.

This bill requires General Assembly approval to sell any state lands bought with conservation funding. Maryland voters will have a chance to ratify the amendment at the ballot box in 2006.

+ Malone, Barve, Bobo, Bronrott, Cane, Clagett, Cluster, Frush, Glassman, Hogan, Jennings, Montgomery, Parker, Stern, Stull, Weir

— Arnick, McConkey, Sossi

E Fulton, Holmes

NV McIntosh

2. SB 589: 2006

Citizens' Standing in Court

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 14-5, 2 excused, 1 not voting.

Although often permitted a voice before zoning boards and similar public agencies, Maryland community and environmental organizations are consistently denied "standing to sue"—the right to contest or appeal adverse decisions in the courts where ultimate decisions are made. This bill would level the playing field by allowing community and environmental organizations to challenge environmental permits in court. On the last day of session, a conference committee agreed on the legislation. Their report was accepted by the House, but failed in the Senate.

+ Malone, Bobo, Bronrott, Cane, Clagett, Cluster, Frush, Glassman, Holmes, Lawton, Montgomery, Parker, Pugh, Stern

— Hogan, Jennings, McConkey, Sossi, Stull

E Arnick, Weir

NV McIntosh

3. HB 1507: 2006

Workplace Giving

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 13-8, 1 not voting.

This bill would have opened up public workplace giving campaigns to a broader number of federations. This would be helpful particularly to small local environmental groups working throughout Maryland. This bill passed the House, but did not make it out of the Senate on the last day of session.

+ Malone, Bobo, Bronrott, Clagett, Frush, Glassman, Hogan, Holmes, Lawton, Montgomery, Parker, Pugh, Stern

— Arnick, Cane, Cluster, Jennings, McConkey, Sossi, Stull, Weir

NV McIntosh



House Economic Matters

1. HB 1169: 2005

Four Air Pollutants

Yes is the correct vote. Bill failed 4-15, 4 excused.

Because of a loophole in clean air laws, Maryland's seven dirtiest power plants are allowed to pollute at extreme levels—many times the standards newer plants must meet. The four pollutant bill would have required power plant operators to use modern controls to reduce pollution. This bill failed in 2005, but was reintroduced in 2006 as the Healthy Air Act.

+ Feldman, McHale, Moe, Taylor

— Davis, Doory, Haddaway, Harrison, Impallaria, Jameson, Kirk, Krebs, Krysiak, Love, Miller, Minnick, Parrott, Walkup, Wood

E Burns, Conroy, Trueschler, Vaughn

2. HB 189: 2006

Healthy Air Act

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 15-6, 2 excused.

The Healthy Air Act requires power plant operators to use affordable, modern technology to reduce air pollution. In addition to fighting serious harmful effects on human and environmental health caused by mercury, nitrogen, and sulfur, the Healthy Air Act will help Maryland take steps to reduce carbon dioxide, which causes global warming. The Healthy Air Act passed both chambers and was signed by the governor.

+ Davis, Doory, Burns, Conroy, Feldman, Haddaway, Harrison, Kirk, Krysiak, Love, McHale, Moe, Taylor, Vaughn, Walkup

— Jameson, Krebs, Miller, Minnick, Parrott, Wood

E Impallaria, Trueschler

House Ways & Means

1. SB 478: 2005

Early Voting

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 16-3, 2 not voting.

This bill allows for limited early voting. Registered voters will be able to vote in designated early voting centers in the days prior to the election. This bill was vetoed by the governor and the General Assembly overrode the veto in 2006.

- + Healey, Boschert, Bozman, Cardin, Cryor, Davis, Goodwin, Gordon, Heller, Howard, Kaiser, King, Marriott, McKee, Patterson, Ramirez, Ross
- Bartlett, Elmore, Gilleland, Myers
- NV Hixson

House Health and Government Operations

1. HB 346: 2005

Environmentally Preferred Products

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 18-2, 3 excused, 1 not voting.

This bill made it easier for state agencies to purchase environmentally preferred products and equipment. This bill passed the General Assembly but was vetoed by the governor.

- + Hammen, Benson, Boutin, Bromwell, Costa, Donoghue, Elliott, Frank, Hubbard, Kach, Kullen, Mandel, Morhaim, Murray, Nathan-Pulliam, Oaks, Pendergrass, Turner
- Boteler, Weldon
- E Goldwater, McDonough, Rudolph
- 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 strong. Through their comments and questions during the debate and their control of the committee's calendar and agenda, a committee chair routinely influences the outcome of committee votes.

House Appropriations

1. SB 102: 2005

Program Open Space Constitutional Amendment

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 19-4, 3 excused.

This bill requires General Assembly approval to sell any state lands bought with conservation funding. Maryland voters will have a chance to ratify the amendment at the ballot box in 2006.

- + Conway, Branch, Barkley, Cadden, DeBoy, Eckardt, Edwards, Franchot, Gaines, Griffith, Haynes, James, Jones, Leopold, Levy, Madaleno, Niemann, O'Donnell, Turner
- Aumann, Bates, Bohanan, Stocksedale
- E Clagett, Paige, Proctor



Protecting & Preserving Maryland's Land

For many years, the Maryland League of Conservation Voters has fought for recorded votes on the diversion of funds from Program Open Space, Maryland's premier land conservation program, in an effort to hold our elected officials accountable. Fortunately, in 2005, legislation was introduced to create a Constitutional Amendment to prevent the state from selling off any state lands without General Assembly oversight and another bill sought to prevent future funding diversions. We are pleased that both of these measures passed and that the legislature took a stand on protecting our precious open space.

House Floor Votes

1. SB 102: 2005

Program Open Space Constitutional Amendment

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 117-17, 2 not voting, 5 excused.

This bill requires General Assembly approval to sell any state lands bought with conservation funding. Maryland voters will have a chance to ratify the amendment at the ballot box in 2006.

2. HB 1352: 2005

ICC Funding

No is the correct vote. Bill passed 106-31, 4 excused.

The Ehrlich Administration's proposed financing for the Intercounty Connector (ICC) over-commits the state's transportation resources to a single, ineffective project that would increase air pollution, worsen congestion, and devastate valuable parklands and the headwaters of the Anacostia River. This legislation proposed to borrow \$1 billion for the ICC from Maryland's future federal transportation dollars using risky bond funding. The legislature limited the bonds to \$750 million. However, this level would still severely limit federal funds for important transit, roads, and other transportation solutions for decades. HB 1352 passed both houses and was signed by the governor.

3. HB 189: 2006

Healthy Air Act Amendment

No is the correct vote. Amendment failed 37-92, 7 not voting, 5 excused.

This amendment to the Healthy Air Act would have encouraged the Maryland's withdrawal from the regional global warming agreement entered into by seven northeast states before the agreement is up and running. Fortunately, this weakening amendment was defeated on the House floor.

4. HB 189: 2006

Healthy Air Act

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 106-27, 1 not voting, 7 excused.

The Healthy Air Act requires power plant operators to use affordable, modern technology to reduce air pollution. In addition to fighting serious harmful effects on human and environmental health caused by mercury, nitrogen, and sulfur, the Healthy Air Act will help Maryland take steps to reduce carbon dioxide, which causes global warming. The Healthy Air Act passed both chambers and was signed by the governor.

5. HB 1429: 2006

Citizens' Standing in Court

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 99-39, 2 not voting, 1 excused.

Although often permitted a voice before zoning boards and similar public agencies, Maryland community and environmental organizations are consistently denied "standing to sue"—the right to contest or appeal adverse decisions in the courts where ultimate decisions are made. This particular bill would level the playing field by allowing community and environmental organizations to challenge certain environmental permits in court. On the last day of session, a conference committee agreed on the legislation. Their report was accepted by the House but failed in the Senate.

6. SB 478: 2005

Early Voting

Yes is the correct vote. Bill passed 84-51, 6 excused.

SB 478 allows for limited early voting. Under this bill, registered voters will be able to vote in designated early voting centers prior to the election. This bill was vetoed by the governor.

7. SB 478: 2005

Early Voting Veto Override

Yes is the correct vote. Override succeeds with 95 votes.

SB 478 allows for limited early voting. Under this bill, registered voters will be able to vote in designated early voting centers prior to the election. In 2006, the General Assembly overrode the governor's veto.



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. Committee votes are not recorded.

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				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1A	George Edwards (R)	25%	33%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/1
1B	Kevin Kelly (D)	14%	56%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	
1C	LeRoy Myers, Jr. (R)	13%	11%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	0/1
2A	Robert McKee (R)	25%	11%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/1
2B	Christopher Shank (R)	14%	11%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2C	John Donoghue (D)	50%	50%	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	1/1
3A	Galen Clagett (D)	86%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	
3A	Patrick Hogan (R)	40%	40%	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	2/3
3B	Richard Weldon, Jr. (R)	17%	30%	+	-	E	E	-	-	-	0/1
4A	Joseph Bartlett (R)	13%	11%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	0/1
4A	Paul Stull (R)	20%	7%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/3
4B	Donald Elliott (R)	20%	20%	E	E	-	-	-	E	-	1/1
5A	Tanya Shewell (R)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5A	Nancy Stocksdales (R)	0%	33%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0/1
5B	A. Wade Kach (R)	38%	30%	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	1/1
6	John Arnick (D)	33%	60%	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	0/2
6	Joseph Minnick (D)	57%	80%	+	-	+	a	+	E	+	0/2
6	Michael Weir, Jr. (D)	56%	67%	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	1/2
7	Richard Impallaria (R)	29%	0%	E	+	-	+	-	-	-	0/1
7	J.B. Jennings (R)	10%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/3
7	Patrick McDonough (R)	33%	10%	-	+	A	+	-	-	-	
8	Joseph Boteler III (R)	0%	25%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0/1
8	Eric Bromwell (D)	75%	50%	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	1/1
8	John Cluster, Jr. (R)	30%	18%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	2/3
9A	Gail Bates (R)	0%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0/1
9A	Warren Miller (R)	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0/2
9B	Susan Krebs (R)	0%	40%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0/2
10	Emmett Burns, Jr. (D)	88%	91%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
10	Adrienne Jones (D)	88%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
10	Shirley Nathan-Pulliam (D)	88%	90%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
11	Jon Cardin (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
11	Dan Morhaim (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
11	Robert Zirkin (D)	86%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	
12A	Steven DeBoy, Sr. (D)	75%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	1/1
12A	James Malone, Jr. (D)	90%	93%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	3/3
12B	Elizabeth Bobo (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	3/3
13	Shane Pendergrass (D)	88%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
13	Neil Quinter (D)	86%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	
13	Frank Turner (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
14	Anne Kaiser (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
14	Karen Montgomery (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	3/3

Legend

+ Pro-environment vote
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 E Excused absence

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14	Herman Taylor (D)	89%	91%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	2/2
15	Jean Cryor (R)	75%	67%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	1/1
15	Kathleen Dumais (D)	86%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	
15	Brian Feldman (D)	89%	91%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	2/2
16	William Bronrott (D)	80%	100%	a	-	+	+	+	+	+	3/3
16	Marilyn Goldwater (D)	80%	100%	+	-	E	E	+	+	+	
16	Susan Lee (D)	86%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	
17	Kumar Barve (D)	75%	87%	+	-	+	+	a	+	+	1/1
17	Michael Gordon (D)	88%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
17	Luiz Simmons (D)	86%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	
18	Ana Sol Gutierrez (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
18	John Hurson (D)	67%	88%	+	-	*	*	*	+	*	
18	Jane Lawton (D)	100%		*	*	A	+	+	*	+	2/2
18	Richard Madaleno, Jr. (D)	88%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
19	Henry Heller (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
19	Adrienne Mandel (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
19	Carol Petzold (D)	86%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	
20	Peter Franchot (D)	88%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
20	Sheila Hixson (D)	86%	89%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	
20	Gareth Murray (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
21	Barbara Frush (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	3/3
21	Pauline Menes (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
21	Brian Moe (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	2/2
22	Tawanna Gaines (D)	88%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
22	Anne Healey (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
22	Justin Ross (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
23A	Mary Conroy (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	1/1
23A	James Hubbard (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
23B	Marvin Holmes, Jr. (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	2/2
24	Joanne Benson (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
24	Carolyn Howard (D)	88%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
24	Michael Vaughn (D)	88%	91%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
25	Anthony Brown (D)	75%	89%	E	E	+	+	a	E	+	
25	Dereck Davis (D)	75%	100%	+	-	+	E	+	+	+	1/2
25	Melony Griffith (D)	88%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
26	Darryl Kelley (D)	86%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	
26	Obie Patterson (D)	88%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
26	Veronica Turner (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
27A	James Proctor, Jr. (D)	100%	100%	E	E	+	+	+	E	+	
27A	Joseph Vallario, Jr. (D)	86%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	
27B	Sue Kullen (D)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1

Legend

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28	Sally Jameson (D)	44%	50%	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	0/2
28	Murray Levy (D)	63%		+	-	A	-	-	+	+	1/1
28	W. Daniel Mayer (R)	29%		+	-	-	-	-	+	-	
29A	John Wood, Jr. (D)	11%	45%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	0/2
29B	John Bohanan, Jr. (D)	63%	56%	+	-	A	+	-	+	+	0/1
29C	Anthony O'Donnell (R)	25%	11%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/1
30	Michael Busch (D)	86%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	
30	Virginia Claggett (D)	89%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	E	3/3
30	Herbert McMillan (R)	43%	22%	+	-	A	+	-	-	-	
31	Joan Cadden (D)	88%	78%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
31	Donald Dwyer, Jr. (R)	0%	22%	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	
31	John Leopold (R)	63%	56%	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	1/1
32	Terry Gilleland, Jr. (R)	25%	43%	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	0/1
32	Mary Ann Love (D)	78%	91%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/2
32	Theodore Sophocleus (D)	71%	89%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	
33A	David Boschert (R)	38%	44%	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	1/1
33A	Tony McConkey (R)	0%	43%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0/3
33B	Robert Costa (R)	38%	60%	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	1/1
34A	Charles Boutin (R)	25%	50%	-	-	*	*	*	-	*	1/1
34A	Mary-Dulany James (D)	88%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
34A	Sheryl Kohl (R)	50%		*	*	E	E	+	*	-	
34B	David Rudolph (D)	86%	90%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	
35A	Barry Glassman (R)	63%	45%	+	-	E	E	+	-	-	3/3
35A	Joanne Parrott (R)	22%	18%	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	0/2
35B	Susan McComas (R)	14%	56%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	
36	Michael Smigiel, Sr. (R)	71%	60%	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	
36	Richard Sossi (R)	20%	20%	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	0/3
36	Mary Roe Walkup (R)	33%	73%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	1/2
37A	Rudolph Cane (D)	80%	80%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	2/3
37B	Adelaide Eckardt (R)	38%	33%	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	1/1
37B	Jeannie Haddaway (R)	33%	67%	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	1/2
38A	Page Elmore (R)	38%	56%	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	0/1
38B	Bennett Bozman (D)	88%	78%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
38B	Norman Conway (D)	88%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
39	Charles Barkley (D)	88%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	1/1
39	Nancy King (D)	88%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
39	Joan Stern (D)	90%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	3/3
40	Tony Fulton (D) <i>deceased</i>		60%	E	E	*	*	*	E	*	
40	Marshall Goodwin (D)	88%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1

Legend

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40	Salima Marriott (D)	88%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
40	Catherine Pugh (D)	100%		*	*	+	+	+	*	+	2/2
41	Jill Carter (D)	86%	89%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	
41	Nathaniel Oaks (D)	75%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	1/1
41	Samuel Rosenberg (D)	86%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	
42	Susan Aumann (R)	25%	44%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	0/1
42	William Frank (R)	38%	22%	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	1/1
42	John Trueschler (R)	20%	50%	+	-	E	E	-	-	-	
43	Curt Anderson (D)	86%	100%	+	-	A	+	+	+	+	
43	Ann Marie Doory (D)	78%	91%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/2
43	Maggie McIntosh (D)	86%	91%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	
44	Keith Haynes (D)	88%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
44	Ruth Kirk (D)	78%	91%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/2
44	Jeffrey Paige (D)	86%	100%	+	-	A	+	+	+	+	
45	Talmdage Branch (D)	88%	89%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
45	Clarence Davis (D)	75%	100%	a	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
45	Hattie Harrison (D)	78%	91%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/2
46	Peter Hammen (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
46	Carolyn Krysiak (D)	78%	91%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/2
46	Brian McHale (D)	89%	91%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	2/2
47	Doyle Niemann (D)	88%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1/1
47	Rosetta Parker (D)	100%	86%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	3/3
47	Victor Ramirez (D)	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1/1

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