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- 1. **Water Quality** SB295/HB362 would allow the General Assembly to meddle with post-construction stormwater regulations. Proper post-construction stormwater regulations ensure that pollutants don't rush into our water supply and also limit the risk of property damage after rain. *Negative points for sponsorship, positive and negative points for floor vote.*
- 2. **Open Records** SB464/HB58 broadens access to environmental and other public records by requiring the acceptance of email requests for access to public information. Environmental advocates rely on access to information to hold bad actors accountable; this measure will prevent local governments from making our community jump through hoops just to hold our public officials accountable. Enacted as Public Chapter 233. *Positive points for sponsorship.*
- 3. **Recreation** SB466/HB74 establishes the Ocoee River Recreation and Economic Development Fund Act to ensure that whitewater rafting and other recreational activities can continue. Due to TVA policies, the Ocoee River access would have been shut down this year; this bill preserves our ability to enjoy this part of Tennessee's great outdoors. Enacted as Public Chapter 434. *Positive points for sponsorship*.
- 4. **Public Participation Lawsuits** SB548/HB406 would improve protections for environmental litigators and others by making it more difficult for bad actors to bury them with frivolous lawsuits as well as making it more difficult for defendants to dismiss certain kinds of public participation lawsuits. *Positive points for sponsorship*.
- 5. **Children's Health** SB660/HB1269 would require schools to annually inspect for indoor air quality. *Positive points for sponsorship*.
- 6. **Coal Mining** SB686/HB571 would remove federal supervision and enforcement of coal mining protections. *Negative points for sponsorship, positive and negative points for committee votes.*
- 7. **PACE** SB794/HB464 would establish the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act (PACE) allowing local governments to assist business & residential property owners with implementation of energy efficiency improvements, such as renewable energy installations, and water conservation methods. *Positive points for sponsorship*.
- 8. **Factory Farms** SB899/HB1017 limits Tennessee's ability to regulate concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs), more commonly known as factory farms. Enacted as Public Chapter 293 with a delay so stakeholders would hopefully work out a compromise, but we are not overly optimistic. *Negative points for sponsorship, positive and negative points for committee votes*.
- 9. **Transportation Improvement Funding** SB1221/HB534 provides a mechanism for approval of publicly funded transit projects; provides dedicated funding for road improvements allowing other revenues to be used for other purposes, such as funding our environmental obligations. Enacted as Public Chapter 181. *Positive points for sponsorship, positive and negative points for floor vote.*
- 10. **Severance Tax** SB1351/HB1187 would raise oil and gas severance taxes, reallocating them to the county of the wellhead site. Counties are often stuck needing to clean up the environmental impacts of fossil fuel extraction without having the funds to do so. *Positive points for sponsorship*.
- 11. **Air Pollution** -SB1371/HB1405 restricts rights of cities and counties to include land use or zoning requirements in air pollution control regulations. Enacted as Public Chapter 284. *Negative points for sponsorship, positive and negative votes for floor vote.*
- 12. **Forever Green Tennessee** Senate Budget Amendment 81/House Budget Amendment 152 would have provided funding to help protect headwaters, historic locations, and working farms from encroaching development and overpopulation. Despite the failure of this budget amendment, it is worth noting that this is the first year we have not faced an attack on conservation funding in several years. *Positive points for sponsorship*.

Worth Noting:

The legislature has dealt with several important bills that have been tricky to categorize into a "stump" or a "tree". Nevertheless, they are worth knowing about. These bills are detailed below:

Energy Policy Council - SB1250/HB438 creates an energy policy council made up of various representatives, including one from "environmental groups" nominated by the Lieutenant Governor. The 14-member council is responsible for creating an annual energy report and developing a state energy policy that includes legislative recommendations. TCV is proud to have been a main point of contact between the environmental community and the Lieutenant Governor. Enacted as Public Chapter 438.

Recreational Paddling - SB1335/HB785 would create a task force to study "issues associated with the use of non-motorized vessels". This bill had the potential to result in a fee for recreational paddlers. There have been problems on certain rivers between property-owners and some users of those rivers which has caught the attention of the sponsors. This bill didn't go anywhere this session, but unless those issues are resolved, we can expect to see more bills like this.

Wind Energy Facility Siting - SB1336/HB1021 - creates a committee to "evaluate and make recommendations" about the future of wind energy in the state. It began as a bill to stifle the development of wind energy, but was significantly amended. It is impossible to know what the committee will recommend, but given this act's history, we are watching it closely. Enacted as Public Chapter 368.

*For more information on individual bills go to www.capitol.tn.gov

Reading the Scorecard:

Most scorecards are based on floor votes (entire House or Senate consideration) on selected bills. In the Tennessee General Assembly however, most of the important legislative work and votes occur within the committee system. In order to have a more complete picture, this scorecard evaluates legislators' work on important and appropriate environmental bills by giving positive or negative credit for committee votes and bill sponsorships.

The opportunities for earning positive or negative points vary because not all legislators were on committees that considered environmental bills. While the scorecard gives a good general sense of the extent to which legislators supported the environment, legislators' scores should not be directly compared unless they had an opportunity to vote on the same bills. An additional consideration this year was the lack of substantive votes that were taken on environmental legislation.

- Positive credit for floor votes, committee votes and / or sponsorships results in a "1"
- Negative credit for floor votes, committee votes and / or sponsorship results in a "-1"
- For every two net positive actions, legislators received a tree •; for every two net negative actions, they received a stump ...

To review the previous scorecards, go to www.tnconservationvoters.org

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