



CONSERVATION SCORECARD 2005-2006

for the Wisconsin Legislature



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About the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters

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

In pursuit of its mission, WLCV engages in voter education, lobbying and issue advocacy. WLCV also 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 2005-2006* online, visit <http://conservationvoters.org/scorecard/>.

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INTRODUCTION

The *Conservation Scorecard 2005-2006* is **your guide to how your Wisconsin state legislators voted on key conservation issues** during the past legislative session.

During the 2005-2006 legislative session a number of pro-conservation bills became law, with none standing out more than **the Clean Energy Bill**. Currently, in Wisconsin, over 90 percent of our energy comes from dirty coal power plants or dangerous and expensive nuclear plants. The Clean Energy Bill requires Wisconsin to produce 10 percent of its energy from clean, renewable sources like wind and solar. In addition, it protects the Focus on Energy Fund, which promotes energy conservation and efficiency and explores renewable energy technologies.

The Clean Energy Bill, a major conservation victory, was the result of two years of hard work, thousands of calls and letters from concerned citizens and determined legislative leaders. 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 2005-2006* to get the information you need to become an educated conservation voter.

Throughout the Wisconsin legislature’s two-year session, the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters tracks each and every conservation bill. This *Conservation Scorecard 2005-2006* 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 leaders, health professionals, and academics—recommends which votes to include. The Board of Directors of the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters makes the final decision.

The goal of the Scorecard is to provide objective, factual information about the voting records of Wisconsin’s 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.

BILL DESCRIPTIONS

The 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 Vote Tracker at conservationvoters.org/votetracker/.

SB 1 DEMOCRACY

A strong democratic process is one of the most significant ways the conservation concerns of Wisconsin citizens can be heard over the influence of campaign contributions from polluting interests. SB 1 would have strengthened our democracy by creating a Government Accountability Board that would be vested with greater power to investigate and prosecute wrongdoing by state and local public officials.

The pro-conservation vote is yes.

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Passed Senate.
- **SB1 Special Assembly Motion:** Assembly leaders, Representative Huebsch and Speaker Gard, refused to schedule SB 1 for a full Assembly vote. Therefore, Representative Pocan made a motion to the full Assembly to have SB 1 voted on by the full Assembly. The motion failed 43-53.

SB 402 HUMAN HEALTH

SB 402 was a companion bill to AB 778. See AB 778 for the bill description.

The pro-conservation vote is no.

Status:

- Passed Senate.
- Passed Assembly on voice vote.*
- Vetoes by Governor Doyle.

SB 425 ENFORCEMENT

SB 425 would have taken away the Wisconsin Department of Justice's ability to fight on behalf of the public against nuisances that harm human health and degrade Wisconsin's water, air and land.

The pro-conservation vote is no.

Status:

- Passed Senate.
- This bill was never taken up by the Assembly.

SB 459 ENERGY

SB 459, the Clean Energy Bill, begins to move Wisconsin toward a cleaner energy future by requiring Wisconsin to produce 10% of energy generated in Wisconsin from clean, renewable sources like wind and solar. In addition, it protects the Focus on Energy Fund, which promotes energy conservation and efficiency and explores renewable energy technologies.

The pro-conservation vote is yes.

Status:

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

SB 467 WATER QUALITY

For Wisconsin citizens, groundwater is the main source of their drinking water. Improperly installed and maintained wells can contaminate drinking water. SB 467 ensures that well drillers are properly supervised and simplifies the enforcement process for any violations, further protecting the safety of drinking water for Wisconsin citizens.

The pro-conservation vote is yes.

Status:

- Passed Senate.
- Passed Assembly on voice vote.*
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

SB 551 WETLANDS

The DNR uses science to make decisions for protecting Wisconsin's wetlands. SB 551 would have compromised that system by creating an exemption to the DNR's science-based approach to allow a single owner to build in a wetland.

The pro-conservation vote is no.

Status:

- Passed Senate.
- Passed Assembly.
- Vetoes by Governor Doyle.

AB 26 WILDLIFE

When poachers take excessive game they can negatively impact Wisconsin wildlife populations. AB 26 authorizes Wisconsin to become a member of a multi-state compact that allows states to take action against and protect themselves from poachers who violate hunting and fishing laws from state to state.

The pro-conservation vote is yes.

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Passed Senate.
- Passed Assembly on voice vote.*
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

AB 71 HABITAT

Current law protects the habitat of eagles, loons, songbirds, game fish and other species while still protecting citizens' rights to use their shoreland property. AB 71 would have allowed counties to override those protections.

The pro-conservation vote is no.

Status:

- Passed Assembly.
- This bill was never taken up by the Senate.

AB 277 AIR QUALITY

Toxic air emissions can lead to respiratory problems, cancer, birth defects, neurological damage, reproductive problems, and developmental delays. AB 277, the Dirty Air Bill, will degrade air quality by exempting polluters from construction permits and limiting the amount of public input on proposals for new and expanding polluting facilities.

The pro-conservation vote is no.

Status:

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

AB 278 ENFORCEMENT

AB 278 would have taken away the Wisconsin Department of Justice's and local governments' ability to protect the public against nuisances that harm human health and degrade Wisconsin's water, air, and land.

The pro-conservation vote is no.

Status:

- Passed Assembly.
- This bill was never taken up by the Senate.

AB 299 WATER QUALITY

Shoreland zoning ordinances are established to protect water quality from harmful effects of ill-planned development. AB 299 would have removed protections for many lakes and streams by allowing developers in some areas to build closer to the water, causing more damage.

The pro-conservation vote is no.

Status:

- Passed Senate.
- Passed Assembly on voice vote.*
- Vetoes by Governor Doyle.

AB 437 LAND USE

AB 437 forces local governments to sell their land to utilities so that transmission lines and power plants may be built. Allowing transmission companies to build regardless of local government concerns will devalue property, take control away from local governments, and destroy special natural places.

The pro-conservation vote is no.

Status:

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

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AB 441 ENERGY

AB 441 allows power plants to be built without fully considering the public health and natural resource impacts that the plant could have. AB 441 was a thinly veiled attempt to allow WE Energies to build power plants in Oak Creek, even if Wisconsin law was not followed during the permit process. *The pro-conservation vote is no.*

Status:

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

AB 675 LAND USE

AB 675 would have tied the hands of local governments in regards to land use planning, sinking local governments into a costly, unnecessary mire of regulation and litigation.

The pro-conservation vote is no.

Status:

- Passed Assembly.
- Failed Senate.

AB 718 GUN CLUBS

Gun clubs provide valuable safety training for outdoor sports including shooting, bow and arrow, and snowmobile safety, and had always been considered tax exempt entities until recent years. AB 718 ensures that gun clubs remain tax exempt, allowing them to continue to pass Wisconsin's hunting heritage on to future generations.

The pro-conservation vote is yes.

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Passed Senate.
- Passed Assembly on voice vote.*
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

AB 734 WATER QUALITY

AB 734 would have damaged Wisconsin's lakes and rivers by making decisions about dredging, construction, or enlargement of waterbodies a political decision rather than one based on science. AB 734 would set an exemption to the existing permit process for these activities based on arbitrary measurements and an incomplete look at impacts to the lake or river.

The pro-conservation vote is no.

Status:

- Passed Assembly.
- This bill was never taken up by the Senate.



AB 778 HUMAN HEALTH

AB 778 would allow polluting corporations that make dangerous toxic products like lead paint, which has poisoned thousands of children, to escape legal responsibility for the harm done by their products.

The pro-conservation vote is no.

Status:

- Passed Assembly.
- See SB 402 for complete history.

AB 850 HABITAT

Improperly sized or sited piers can damage fish and other aquatic wildlife habitat. Rules are needed to protect the constitutionally-protected rights of the public to enjoy lakes and rivers. A public process developing rules for piers was underway for months. AB 850 attempted to pre-empt those rules and allow egregious piers that harm adjacent property owners and damage wildlife habitat.

The pro-conservation vote is no.

Status:

- Passed Assembly.
- Vetoes by Governor Doyle.
- **AB 850 (with compromise amendment):** Multiple stakeholders worked together to craft a compromise amendment to AB 850 that provided a small appropriation to help fund implementation of the bill and gave guidelines to minimize environmental impacts. Because the bill was changed to include the compromise amendment, *the pro-conservation vote is yes.*

Tracking:

- Passed Senate.
- This compromise amendment was later removed by the Assembly.

AB 1012 STEWARDSHIP

AB 1012 allows the DNR to use up to \$2 million per year of Stewardship funds to purchase natural area-quality government lands to give them a higher level of protection, which will help to prevent land fragmentation.

The pro-conservation vote is yes.

Status:

- Passed Senate.
- Passed Assembly on voice vote.*
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle.

All AB 100 descriptions are part of the 2005-2006 State Budget.

BUDGET: LAND USE

AB 100, Paper 102, Motion 442

Wisconsin's Smart Growth Law is a tool for local governments to eliminate poorly planned development that wastes taxpayer dollars and damages natural resources. Motion 442 proposed cutting the modest funding for the program and removing the program entirely.

The pro-conservation vote is no.

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Governor Doyle vetoed the elimination of the program and restored funding.

BUDGET: STEWARDSHIP

AB 100, Paper 165, Motion 502

Wisconsin's Stewardship Fund has helped to protect more than 400,000 acres of Wisconsin's most pristine and ecologically important lands and waters. Motion 502 would have undermined the Stewardship Fund by using the Fund to buy land that the state already owns.

The pro-conservation vote is no.

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Vetoes by Governor Doyle.

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BUDGET: STEWARDSHIP **AB 100, Paper 506; Alternative 1**

Wisconsin's Stewardship Fund has helped to protect more than 400,000 acres of Wisconsin's most pristine and ecologically important lands and waters. Alternative 1 would have granted the Joint Finance Committee the right to review most potential Stewardship Fund purchases. Since adequate reviews already exist to ensure that land acquisitions are appropriate and reasonable, this Alternative would simply subject the Stewardship Fund to the political agenda of the members of the JFC.

The pro-conservation vote is no.

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Vetoed by Governor Doyle.

BUDGET: FORESTS **AB 100, Paper 530, Alternative 2**

Forested land covers 16 million acres of Wisconsin. One of the important ways staff in the DNR's Forestry Division work to meet the needs of the state's forests is by working with private land owners to preserve the long-term sustainability of forests and the economic and ecological values they provide. Governor Doyle proposed cutting 40.75 forestry positions. Alternative 2 restored 34.75 of the 40.75 positions that focused on working with private landowners.

The pro-conservation vote is yes.

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle as part of AB 100.

BUDGET: WATER QUALITY **AB 100, Paper 553, Alt 3 a, c, e, h**

Polluted runoff contaminates 90% of our lakes, 40% of our streams, our Great Lakes coastal waters, and much of our groundwater. In 2002, the Wisconsin legislature passed the toughest rules in the country for reducing polluted runoff. However, since the rules were implemented, funding to reduce polluted runoff and run other water protection programs has decreased. This Alternative would have provided the absolute minimum needed to begin implementing the polluted runoff rules.

The pro-conservation vote is yes.

Status:

- Rejected by Joint Finance Committee. Instead, JFC adopted Motion 572, resulting in \$6.7 million less for polluted runoff programs. Motion 572 was signed into law as part of AB 100.



BUDGET: WATER QUALITY **AB 100, Paper 554, Alternative 2**

Stormwater runoff from construction activities can have a significant impact on water quality. Staff of the DNR's stormwater management program issue discharge permits, inspect industrial sites, and follow through on violations. Alternative 2 restored 9 of the 10.5 positions cut in Governor Doyle's proposed budget.

The pro-conservation vote is yes.

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle as part of AB 100.

BUDGET: WATER **AB 100, Paper 555, Alternative 3a**

DNR staff are responsible for implementing the 2003 Groundwater Protection Act and ensuring safe drinking water for Wisconsinites by overseeing public and private water systems. Alternative 3a provides additional funding and staff positions to protect groundwater and drinking water.

The pro-conservation vote is yes.

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle as part of AB 100.

BUDGET: HUNTING **AB 100, Motion 177**

Hunting and fishing license fees are essential to retaining Wisconsin's high-quality sporting opportunities. More than 200 organizations and businesses supported a \$3 increase in fishing fees and a \$12 increase in hunting fees. While Motion 177 gave the full increase to the fishing license, it only raised the deer hunting license by \$4. Motion 177 also raided the wildlife stamp funds which are intended for direct habitat restoration.

The pro-conservation vote is no.

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- The Joint Finance Committee attempted to change this action later in the budget process. (See Motion 938).

BUDGET: SOLID WASTE **AB 100, Motion 286, Items 4, 5 a, b, c, d, e, and 6**

This motion would have increased the need for more polluting landfills by decreasing already low landfill tipping fees, undercutting the money needed to assist local governments' recycling programs and excluding high-volume industrial waste from tipping fees.

The pro-conservation vote is no.

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Governor Doyle's veto restored the tipping fee.

BUDGET: ENFORCEMENT **AB 100, Motion 934**

Wisconsin ranks last in the nation in terms of number of wardens per 1,000 hunters and anglers. Wardens enforce all environmental laws, catching poachers and illegal polluters, responding to hazardous spills, and running public education programs. Although the Joint Finance Committee originally cut the state's five lead warden positions, Motion 934 restored those five positions.

The pro-conservation vote is yes.

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle as part of AB 100.

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BUDGET: HUMAN HEALTH AB 100, Motion 938

In an effort to fix a much-criticized raid of the wildlife stamp funds, the Joint Finance Committee attempted to reverse their decision by instead raiding the recycling and environmental management accounts. This 'fix' creates additional environmental impacts by reducing funds used to clean up toxic spills, protect drinking water and reduce the need for polluting landfills. *The pro-conservation vote is no.*

Status:

- Passed Joint Finance Committee.
- Signed into law by Governor Doyle as part of AB 100.

BUDGET: WATER QUALITY AB 100, AA22 to ASA1

See AB 100, Paper 553, Alt 3 a, c, e, h for the amendment description. The motion was to not consider the Amendment. *The pro-conservation vote is no.*

Status:

- The Assembly voted to not consider the amendment.

BUDGET: LAND USE AB 100, AA24 to ASA1

Wisconsin's Smart Growth Planning law addresses concerns about thoughtless, poorly planned development that is unsightly and is an inefficient, wasteful use of our natural resources and taxpayer dollars. The Joint Finance Committee cut the modest funding for the program and removed the program entirely. AA24 attempted to both reinstate the program and restore funding. The motion was to not consider the Amendment. *The pro-conservation vote is no.*

Status:

- The Assembly voted to not consider the amendment.
- Governor Doyle vetoed the elimination of the program and restored funding.

BUDGET: STEWARDSHIP AB 100, AA39 to ASA1

AA39 would have reversed actions by the Joint Finance Committee that forced the Stewardship Fund to be used to buy land the state already owns and forced most land purchases to be subject to political review. The motion was to not consider the Amendment. *The pro-conservation vote is no.*

Status:

- The Assembly voted to not consider the amendment.
- Governor Doyle's veto eliminated political review of the Stewardship Fund.

BUDGET: ENFORCEMENT AB 100, AA45 to ASA1

From 1967 to 1995, the Office of the Public Intervenor existed to ensure government accountability in matters of environmental protection. The Public Intervenor helped thousands of citizens utilize state and local laws to protect their communities from environmental degradation. AA45 attempted to reinstate this position. The motion was to not consider the Amendment. *The pro-conservation vote is no.*

Status:

- The Assembly voted to not consider the amendment.

BUDGET: ENFORCEMENT AB 100, SA6

AB 100, SA6 is the same as AB 100, AA 45 to ASA1. See bill description above. The motion was to not consider the Amendment. *The pro-conservation vote is no.*

Status:

- The Senate voted to not consider the amendment.

BUDGET: MERCURY AB 100, SA11

Mercury is a potent neurotoxin and puts approximately 630,000 of the four million babies born in the U.S. each year at risk of learning disabilities and developmental delays. Mercury exists in such large amounts in Wisconsin waters that the state has an advisory for pregnant women and young children to limit fish consumption from all Wisconsin lakes. SA11 would have forbidden Wisconsin from weakening the state mercury emission

standard to make it consistent with a weaker federal emission standard that allows more mercury into the air and water. The motion was to not consider the Amendment. *The pro-conservation vote is no.*

Status:

- The Senate voted to not consider the amendment.

AJR 77 TABOR

The tax restrictions recommended by TABOR would mean that state services would not be able to catch up or keep pace with real economic growth. The resulting shrinking of state and local services would create a host of negative consequences for natural resources. State park access is just one example of such consequences. To overcome budget shortfalls in Colorado (where TABOR has been in place for some time), the Division of Parks is seriously considering increasing fees, charging for trail brochures and guides, and installing video arcades at some popular state parks. This is not the future that Wisconsin park users envision for their prized state parks. Just a few of the other natural resource implications of AJR 77 include the loss of fisheries, wardens, and county staff that work to maintain the quality of Wisconsin's lakes, forests, and other special places.

The pro-conservation vote is no.

Status:

- Passed Assembly.

SJR 63 TABOR

SJR 63 was a companion bill to AJR 77. See AJR 77 above for bill description. *The pro-conservation vote is no.*

Status:

- Failed Senate.



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WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

Representative	District	Score	SB 1 Special Motion	SB 459	SB 551	AB 71	AB 277	AB 278	AB 437
			Democracy	Energy	Wetlands	Habitat	Air Quality	Enforcement	Land Use
Ainsworth, John	6	0%	-	•	-	•	-	-	-
Albers, Sheryl	50	19%	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
Ballweg, Joan	41	13%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Benedict, Chuck	45	94%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Berceau, Terese	76	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	•
Bies, Garey	1	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	•
Black, Spencer	77	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Boyle, Frank	73	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Colón, Pedro	8	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cullen, David	13	88%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Davis, Brett	80	18%	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
Fields, Jason	11	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Fitzgerald, Jeff	39	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Freese, Stephen	51	12%	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Friske, Donald	35	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Gard, John	89	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Gielow, Curt	23	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	•
Gottlieb, Mark	60	12%	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
Grigsby, Tamara	18	88%	+	•	+	+	+	+	+
Gronemus, Barbara	91	53%	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Gunderson, Scott	83	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Gundrum, Mark	84	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Hahn, Eugene	47	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Hebl, Gary	46	100%	+	•	+	+	+	+	+
Hines, J.A.	42	12%	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
Honadel, Mark	21	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Hubler, Mary	75	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Huebsch, Michael	94	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Hundertmark, Jean	40	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Jensen, Scott	98	0%	X	•	X	-	-	-	-
Jeskewitz, Suzanne	24	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Kaufert, Dean	55	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Kerkman, Samantha	66	12%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Kessler, Frederick	12	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Kestell, Steve	27	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Kleefisch, Joel	38	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Krawczyk, Judy	88	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Kreibich, Robin	93	19%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Kreuser, James	64	82%	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Krusick, Peggy	7	82%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Lamb, Andy	29	7%	•	+	•	-	-	-	-
Lasee, Frank	2	12%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Lehman, John	62	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
LeMahieu, Daniel	59	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Loeffelholz, Gabe	49	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Lothian, Thomas	32	18%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
McCormick, Terri	56	18%	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
Meyer, Dan	34	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Molepske, Jr., Louis	71	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Montgomery, Phil	4	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-

• = 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.

X = Legislator was not in office at the time of the vote. The score is derived from the number of votes made when the legislator was present.

WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

AB 441	AB 675	AB 734	AB 778	AB 850	AB 100, AA22 to ASA1	AB 100, AA24 to ASA1	AB 100, AA39 to ASA1	AB 100, AA45 to ASA1	AJR 77
Energy	Land Use	Water Quality	Human Health	Habitat	Water Quality	Land Use	Stewardship	Enforcement	TABOR
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WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

Representative	District	Score	SB 1 Special Motion	SB 459	SB 551	AB 71	AB 277	AB 278	AB 437
			Democracy	Energy	Wetlands	Habitat	Air Quality	Enforcement	Land Use
Moulton, Terry	68	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Mursau, Jeffrey	36	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Musser, Terry	92	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Nass, Stephen	31	18%	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
Nelson, Tom	5	82%	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Nerison, Lee	96	12%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Newcomer, Scott	33	14%	-	+	-	-	X	X	X
Nischke, Ann	97	0%	-	•	-	•	-	-	-
Ott, Alvin	3	29%	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
Owens, Carol	53	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Parisi, Joseph	48	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Petrowski, Jerry	86	24%	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Pettis, Mark	28	12%	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
Pocan, Mark	78	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pope-Roberts, Sondy	79	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pridemore, Don	99	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Rhoades, Kitty	30	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Richards, Jon	19	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Schneider, Marlin	72	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Seidel, Donna	85	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sheridan, Michael	44	100%	•	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sherman, Gary	74	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Shilling, Jennifer	95	82%	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Sinicki, Christine	20	91%	+	+	+	+	•	•	+
Staskunas, Anthony	15	76%	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Steinbrink, John	65	82%	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Stone, Jeff	82	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Strachota, Pat	58	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Suder, Scott	69	18%	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Toles, Barbara	17	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Towns, Debi	43	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Townsend, John	52	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Travis, David	81	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Turner, Robert	61	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Underheim, Gregg	54	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Van Akkeren, Terry	26	88%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Van Roy, Karl	90	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Vos, Robin	63	12%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Vrakas, Daniel	33	0%	X	X	X	X	-	-	-
Vruwink, Amy Sue	70	81%	+	+	+	•	-	+	+
Vukmir, Leah	14	12%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Ward, David	37	12%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Wasserman, Sheldon	22	88%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Wieckert, Steve	57	6%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Williams, Annette	10	92%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Williams, Mary	87	19%	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Wood, Jeffrey	67	12%	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Young, Leon	16	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Zepnick, Josh	9	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Ziegelbauer, Bob	25	59%	+	+	-	-	-	+	+

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WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

AB 441	AB 675	AB 734	AB 778	AB 850	AB 100, AA22 to ASA1	AB 100, AA24 to ASA1	AB 100, AA39 to ASA1	AB 100, AA45 to ASA1	AJR 77
Energy	Land Use	Water Quality	Human Health	Habitat	Water Quality	Land Use	Stewardship	Enforcement	TABOR
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WISCONSIN STATE SENATORS

Senator	District	Score	SB 1	SB 402	SB 425	SB 459	SB 467	SB 551	AB 26	AB 277
			Democracy	Human Health	Enforcement	Energy	Water Quality	Wetlands	Wildlife	Air Quality
Breske, Roger	12	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Brown, Ron	31	44%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-
Carpenter, Tim	3	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Coggs, Spencer	6	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cowles, Robert	2	50%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-
Darling, Alberta	8	39%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-
Decker, Russell	29	83%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Ellis, Michael	19	50%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-
Erpenbach, Jon	27	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Fitzgerald, Scott	13	39%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-
Grothman, Glenn	20	24%	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Hansen, Dave	30	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Harsdorf, Sheila	10	50%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-
Jauch, Robert	25	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kanavas, Theodore	33	39%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-
Kapanke, Daniel	32	50%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-
Kedzie, Neal	11	44%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-
Lasee, Alan	1	39%	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-
Lassa, Julie	24	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lazich, Mary	28	28%	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Leibham, Joseph	9	41%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-
Miller, Mark	16	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Olsen, Luther	14	50%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-
Plale, Jeffrey	7	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Reynolds, Tom	5	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Risser, Fred	26	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Robson, Judith	15	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Roessler, Carol	18	50%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-
Schultz, Dale	17	39%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-
Stepp, Cathy	21	44%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-
Taylor, Lena	4	83%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wirch, Robert	22	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Zien, David	23	39%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-

JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Name	District	SB 1	AB 26	AB 718	P102 M442	P165 M502	P506 A1	P530 A2	P553 M572
		Democracy	Wildlife	Gun Clubs	Land Use	Stewardship	Stewardship	Forests	Water Quality
Cowles, Robert	2	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Darling, Alberta	8	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Decker, Russell	29	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Fitzgerald, Scott	13	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Lazich, Mary	28	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Leibham, Joseph	9	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-
Olsen, Luther	14	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
Taylor, Lena	4	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Colón, Pedro	8	-	•	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jensen, Scott	98	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Kaufert, Dean	55	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Meyer, Dan	34	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Pocan, Mark	78	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rhoades, Kitty	30	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Stone, Jeff	82	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Ward, David	37	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-

WISCONSIN STATE SENATORS

AB 299	AB 437	AB 441	AB 675	AB 718	AB 850 w/compromise	AB 1012	AB 100, SA6	AB 100, SA11	SJR 63
Water Quality	Land Use	Energy	Land Use	Gun Clubs	Habitat	Stewardship	Enforcement	Mercury	TABOR
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JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE

P554 A2	P555 A3a	M177	M286	M934	M938
Water Quality	Water	Hunting	Solid Waste	Enforcement	Human Health
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Conservation Honor Roll

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

Senator Rob Cowles and Representative Phil Montgomery

It wasn't an easy task, but these two legislators got it done. Together, they helped write and pass the legislature's greatest conservation success of the session, the Clean Energy Bill. Senator Cowles and Representative Montgomery were responsible for making the Clean Energy Bill (SB 459) a reality by garnering wide-ranging support—from the electrical utilities to conservationists to every state legislator, except one (see Dishonor Roll).

Senator Neal Kedzie

Senator Kedzie has worked for several sessions to protect Wisconsin's groundwater. This session, Senator Kedzie set out to improve drinking water protections by sponsoring SB 467, a bill that ensures well drillers are properly supervised and simplifies the enforcement process for violations. This effort to improve water *quality* follows Senator Kedzie's success last session in beginning to protect Wisconsin's groundwater *quantity*.

Representatives Black, Boyle, Hebl, Lehman, Molepske, Parisi, Schneider, and Sherman,

The Dirty Air Bill (AB 277) stands out as this session's shining example of bad conservation policy and even worse democratic process. Supporters of the Dirty Air Bill broke every rule in the book by fast-tracking AB 277 through the legislative process and bypassing opportunities for citizen input. Representatives Black, Boyle, Hebl, Lehman, Molepske, Parisi, Schneider, and Sherman stood up for good democracy and clean air by participating in a two-hour filibuster against AB 277 on the Assembly floor.

Conservation Dishonor Roll

The Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters also understands that there are times where 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.

Senators Zien, Lasee, and Stepp

In late 2005, a special committee was formed to evaluate the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Committee members, Senators Zien, Lasee, and Stepp, were insistent that they would accept only negative public input about the DNR at public hearings and by internet. Even worse, the legislators were belittling to those citizens who attempted to speak at public hearings about how the DNR had improved Wisconsin's air and water quality. The group went on to draft bills based on this hearsay, including a bill to grant exemptions to existing laws to a single property owner (SB 551).

Representative John Gard

As Speaker of the Assembly, Representative John Gard wields great power—from deciding what bills can receive a vote to encouraging other members of his caucus to follow his lead on policy. Unfortunately, Representative Gard did not choose to use his power for conservation good this session. Instead, he co-sponsored 50% of the anti-conservation Assembly bills on this year's *Conservation Scorecard*. And, he was instrumental in making sure citizen input was not heard on the Dirty Air Bill (AB 277), and that the compromise amendment was removed from the pier legislation (AB 850).

Representative Mary Williams

Wisconsin's Smart Growth law allows for grants to communities that want to plan the future of the places where they live, work, and play. Unfortunately, Representative Mary Williams has something against planning. Once again this session, she introduced a proposal to repeal the Smart Growth Planning law (AB 645). Fortunately, the idea still didn't gain any traction.

Senator Tom Reynolds

Out of 132 state legislators, Senator Tom Reynolds cast the only vote against the Clean Energy Bill (SB 459). Enough said.

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Bill Number

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Pro-conservation vote

Anti-conservation vote

WISCONSIN STATE

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			Democracy	Human Health	Enforcement
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