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Friends,

This legislative session was another tough one. Terrible legislation was introduced that would fundamentally alter or eliminate protections for our air, water, land and wildlife and although much of it failed, too much of it did not. Disregard for the environment is alarming among our state leaders, but this year the environmentally irresponsible crowd at the legislature doubled down, introducing a number of bills using the environment as a political football. While we understand that sometimes lawmakers write bills whose desired effect is other than the explicit effect of the bill, our environment is too important to play games with.

The 2012 legislative session was also rife with scandal with two legislators resigning amid accusations of domestic violence, one legislator stepping down following a tax evasion plea and a fourth legislator currently facing bribery and corruption charges. When you add that to the handful of legislators who have resigned to run for Congress, and new legislative district maps, next year's legislature will be very different. That's not necessarily a bad thing. Changes in favor of protecting our natural resources would be welcome.

This year was not totally without bright spots though, overall environmental scores were up from an all-time low in 2011, this year also felt slightly less partisan than recent years. There were fewer party-line votes and even a few pieces of positive legislation involving state trust lands, parks and renewable energy made it through the legislature (although the parks legislation was vetoed by the Governor). We hope that this is the beginning of a trend towards moderation and reason that will continue for the foreseeable future.

The easy take-away from this session is that we desperately need a legislature that is more responsive to constituents, the vast majority of whom want a healthy Arizona that protects our natural treasures as we continue to move into a 21st century. `

With all the talk these days about politicians beholden to interest groups, corporate influences and campaign donors, it is important to remember that ultimately the legislature is accountable to only one interest group, the voters.

I hope you join me in November by supporting candidates who support clean air, clean water, renewable energy and habitat in our beautiful state.

Sincerely,

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Steven C Arnquist Executive Director

Our Mission

The Arizona League of Conservation Voters (AZLCV) is a non-partisan organization working to mobilize voters, endorse and elect leaders, advocate on behalf of conservation measures, hold elected officials accountable and ensure a sustainable and high quality of life for all Arizonans.

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100% Honor Roll

House of Representatives

Lela Alston (D-15) — 100% Ben Arredondo (D-17) — 100% Chad Campbell (D-14) — 100% Tom Chabin (D-2) — 100% Steve Farley (D-28) — 100% Nicholas Fontana (I-29) — 100% Ruben Gallego (D-16) — 100%
Sally Ann Gonzales (D-27) — 100%
Katie Hobbs (D-15) — 100%
Debbie McCune Davis (D-14) — 100%
Martin Quezada (D-13) — 100%
Macario Saldate IV (D-27) — 100%

Top Scoring Districts:

LD 14 — 98% Represented by Senator Robert Meza,
Representative Chad Campbell, & Representative Debbie McCune Davis;
LD 15 — 98% Represented by Senator David Lujan
Representative Lela Alston, & Representative Katie Hobbs;
LD 27 — 98% Represented by Senator Olivia Cajero Bedford,
Representative Sally Ann Gonzales, & Representative Macario Saldate, IV

Top Scorers



House Democrats

Eric Meyer (D-11) — 95% Catherine Miranda (D-16) — 94% Anna Tovar (D-13) — 92%

Senate Democrats

Paula Aboud (D-28) — 95%
Olivia Cajero Bedford (D-27) — 95%
Jack Jackson Jr. (D-2) — 95%
Leah Landrum Taylor (D-16) — 95%
Linda Lopez (D-29) — 95%
David Lujan (D-15) — 95%
Robert Meza (D-14) — 95%
David Schapira (D-17) — 95%
Steve Gallardo (D-13) — 94%

House Republicans

Amanda Reeve (R-6) — 75%
Bob Robson (R-20) — 50%
Jim Weiers (R-10) — 50%
Heather Carter (R-7) — 49%
Jerry Weiers (R-12) — 47%
Cecil Ash (R-18) — 45%
Kate Brophy McGee (R-11) — 40%
Michele Ugenti (R-8) — 40%

Senate Republicans

John Nelson (R-12) — 46% John McComish (R-20) — 45% Adam Driggs (R-11) — 44% Rich Crandall (R-19) — 44% Jerry Lewis (R-18) — 42% Steve Yarbrough (R-21) — 41%



Bottom Scorers

House of Representatives

Debbie Lesko (R-9) — 12%
David Stevens (R-25) — 20%
Eddie Farnsworth (R-22) — 22%
John Kavanagh (R-8) — 22%
Steve Montenegro (R-12) — 22%
Justin Olson (R-19) — 22%
David Burnell Smith (R-7) — 22%

Senate

Ron Gould (R-3) — 4% Sylvia Allen (R-5) — 12% Frank Antenori (R-30) — 13% Gail Griffin (R-25) — 13% Judy Burges (R-4) — 16% Lori Klein (R-6) — 16%

Actions Used for Scoring

Each legislator's score is based on his or her total pro-conservation votes over the course of the session. Measures are weighed according to their importance, and no credit is given for missing votes. However, members are not penalized for excused absences (as recorded on the official attendance sheet for each chamber on the day of the vote). In all cases, the scores are based on the final vote each measure receives in either chamber.



The League gives "extra credit" to legislators who sponsor positive legislation (prime-prime sponsors only). For each good measure introduced, the legislator receives an extra percentage point added to his or her final score. For measures that actually become law, two percentage points are added. On the other hand, those who sponsor anti-conservation or anti-public-participation legislation have one percentage point deducted from their final score for each measure introduced and two points deducted if the measure becomes law. Final scores are capped at 0 and 100 percent.

HB 2199 NOW: Environmental audit privilege

(Burges, Crandell, Fann, et al.) Also known as the Polluter Protection Act, this bill protects businesses that discover they are violating environmental regulations as long as they report their violations to the government. Supporters say this bill would give businesses a chance, or "privilege", to clean up their pollution before the government gets involved. The glaring problem with this legislation is that it allows businesses to keep their environmental audit reports hidden from the public and limits what information can be used in civil lawsuits. The privilege does not apply to information already required to be reported under existing environmental laws. The public does not benefit from this "privilege" nor do businesses. A company can hide what pollution it's producing and cut corners allowing harm and damage to the public and to our natural resources, while honest businesses get pushed out of the way by the more nefarious companies who don't play by the rules.

A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 7

Passed Senate 20-9-1: April 3, 2012

Passed House 39-15-6: April 9, 2012

Signed into law by Governor: April 12, 2012

HB 2362 State parks revenue fund

(Fann, Brophy McGee, Campbell, et al.) When Rep. Karen Fann (R-Prescott) introduced this bill, we were thrilled that a State Parks funding bill had a chance of moving through the legislature with bipartisan support. We were even more excited as it sailed through the House and Senate nearly unopposed. Finally, we thought State Parks funding would be protected from the infamous fund sweeps the legislature is often quick to deploy. After years of defunding our State Parks, our legislators were finally attempting to do something beneficial for these special places. Alas, Governor Brewer shattered hopes of protecting parks funding by vetoing the bill citing "weak language".

A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 10

Passed House 50-5-5: March 1, 2012

Passed Senate 28-0-2: March 26, 2012

Vetoed by Governor: March 29, 2012

HB 2416 NOW: Water and wastewater; denial prohibited

(Stevens) This bill pertained to the Painted Hills area west of Tucson and tried to force the city of Tucson to provide water to this 287-acre proposed development. This development would remove roughly 900 saguaros and destroy wildlife habitat in this pristine desert area. Pima County voters have voted this development down twice before opting to keep it preserved for open space. The legislature should not be interfering with local politics. This is an example of hypocrisy at its finest; the legislature wants to control local politics while demanding the federal government butt out of state politics.

A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 6

Passed House 32-26-2: March 7, 2012

Held in Senate

HB 2639 Game and fish omnibus act

(J.P. Weiers, Gowan, Stevens) This bill authorizes the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to solicit and accept grants or donations and to sell goods or services. It also expands the list of violations that disqualify a person from acquiring a hunting license for up to five years to include waste of edible portions of specified meat. This bill outlines many other items pertaining to the operations of the Game and Fish Commission but most importantly, this bill allows more opportunities for the commission to obtain funding and penalizes irresponsible hunting practices.

A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 4

Passed Senate 24-5-1: April 5, 2012

Passed House 50-0-10: April 12, 2012

Signed into law by Governor: April 17, 2012

HB 2789 Corporation commission rules; legislative approval

(Lesko, Harper, Kavanagh, et al.) Our legislature has touted its pro-business stance over and over, but when it comes to protecting solar industry in Arizona, many legislators want to cover their ears and close their eyes. HB 2789 had the whole Arizona solar community extremely frustrated and created much deserved backlash from many groups. This bill was an attempt to usurp the Arizona Corporation Commission's (ACC's) constitutionally given power by putting a cap on the Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff (REST) and prohibiting the ACC from increasing it. This would have also given the legislature final say over ACC decisions. This is clearly unconstitutional and has died for the year, but we may see another version of this bill in the future.

A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 9

Passed House 31-27-2: March 5, 2012

Held in Senate

HB 2798 Air quality; dust plan; reports

(Reeve) This legislation was drafted by the highest scoring Republican in the legislature that we have seen in a number of years (Amanda Reeve who scored an impressive 75%). This bill requires the ADEQ and the DOT to submit annual reports of various dust and pollution polluting activities including, off-highway vehicle use, leaf-blower usage, street sweeper usage and various other activities.

A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 5

Passed House 44-12-4: February 23, 2012

Passed Senate 18-11-1: April 19, 2012

Signed into law by Governor: May 7, 2012

HCR 2004 State sovereignty

(Crandell, Barton) This is the Arizona legislature living up to the hype that it is "crazy". HCR 2004 will refer to November's ballot a measure to ask the voters whether to amend the state Constitution to declare Arizona's "sovereign and exclusive authority and jurisdiction over the air, water, public lands, minerals, wildlife and other natural resources within its boundaries" (Proposition 120). This bill is bad for Arizona and our nation for two main reasons; without the federal government Arizona simply does not have the resources to responsibly manage federal lands or to enforce the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act or the Endangered Species Act, also this is a clearly unconstitutional measure that directly contradicts the agreement made upon statehood. We hope voters will see through this and vote NO on Proposition 120.

A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 10

Passed Senate 16-14: April 30, 2012

Passed House 38-20-2: May 2, 2012

Transmitted to the Secretary of State for placement on the 2012 general election ballot

Actions Used for Scoring continued

SB 1001 Military preservation; land exchanges

(Nelson, Landrum Taylor, S. Pierce, et al.) This bill authorizes the exchange of state trust land to assist in preserving military facilities by preserving the land surrounding military facilities. This bill is conditionally enacted pending voter approval of its partner legislation SCR 1001. This bill is beneficial and important for the preservation of the land surrounding Fort Huachuca, which includes the upper San Pedro River. Not only would this land be protected from development, but the process has high transparency and accountability as it requires two independent appraisals, an analysis, full disclosure of land to be exchanged, and two public hearings. Environmentalists, residents of Sierra Vista, and the Fort Huachuca military base would all benefit from this legislation if passed.

SB 1118 NOW: Forest, historical and preservation funds

(Yarbrough, McComish) It seems like the legislature has been trying everything to sweep the Land Conservation Fund (LCF). After the first version of this bill died in the House earlier in the year, a strike everything amendment was added to SB 1118 in hopes of finally getting the funds from the LCF. In 2010, voters spoke loudly to the legislature telling them to keep their hand off the fund by voting down the LCF fund sweep 74%-26%. Clearly, the large majority of voters believe that the LCF should be used for its intended purpose, which voters initially voted to establish in 1998 as part of the Growing Smarter Initiative. Maybe the majority of the legislature finally realized that sweeping the Land Conservation Fund is unconstitutional since SB 1118 went down in flames in the House. The LCF should be used for acquisition of land for conservation and our legislature should not circumvent the will of the voters in an attempt to shift the money for other priorities determined by a select group of legislators.

SB 1229 Tax exemption; residential solar electricity

(Griffin) Arizona provides a sales tax exemption for the retail of solar energy devices, and this bill extends the exemption to the sale of renewable energy credits (RECs). RECs produced by a solar energy generator are sold back to the utility company to assist the company in complying with Arizona's renewable energy standard. SB 1229 clarifies that sales tax should not be applied to the sale of RECs.



A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 3

Passed House 58-0-2: April 10, 2012

Passed Senate 25-4-1: April 12, 2012

Signed into law by Governor: April 17, 2012

A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 9

Defeated in House 18-40-2: March 28, 2012

Held in House

A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 4

Passed House 57-0-3: March 28, 2012

Passed Senate 29-0-1: April 5, 2012

Signed into law by Governor: April 10, 2012

SB 1236 NOW: Surface water management; pilot project

(Griffin, Gould) This bill makes instream flow applications significantly more difficult to file. Instream flow rights are a tricky and an increasingly important issue in the desert southwest, and they are intended to serve as a tool which an entity can preserve water for the beneficial use of fish and wildlife. This bill places a hurdle in the way of preserving water for habitat by increasing the streamflow measurement data an applicant must present from 1 to 5 years. Any new applicants and pending applicants will have a difficult time attaining instream flow rights with such a rigid requirement. Although the title of the bill says nothing about instream flow rights, this portion of the bill is arguably the most detrimental. The pilot project portion of the bill establishes a pilot program to demonstrate water harvesting techniques, practices and technology and seems to be a smokescreen for the much larger issue of instream flow rights.

A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 6

Passed House 38-16-6: April 9, 2012

Passed Senate 20-10: April 12, 2012

Signed into law by Governor: April 17, 2012

SB 1237 Wildfire; notice of violation; pollutants

(Griffin, Allen, Shooter) This bill is unnecessary and irresponsible, but is not surprising given the makeup if this year's legislature. SB 1237 gives the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality authority to issue a notice of violation to any federal agency as the potentially responsible party for the discharge of pollutants as a result of a catastrophic wildfire. Not only is this unnecessary, but it is hypocritical. This is the same legislature that wanted to pass the "Freedom to Breathe" act last year which would loosen EPA air quality standards and open the door for polluters to emit harmful greenhouse gases. Are we surprised by the waste of time and hypocrisy exhibited in this bill? Unfortunately, we are not.

A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 5

Passed Senate 20-9-1: February 14, 2012

Passed House 40-19-1: April 5, 2012

Signed into law by Governor: April 11, 2012

SB 1287 Aquifer protection permits; waste

(Griffin) We can add this bill to the various exemptions on the books for mines in Arizona. SB 1287 expands the list of items which are exempt from aquifer protection permit requirements. Water is precious in Arizona and scaling back the protection we have in place for water is reckless. We cannot afford to contaminate our most precious resource. This bill stipulates that waste rock piles are no longer considered a discharge facility and are therefore exempt from acquiring a permit. It also exempts discharge caused by a storm, waste tires and slag. Exempt from the definition of waste rock includes tailings and slag, leachate, and copper concentrate.

A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 5

Passed Senate 21-5-4: February 20, 2012

Passed House 40-18-2: April 3, 2012

Signed into law by Governor: April 10, 2012

SB 1332 NOW: Federal lands; conveyance & taxation

(Melvin, Allen, Griffin, et al.) This bill would have demanded that the U.S. extinguish the title to all public lands within Arizona and transfer the title to the state by December 31, 2014 or start paying property taxes. The legislature and the Governor are concerned with the "mismanagement" of these lands by the federal government, but it seems clear that the state would be no better at managing these lands given the tremendous cost it would put on the state which was recognized in Jan Brewer's veto message of this bill.

A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 8

Passed House 35-15-10: April 23, 2012

Passed Senate 19-9-2: April 25, 2012

Vetoed by Governor: May 14, 2012

Actions Used for Scoring continued

SB 1333 Evaluation; response; federal law

(Melvin, Allen, Griffin, et al.) Like SB 1332, this bill was sponsored by Sen. Al Melvin (R-Tucson) and was another example of our legislature's disdain for the federal government. SB 1333 establishes a nine-member Evaluation of Federal Law Advisory Council to evaluate the constitutionality of federal law and policy. This Council would report on the cost and likelihood of challenging the federal government in court. It would also establish a Constitutional Defense Fund to be administered by the Council. It seems that all of the dollars spent on taking the federal government to court could be better spent for other gaps in the Arizona budget.

A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 3

Passed Senate 19-9-2: March 8, 2012

Held in House

SB 1358 Neutralization; federal laws

(Klein, Burges) This bill would have established a 14-member joint legislative committee on neutralization of federal laws to recommend and propose legislation to "neutralize" in its entirety a specific federal law or regulation. We saw this bill last year, but they referred to it as "nullification" instead of "neutralization". All of these state sovereignty bills and resolutions attack the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Clean Water Act. We cannot afford LESS protection of our natural resources.

A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 6

Defeated in Senate 15-14-1: March 15, 2012

SB 1417 Mining operations; long-term storage credits

(Griffin, Stevens) This bill creates a loophole for water use by mining companies. It allows mining companies to gain long-term storage credit for the Central Arizona Project (CAP) water they store while still pumping groundwater in Active Management Areas. Arizona created Active Management Areas for a reason and if residents, cities and towns have to follow the rules, why not mines?

A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 5

Passed Senate 29-0-1: February 23, 2012

Passed House 37-19-4: April 19, 2012

Signed into law by Governor: May 9, 2012

SB 1507 NOW: United Nations Rio declaration; prohibition

(Burges) This bill stated that no government entity in Arizona could adopt or implement any of the tenets or principles relating to the U.N. Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and the Statement of Principles for Sustainable Development. This declaration was adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992 and the goal was to establish guiding principles to achieve sustainability. There is nothing wrong with sustainability or helping the environment! This bill could have negatively affected sustainability programs at the state and local level.

A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 7

Passed Senate 21-9: March 1, 2012

Held in House

SCM 1004 Recycling spent nuclear fuel; management

(Melvin) This Senate Concurrent Memorial urges the U.S. Congress to establish a nuclear waste facility in Arizona. There is no way to "recycle" spent nuclear fuel as the title might suggest, and there are many problems with nuclear waste facilities and the containment of nuclear waste as it is. Supposedly Al Melvin believes this is an "economic opportunity" for Arizona, and although this is just a "postcard" to Congress that holds no legislative authority, it is still not a message we need to be sending.

A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 6

Passed Senate 21-9: February 16, 2012

Passed House 33-17-10: April 24, 2012

Transmitted to the Secretary of State

SCR 1001 Military preservation; land exchanges

(Nelson, Landrum Taylor, S. Pierce, et al.) The 2012 general election ballot will ask Arizonans to vote on whether to amend the state constitution to alter the governance of state trust land (Proposition 119). SCR 1001 would permit Arizona to exchange trust land for other public land of equal or greater value or to assist with the preservation of the state's military installations. The measure ensures state trust land cannot be exchanged for private land and that all future transactions are made in cooperation with federal agencies. In addition, all exchanges would be required to have two appraisals, an analysis, full disclosure of land to be exchanged, and two public hearings. If passed, this measure would ensure accountability and transparency for state trust land exchanges. This bill is beneficial to transparency and conservation and we hope that voters say YES to Proposition 119.

A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 3

Passed House 50-0-10: April 23, 2012

Passed Senate 17-11-2: April 25, 2012

Transmitted to the Secretary of State for placement on the 2012 general election ballot

SCR 1031 Statewide initiatives; periodic reauthorization

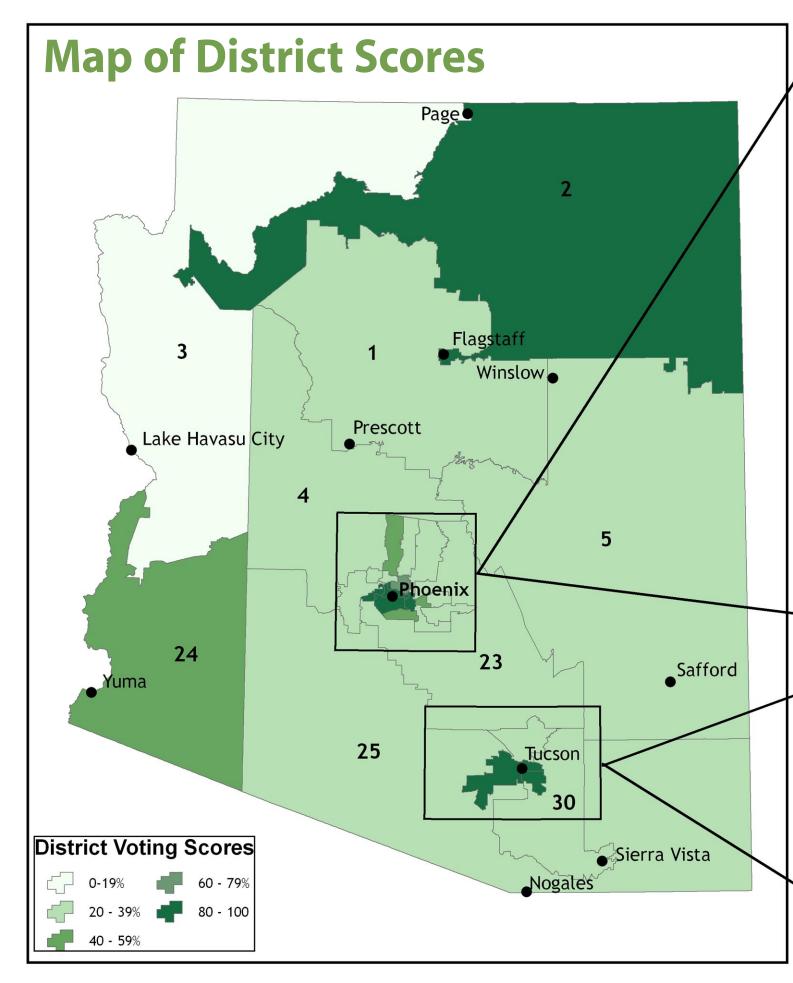
(Antenori, Driggs, Smith, et al.) This resolution, had it passed, would have asked voters to allow periodic reauthorization of statewide initiatives every 8 years if that initiative uses public money for its purpose, and it is retroactive to 1998. Essentially, the legislature does not like the fact that they cannot disregard the will of the voters and that citizen initiatives can only be negated by the same voters who approved them. This resolution would have required citizens to re-authorize initiatives that use public money every 8 years and would have undermined the will of the voters and our rights to enact statewide initiatives. It would have also resulted in confusing and congested ballots that would frustrate voters.

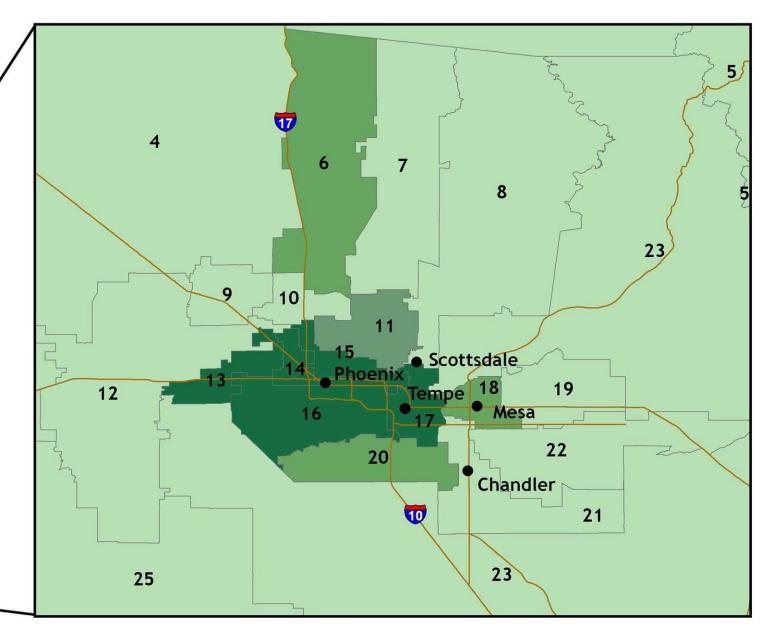
A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 6

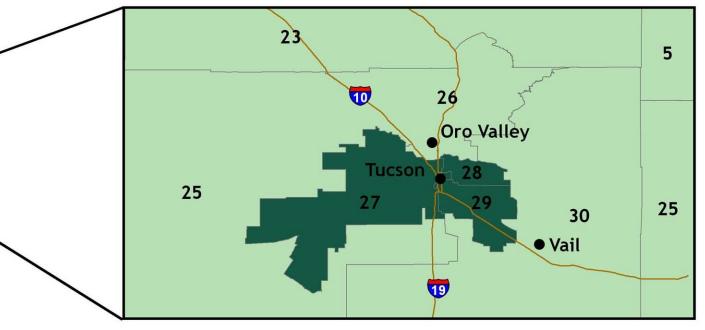
Passed Senate 21-9: February 28, 2012

Held in House









House voting tally

& COMMITTEE SCORES

House Average Score: 54%

Democrats: 93% — Republicans: 34%

The AZLCV scores are based on floor votes, and not votes taken in committee. However, it is important that we understand the makeup of the committees to which a majority of bills dealing with our natural environment are sent for consideration. Here are snapshots of three House committees that are especially important to conservation.

House Environment

Member	Party	District	Score
Amanda Reeve (chair)	R	6	75%
Frank Pratt (vice chair)	R	23	28%
Heather Carter	R	7	49%
Chester Crandell	R	5	26%
Karen Fann	R	1	34%
Ed Ableser	D	17	73%
Lela Alston	D	15	100%

Committee Average Score: 55%

House Energy & Natural Resources

Member	Party	District	Score
Frank Pratt (chair)	R	23	28%
Kate Brophy McGee (vice chai	ir) R	11	40%
Brenda Barton	R	5	28%
Karen Fann	R	1	34%
Peggy Judd	R	25	35%
Amanda Reeve	R	6	75%
Macario Saldate, IV	D	27	100%
Bruce Wheeler	D	28	86%

Committee Average Score: 53%

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Scorecard Key

✓ = Pro-environment vote

X = Anti-environment vote

NV = **Not voting** (counts against score)

EA = Excused absence

(does not count against score)

Scorecard Bills

A Green Vote is:

REPRESENTATIVE	W	eight:
Ableser	73 %	D
Alston	100%	D
Arredondo	100%	D
Ash	45%	R
Barton	28%	R
Brophy McGee	40%	R
Campbell	100%	D
Carter	49%	R
Chabin	100%	D
Court	36%	R
Crandell	26%	R
Dial	36%	R
Fann	34%	R
Farley	100%	D
Farnsworth	22%	R
Fillmore	37%	R
Fontana ¹	100%	1
Forese	33%	R
Gallego	100%	D
Gonzales	100%	D
Goodale	25%	R
Gowan	23%	R
Gray	27%	R
Hale	71%	D
Harper	38%	R
Heinz	84%	D
Hobbs	100%	D
Jones	35%	R
Judd	35%	R
Kavanagh	22%	R

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¹Rep. Nicholas Fontana was appointed to replace Daniel Patterson on April 30, 2012.

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House voting tally & COMMITTEE SCORES continued

House Average Score: 54% Democrats: 93% — Republicans: 34%

House Agriculture & Water										
Member	Party	District	Score							
Russ Jones (chair)	R	24	35%							
Chester Crandell (vice chair)	R	5	23%							
Brenda Barton	R	5	28%							
Kate Brophy McGee	R	11	40%							
Peggy Judd	R	25	35%							
Steve Urie	R	22	36%							
Ruben Gallego	D	16	100%							
Catherine Miranda	D	16	94%							
Lynne Pancrazi	D	24	79%							
Committee Average Score: 52%										



Scorecard Key

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EA = Excused absence

(does not count against score)

Scorecard Bills

A Green Vote is:

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Lesko	12%	R
Lovas	33%	R
McCune Davis	100%	D
McLain	28%	R
Mesnard	32%	R
Meyer	95%	D
Miranda	94%	D
Montenegro	22%	R
Olson	22%	R
Pancrazi	79 %	D
Pierce	36%	R
Pratt	28%	R
Proud	33%	R
Quezada ²	100%	D
Reeve	75 %	R
Robson	50%	R
Saldate, IV	100%	D
Seel	31%	R
Smith	22%	R
Stevens	20%	R
Tobin	33%	R
Tovar	92%	D
Ugenti	40%	R
Urie	36%	R
Vogt	36%	R
Weiers, Jerry	47%	R
Weiers, Jim	50 %	R
Wheeler	86%	D
Williams	38%	R
Yee	31%	R

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Senate voting tally

& COMMITTEE SCORES

Senate Average Score: 47%

Democrats: 95% — Republicans: 26%

The AZLCV scores are based on floor votes, and not votes taken in committee. However, it is important that we understand the makeup of the committees to which a majority of bills dealing with our natural environment are sent for consideration. Here are snapshots of two Senate committees that are especially important to conservation.

Senate Natural Resources & **Transportation**

Member	Party	District	Score
John Nelson (chair)	R	12	46%
Sylvia Allen (vice chair)	R	5	12%
Gail Griffin	R	25	13%
Don Shooter	R	24	28%
Olivia Cajero Bedford	D	27	95%
Jack Jackson, Jr.	D	2	95%

Committee Average Score: 48%

Senate Commerce & Energy

Member	Party	District	Score
Al Melvin (chair)	R	26	21%
Gail Griffin (vice chair)	R	25	13%
Michele Reagan	R	8	33%
Steve Yarbrough	R	21	41%
Olivia Cajero Bedford	D	27	95%
Robert Meza	D	14	95%

Committee Average Score: 50%

Senate Water, Land Use, & Rural **Development**

Member	Party	District	Score
Gail Griffin (chair)	R	25	13%
Don Shooter (vice chair)	R	24	28%
Ron Gould	R	3	4%
Judy Burges	R	4	16%
Steve Gallardo	D	13	94%
Jack Jackson, Jr.	D	2	95%

Committee Average Score: 42%

Scorecard Key

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Scorecard Bills

A Green Vote is: Weight: SENATOR Aboud 95% D

Allen	12%	R
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Barto	34%	R
Biggs	17%	R
Burges	16%	R

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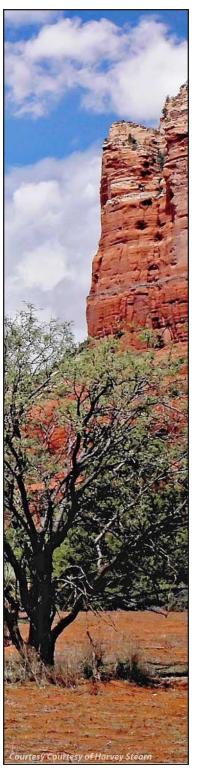
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What We Are Doing About It

The AZLCV is always keeping tabs on the Arizona State Legislature to ensure transparency and accountability from our representatives but what else are we doing to spark positive change in our state?

Engaging new supporters

The day after Earth Day 2012, AZLCV launched an unprecedented effort to attract, educate and engage new supporters in the Grand Canyon State. In just 5 weeks we have already knocked on more than 61,000 doors and collected clean air comments from more than 25,000 individuals, most of whom are new to the League and many of whom are new to conservation. We are going to be sweating it out all summer to reach our goal of engaging 60,000 new Arizonans in the fight to preserve our great state for ourselves and for future generations.

Our engagement, of course, does not stop with gathering signatures to protect our air; we will continue to engage these individuals in intense environmental campaigns in the months and years to come. We know that organizing and mobilizing new constituents is the key to turning our state around and these 60,000 Arizonans are a huge step towards cleaning up our air and water, protecting imperiled species and conserving Arizona's special places.

Advocacy

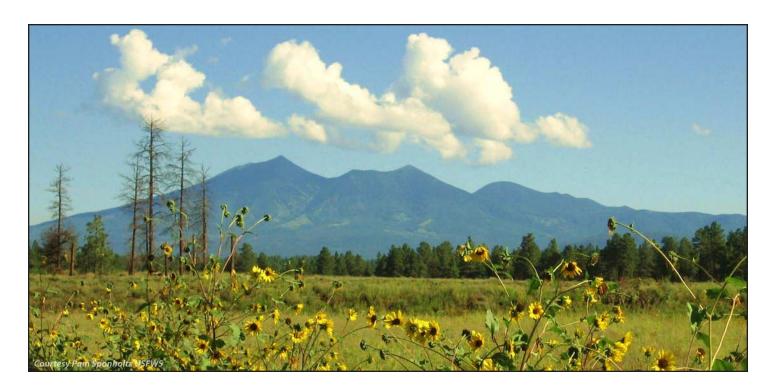
Our core mission is to gather and focus citizen advocacy to make a statement about environmental protection. Our 6,000 members already make a big difference at the capitol, but when we work with the



rest of the conservation community we are greater than the sum of our parts. AZLCV works all year long both within our membership and with allied organizations to focus our efforts strategically to make the maximum impact on our state's decision makers.

Elections

It is not always enough to pressure our decision makers to make the right decisions about our environment. Sometimes our representatives need to be replaced and that's where our electoral work comes in. At the AZLCV we don't just check the scores of the legislators, we put incumbents and challengers through a rigorous endorsements process to determine which candidates best reflect the values of our membership. We research viability and competitiveness to make sure our resources are allocated wisely and endorse across party lines to deliver the best environmental slate possible.



This year we expect to collect candidate questionnaires from more than 100 candidates for elected office in Arizona and we will interview more than 50 of them. Once we are sure of their environmental credentials, we release our endorsements to our members and work to get candidates elected. Look for our full slate of endorsed candidates in late July.

November's election is going to be heated and will be a referendum on the direction of our state. AZLCV will be working hard to endorse environmentally responsible candidates and to make a difference at the polls by engaging volunteers and making intelligent expenditures on behalf of endorsed candidates.

What can you do to help?

We have laid out an ambitious plan for the rest of 2012 and 2013 but we can't enact all of it without your support. Please use the enclosed envelope to renew your membership today or make an additional gift to support our work bringing our conservation message to the halls of government. You can also make a contribution online at azlev.org or by calling our office at 520.622.2819. Together we can make big changes in Arizona.

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50th Legislature Members & Scores: 2012 & Lifetime Courtesy Gregg Erickson wikipedia.org

District 1 Sen. Steve Pierce <i>Prescott</i> Rep. Andrew Tobin <i>Prescott Valley</i> Rep. Karen Fann <i>Prescott</i>	2012 30% 24% 33% 34%	Life 28% 18% 44% 23%	District 11 Sen. Adam Driggs <i>Phoenix</i> Rep. Kate Brophy McGee <i>Phoenix</i> Rep. Eric Meyer <i>Paradise Valley</i>	2012 60% 44% 40% 95%	Life 54% 43% 24% 95%	District 21 Sen. Steven Yarbrough <i>Chandler</i> Rep. Tom Forese <i>Gilbert</i> Rep. Javan "J.D." Mesnard <i>Chandler</i>	2012 35% 41% 33% 32%	Life 29% 39% 23% 25%
District 2	89%	90%	District 12	38%	36%	District 22	25%	19%
Sen. Jack Jackson Jr. Window Rock	95%	93%	Sen. John Nelson Litchfield Park	46%	44%	Sen. Andy Biggs Gilbert	17%	18%
Rep. Albert Hale Window Rock Rep. Tom Chabin Flagstaff	71% 100%	80% 99%	Rep. Jerry Weiers <i>Glendale</i> Rep. Steve Montenegro <i>Avondale</i>	47% 22%	40% 23%	Rep. Eddie Farnsworth <i>Gilbert</i> Rep. Steve Urie <i>Gilbert</i>	22% 36%	16% 23%
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Sen. Ron Gould Lake Havasu City	4%	9%	Sen. Steve Gallardo <i>Phoenix</i>	94%	98%	Sen. Steve Smith Maricopa	17%	11%
Rep. Doris Goodale Kingman	25%	28%	Rep. Anna Tovar <i>Tolleson</i>	92%	98%	Rep. John Fillmore Apache Junction		30%
Rep. Nancy McLain Bullhead City	28%	39%	Rep. Martin Quezada <i>Phoenix</i>	100%	100%	Rep. Frank Pratt Casa Grande	28%	31%
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Sen. Judy Burges Skull Valley	16%	20%	Sen. Robert Meza <i>Phoenix</i>	95%	92%	Sen. Don Shooter Yuma	28%	14%
Rep. Phil Lovas <i>Peoria</i> Rep. Jack Harper <i>Surprise</i>	33% 38%	33% 29%	Rep. Chad Campbell <i>Phoenix</i> Rep. Debbie McCune Davis <i>Phoenix</i>	100%	98% 94%	Rep. Lynne Pancrazi Yuma Rep. Russell Jones Yuma	79% 35%	80% 44%
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Rep. Chester Crandell <i>Heber</i> Rep. Brenda Barton <i>Safford</i>	26% 28%	20% 16%	Rep. Lela Alston <i>Phoenix</i> Rep. Katie Hobbs <i>Phoenix</i>	100% 100%	80% 100%	Rep. David Stevens <i>Sierra Vista</i> Rep. Peggy Judd <i>Willcox</i>	20% 35%	24% 24%
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Rep. Carl Seel <i>Phoenix</i>	31% 75%	22% 39%	Rep. Ruben Gallego <i>Phoenix</i>	100% 94%	100% 97%	Rep. Terri Proud Tucson	33%	19% 34%
Rep. Amanda Reeve <i>Phoenix</i>	75%	39%	Rep. Catherine Miranda <i>Phoenix</i>	94%	97%	Rep. Vic Williams <i>Tucson</i>	38%	34%
District 7	35%	29 %	District 17	89%	95%	District 27	98%	97 %
Sen. Nancy Barto Phoenix	34%	36%	Sen. David Schapira Tempe	95%	98%	Sen. Olivia Cajero Bedford Tucson	95%	96%
Rep. Heather Carter Cave Creek	49%	31%	Rep. Ben Arredondo <i>Tempe</i>	100%	97%	Rep. Sally Ann Gonzales Tucson	100%	96%
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District 8	32%	34%	District 18	41%	35%	District 28	94%	95%
Sen. Michele Reagan Scottsdale	33%	52%	Sen. Jerry Lewis <i>Mesa</i>		42%	Sen. Paula Aboud <i>Tucson</i>	95%	96%
Rep. John Kavanagh Fountain Hills	22%	26%	Rep. Cecil Ash <i>Mesa</i> Rep. Steve Court <i>Mesa</i>	45% 36%	40%	Rep. Bruce Wheeler <i>Tucson</i> Rep. Steve Farley <i>Tucson</i>	86% 100%	89% 99%
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Rep. Debbie Lesko <i>Glendale</i> Rep. Rick Gray <i>Sun City</i>	12% 27%	15% 20%	Rep. Justin Pierce <i>Mesa</i> Rep. Justin Olson <i>Mesa</i>	36% 22%	36% 14%	Rep. Nicholas Fontana <i>Tucson</i> Rep. Matt Heinz <i>Tucson</i>	100% 84%	100% 86%
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