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From the director



Dear Conservation Voter,

Arizona's lengthy 2007 Legislative session adjourned late in the evening of 20 June 2007 with a great sigh of relief for all those involved. Overall the session's results will have a positive affect on Arizona's environment and quality of life for its residents.

Some significant air quality legislation was passed, as well as a measure that established some protections for the San Pedro, Arizona's last free-flowing desert river. Additionally a number of clean energy bills saw passage, and steps were taken to protect the health of our first responders who may be exposed to hazardous substances in the line of duty.

This session we saw last year's election efforts pay off. You may recall that 41 out of 49 League-endorsed candidates won their races, and a number of them replaced previous seatholders with poor environmental records. The 2006 elections forced the balance of power at the Capitol to shift closer to the middle, marking a big difference from last year when conservation values were under constant threat. Here at the League we are especially proud that six freshman Representatives were among the 18 AZLCV-endorsed legislators who achieved perfect scores this session.

Even though the 2007 Legislative Session was relatively successful, we must remember that we still have lawmakers who do not recognize the threats of human-induced climate change, poor or nonexistent land planning, threats to air and water quality, and energy shortages. Nor do they understand how these factors affect our health, our environment, and the sustainability of our way of life. It is crucial that we demand accountability from our elected officials and the most effective way to do this is at the ballot box.

The Arizona League of Conservation Voters will continue to demand accountability at the legislature. But we must all commit to following through with our votes in 2008 and beyond.

Thank you for your support and please feel free to pass the 2007 score card to your friends and relatives.

Sincerely,

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48th Legislature

Members & Scores: 2007

District 1	86%	District 11	79%	District 21	57%
Sen. Tom O'Halleran, R (Sedona)	99%	Sen. Barbara Leff, R (Paradise Valley)	73%	Sen. Jay Tibshraeny, R (Chandler)	84%
Rep. Lucy Mason, R (Prescott)	70%	Rep. Mark Anthony DeSimone, D (Phoenix)	97%	Rep. Warde Nichols, R (Chandler)	40%
Rep. Andrew Tobin R (Paulden)	89%	Rep. Adam Driggs, R (Phoenix)	66%	Rep. Steve Yarbrough, R (Chandler)	46%
District 2	100%	District 12	54%	District 22	28%
Sen. Albert Hale, D (Window Rock)	n/a	Sen. Robert Blendu, R (Litchfield Park)	58%	Sen. Thayer Verschoor, R (Gilbert)	37%
Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick, D (Flagstaff)	100%	Rep. John Nelson, R (Glendale)	54%	Rep. Andy Biggs, R (Gilbert)	23%
Rep. Albert Tom, D (Chambers)	100%	Rep. Jerry Weiers, R (Glendale)	49%	Rep. Eddie Farnsworth, R (Gilbert)	25%
District 3	36%	District 13	94%	District 23	91%
Sen. Ron Gould, R (Lake Havasu City)	18%	Sen. Richard Miranda, D (Tolleson)	81%	Sen. Rebecca Rios, D (Apache Junction)	97%
Rep. Trish Groe, R (Lake Havasu City)	19%	Rep. Steve Gallardo, D (Phoenix)	100%	Rep. Barbara McGuire, D (Kearny)	80%
Rep. Nancy McLain, R (Bullhead City)	71%	Rep. Martha Garcia, D (Phoenix)	100%	Rep. Pete Rios, D (Hayden)	97%
District 4	56%	District 14	99%	District 24	85%
Sen. Jack Harper, R (Surprise)	48%	Sen. Debbie McCune-Davis, D (Phoenix)	97%	Sen. Amanda Aguirre, D (Yuma)	70%
Rep. Tom Boone, R (Peoria)	69%	Rep. Chad Campbell, D (Phoenix)	100%	Rep. Lynne Pancrazi, D (Yuma)	84%
Rep. Judy Burges, R (Skull Valley)	51%	Rep. Robert Meza, D (Phoenix)	100%	Rep. Theresa Ulmer, D (Yuma)	100%
District 5	67%	District 15	92%	District 25	75%
Sen. Jake Flake, R (Snowflake)	59%	Sen. Ken Chevront, D (Phoenix)	86%	Sen. Marsha Arzberger, D (Willcox)	76%
Rep. Jack Brown, D (St. Johns)	77%	Rep. David Lujan, D (Phoenix)	91%	Rep. Manuel Alvarez, D (Elfrida)	77%
Rep. Bill Konopnicki, R (Safford)	66%	Rep. Kyrsten Sinema, D (Phoenix)	100%	Rep. Jennifer Burns, R (Tucson)	71%
District 6	44%	District 16	94%	District 26	92%
Sen. Pamela Gorman, R (Anthem)	30%	Sen. Leah Landrum Taylor, D (Phoenix)	99%	Sen. Charlene Pesquiera, D (Oro Valley)	87%
Rep. Doug Clark, R (Anthem)	46%	Rep. Cloves Campbell, Jr., D (Phoenix)	96%	Rep. Pete Hershberger, R (Tucson)	90%
Rep. Sam Crump, R (Anthem)	57%	Rep. Ben Miranda, D (Phoenix)	86%	Rep. Lena Saradnik, D (Tucson)	100%
District 7	61%	District 17	99%	District 27	99%
Sen. Jim Waring, R (Phoenix)	61%	Sen. Meg Burton Cahill, D (Tempe)	97%	Sen. Jorge Luis Garcia, D (Tucson)	97%
Rep. Ray Barnes, R (Phoenix)	57%	Rep. Ed Ableser, D (Tempe)	100%	Rep. Olivia Cajero Bedford, D (Tucson)	100%
Rep. Nancy K. Barto, R (Phoenix)	66%	Rep. David Schapira, D (Tempe)	100%	Rep. Phil Lopes, D (Tucson)	100%
District 8	68%	District 18	35%	District 28	100%
Sen. Carolyn Allen, R (Scottsdale)	91%	Sen. Karen Johnson, R (Mesa)	29%	Sen. Paula Aboud, D (Tucson)	100%
Rep. Michele Reagan, R (Scottsdale)	63%	Rep. Mark Anderson, R (Mesa)	51%	Rep. David Bradley, D (Tucson)	100%
Rep. John Kavanagh, R (Fountain Hills)	51%	Rep. Russell Pearce, R (Mesa)	26%	Rep. Steve Farley, D (Tucson)	100%
District 9	49%	District 19	55%	District 29	97%
Sen. Robert Burns, R (Peoria)	47%	Sen. Chuck Gray, R (Mesa)	60%	Sen. Victor Soltero, D (South Tucson)	97%
Rep. Rick Murphy, R (Glendale)	46%	Rep. Kirk Adams, R (Mesa)	53%	Rep. Linda Lopez, D (Tucson)	100%
Rep. Bob Stump, R (Peoria)	54%	Rep. Rich Crandall, R (Mesa)	51%	Rep. Tom Prezelski, D (Tucson)	94%
District 10	74%	District 20	58%	District 30	64%
Sen. Linda Gray, R (Glendale)	56%	Sen. John Huppenthal, R (Chandler)	61%	Sen. Tim Bee, R (Tucson)	61%
Rep. Jackie Thrasher, D (Glendale)	100%	Rep. John McComish, R (Phoenix)	57%	Rep. Marian McClure, R (Tucson)	63%
Rep. James Weiers, R (Phoenix)	66%	Rep. Robert Robson, R (Chandler)	57%	Rep. Jonathan Paton, R (Tucson)	69%

Actions used for scoring



Guidelines for Scoring

Each legislator's score is based on his or her total pro-conservation votes over the course of the session. Measures are weighted 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 point added to his or her final score. For measures that actually become law, 2 points are added. On the other hand, those who sponsor anti-conservation or anti-public participation legislation have one point deducted from their final score for each measure introduced and 2 points deducted if the measure becomes law. Final scores are capped at 100%.

SB 1112 toxic fire response

(Landrum Taylor, Miranda, Rios et al) establishes the Arizona Chemical Fire Response Coordination Task Force, which will be composed of the fire chiefs from each state municipality with a population of 75,000 or more people, and will ensure that hazardous materials training standards are met for emergency first responders who may be exposed to hazardous substances in the line of duty. It will also require the Department of Health Services to coordinate activities surrounding toxic fires and the Department of Environmental Quality to provide needed technical assistance. Senator Leah Landrum Taylor has been working on this legislation for six years, and we are pleased that the Legislature has finally let it through.

A "YES" vote is a green vote.

Weight: 1

Passed House

Third Read:

April 17, 2007

Passed Senate

Final Read:

April 26, 2007

Signed by the Governor:

May 1, 2007

SB 1119 water; overlapping service area providers

(Gray C, Aguirre, Harper et al) would hinder cities' water conservation efforts by prohibiting water providers (mainly municipalities) from limiting a landowner's right to use water supplied by an irrigation district. This would compromise the ability of a city to impose water conservation requirements or any other requirements that could limit water use (including implementation of a drought plan). SB 1119 was introduced to address a dispute between the Town of Gilbert and the Roosevelt Water Conservation District; however, it would have had serious consequences for water conservation efforts across the state. Representative Ed Ableser voted "Yes" on this measure only for purposes of reconsideration, so his action is scored as a "No" and he receives credit. Fortunately the Governor saw fit to veto this bad measure, noting that it would have hampered communities' ability to plan for future growth.

A "NO" vote is a green vote.

Weight: 4

Passed Senate

Third Read:

March 8, 2007

Passed House

Third Read:

April 23, 2007

Vetoed by

Governor:

May 1, 2007



Actions used for scoring

continued

SB 1188 clean elections; publicly funded elections

(Burns, Aguirre, Allen, et al) would change the title of the Clean Elections act to “publicly funded elections.” Supporters of the Clean Elections system oppose such a change because we believe it is an attempt to confuse the voters at the polls in the event that a repeal reaches the ballot. This bill would have needed a 3/4 majority vote to succeed because of the Voter Protection Act passed by voters in 1998.

A “NO” vote is a green vote.

Weight: 3

Failed Senate

Third Read:

February 21, 2007

SB 1198 county powers; open fires

(O’Halloran, Brown, Mason et al) allows a county board of supervisors to prohibit open fires and campfires on lands in unincorporated areas of the county that are private property islands within the boundaries of the National Forests, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands, or state lands if the National Forest, BLM or State Land Department has implemented a prohibition.

A “YES” vote is a green vote.

Weight: 1

Passed Senate Third Read:

February 21, 2007

Passed House Third Read:

April 9, 2007

Signed by Governor:

April 16, 2007

SB 1254 NOW: real property; signage, solar devices

(Leff) states that no association (HOA) can prohibit the installation or use of a solar energy device, but allows an association to adopt reasonable rules regarding the placement of solar energy devices.

A “YES” vote is a green vote.

Weight: 2

Passed Senate Final Read:

May 24, 2007

Passed House Final Read:

June 18, 2007

Signed by Governor:

June 19, 2007

SB 1311 channelization districts; formation

(Flake) would impede local control by removing the requirement that allows a county to form a channelization district that includes a city or town only if that city or town has also approved it. This bill failed final read in the Senate on 4/23 but Senator John Huppenthal moved for reconsideration. The bill failed for a second time the following day.

A “NO” vote is a green vote.

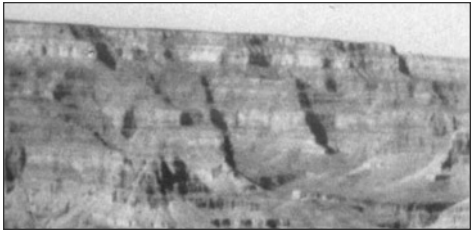
Weight: 3

Passed House Third Read:

April 9, 2007

Failed Senate Final Read:

April 24, 2007



Actions used for scoring

continued

SB 1435 state lands; mineral lease

(Flake) would remove competitive bidding on mineral leases. The bill's provisions could not only preclude conservation interests from applying for leases that are set to expire, but also shut out other commercial entities who might be better stewards of the land. The measure would not allow the free market to regulate bidding. The Supreme Court has said that in order to uphold its responsibility to the trust beneficiaries, the State Land Department must consider competing applications. Providing for automatic renewal of mineral leases removes competitive bidding and is likely in conflict with the decision in *Forest Guardians*. Passing such a measure could open the state up to a host of new litigation.

A "NO" vote is a green vote.

Weight: 4

Failed Senate Third Read:

March 8, 2007

SB 1552 air quality program

(Allen, Huppenthal) was introduced because the Valley last year failed to meet a deadline for reduction of particulate pollution, and as a result the federal government ordered the region to reduce the particulates by 5 percent a year until federal clean-air standards are met. If the region fails to come up with a plan to do so, federal highway money could be withheld, which has even conservation foes concerned. The Legislature responded with this measure, which includes the following:

- ☞ Establishment of a new Area C for western Pinal County and requires Cleaner Burning Gasoline during the winter months in this Area. The bill's primary sponsor, Senator Caroline Allen, worked to make this requirement year-round; unfortunately Representatives Ray Barnes and Tom Boone blocked that amendment in conference committee.
- ☞ Requirements for development of off-highway vehicle (OHV) ordinances and limitations on OHV use.
- ☞ Requirements that operators of leaf-blowers use only "vacuum mode" on High Pollution Advisory days and prohibits blowing debris into roadways.
- ☞ Restrictions on parking on unpaved lots.
- ☞ Requirements for paving unpaved shoulders and alleys
- ☞ Requirements for Dust Control Training and Coordinators.

According to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, the measure should eventually remove about 10,425 tons of particulate pollution each year from the Valley's air, getting us about 80% of the way toward meeting the EPA requirements. We hope that actions taken by cities and towns will make up the difference. While this measure is a very good start, it still does not solve the problem of air pollution in the valley, and we will continue to work for more action to be taken.

A "YES" vote is a green vote.

Weight: 5

Passed Senate

Final Read:

June 19, 2007

Passed House

Final Read:

June 20, 2007

Signed by Governor:

July 2, 2007

SB 1638 well impacts: groundwater contamination

(Arzberger, Garcia, Hale, et al) was a Senate version of HB 2484 (below).

A "YES" vote is a green vote.

Weight: 1

Passed Senate Third Read:

March 5, 2007

Stalled in House:

HB 2484 progressed instead.

HB 2338 initiative and referendum; disclosure

(Adams: Anderson, Crandall) requires, among other things, that each petition page of a ballot initiative list expenditures made up to the week prior to that page being circulated for signatures. This sets up a double standard, as Legislative referrals are not required to include the expenses incurred by organizations who lobbied for the referral and candidates are not required to include their major funders on their own petitions. The measure also requires signature gatherers to be employees rather than independent contractors, which is a nearly impossible requirement for grassroots initiative efforts.

A "NO" vote is a green vote.

Weight: 3

Passed House

Third Read:

March 15, 2007

Failed Senate

Judiciary Committee:

March 26, 2007

HB 2300 NOW: water district, Upper San Pedro

(Burns J) authorizes the formation of an Upper San Pedro Water District, Board of Directors and sales tax authority on the sale of water in the District. The district and any tax would have to be approved by the voters in the affected communities. This measure will set a precedent for the protection of the river's base flows, which sustain the riparian vegetation and keep the river flowing during the driest month of the year, and will require that water adequacy measures for development include protection of those flows. It will also recognize the connection between groundwater and surface water, which current law ignores.

A "YES" vote is a green vote.

Weight: 5

Passed Senate Third Read:

June 11, 2007

Passed House Final Read:

June 18, 2007

Signed by Governor:

June 20, 2007

HB 2484 NOW: contamination; well impacts

(Mason: Adams, Bradley, et al) prohibits the drilling of a well that is likely to cause contaminated groundwater to move from a polluted site to another well. The migration of contaminant plumes as a result of a lack of well regulations in rural Arizona has been a problem in a number of communities such as Payson. This measure will help to address these concerns.

A "YES" vote is a green vote.

Weight: 1

Passed Senate Third Read:

April 19, 2007

Passed House Final Read:

May 8, 2007

Signed by Governor:

May 14, 2007



Actions used for scoring

continued

HB 2491 solar energy tax credit; application

(Mason, Boone; Anderson, et al) is a technical correction bill to clarify the commercial solar energy tax credit program established last year, allowing the credit to be claimed by a third party to support installation of more solar on state buildings and schools.

A "YES" vote is a green vote.

Weight: 1

Passed House Third Read:

March 15, 2007

Passed Senate Third Read:

April 26, 2007

Signed by Governor

May 4, 2007

HB 2496 NOW: schools; energy and water efficiency

(Mason, Burns J, Aboud, et al) increases energy efficiency and reduces utility (energy and water) costs in schools by creating a utility savings contracting mechanism to enable energy and water saving projects. It allows schools to use the cost savings in Maintenance and Operations portion of their budgets to pay for capital investments in energy or water saving measures. This provides an opportunity for schools to invest in cost-effective measures that save money, energy, and water over time. It also allows them to retain a portion of the cost savings as a further incentive for being more efficient.

A "YES" vote is a green vote.

Weight: 3

Passed House

Third Read:

March 15, 2007

Passed Senate

Third Read:

April 25, 2007

Signed by Governor:

May 1, 2007



**Environmental Day
at the Legislature.**



Representative Steve Farley speaking at Environmental Lobbying Day.

HB 2593 homeowners associations; solar panels

(Campbell CH, Gallardo, Kirkpatrick et al) was a House bill to prohibit HOAs from banning solar panels. The language was later amended onto SB 1254.

A "YES" vote is a green vote.

Weight: 2

Passed House Third Read:

March 19, 2007

Stalled in Senate:

Provisions amended onto SB 1254

HB 2638 local energy plans

(Cajero Bedford, Bradley, Mason et al) adds an energy element to cities' general plans and counties' comprehensive plans to encourage and reward efficient use of energy and assess policies and practices that provide for greater use of renewable energy sources. The Growing Smarter Oversight Council, initiated under Governor Hull, recommended this change in its 2006 report. Before passage the measure was amended to include only counties with a population greater than 125,000 persons and cities with a population greater than 50,000 persons.

A "YES" vote is a green vote.

Weight: 3

Passed Senate Third Read:

May 21, 2007

Passed House Final Read:

May 24, 2007

Signed by Governor:

May 30, 2007

HB 2692 water supply development revolving fund

(Mason, Ableser, Saradnik, et al) is a well-intentioned measure that establishes a water development revolving fund for the purpose of providing financial assistance to water providers for water supply development. However, the measure does not provide any protections for stream or river flows and as a result it could be used by Prescott or Prescott Valley to pipe from the Big Chino and dry up the upper portion of the Verde River. Representative Ed Ableser tried to amend the bill to provide these necessary protections but the amendment failed. AZLCV opposed the measure for its possible unintended consequences.

A "NO" vote is a green vote.

Weight: 1

Passed Senate Third Read:

May 14, 2007

Passed House Final Read:

May 22, 2007

Signed by Governor:

May 24, 2007



Allen



Campbell



Farley



Mason



Saradnik



Schapira



Thrasher



Ulmer

Profiles: *Conservation Heroes*

Senator Carolyn Allen (R-8) made a huge comeback from last year, gaining 43 points to score an admirable 91% this session. More importantly, Senator Allen led the way in the effort to address the Valley's dismal air pollution problems. Shortly after introducing SB 1552 in January, Senator Allen watched as it was effectively gutted of all its meaningful provisions in the Senate Natural Resources and Rural Affairs Committee. Refusing to accept the new, weaker version of the measure, the Scottsdale Republican instead convened a series of stakeholder meetings that went on for several months, eventually restoring a number of truly meaningful requirements and gaining the support needed to pass through both chambers. The time and effort Senator Allen contributed to this important effort is worthy of recognition and appreciation.

Representative Steve Farley (D-28) made a splash as a freshman legislator, introducing a number of measures to promote renewable energy, air quality and public transit. One of the most important of these measures was the Energy Independence Act, which would impose a half-cent tax per kilowatt hour of electricity from non-renewable sources for residential customers (an average increase of less than \$1 per month) and 7/10-cent for commercial and industrial customers (an average increase of less than \$10 per month). That money would go into one fund for residential, one for commercial, and one for industrial users, and would then be rebated as cash directly to those customers to pay for 50% of the cost of solar thermal or solar voltaic installations, up to \$3,000 per home, \$15,000 per business, or \$20,000 per industrial building. This measure, unfortunately, was held by the House Water and Agriculture Committee because some members

were wary of violating a "no new taxes" pledge made earlier. However, Rep. Farley has made it clear that he will continue to push this legislation, along with other bills that would allow impact fees to be used for public transit and require stage II vapor recovery nozzles on gas stations in Pima County to reduce air pollution.

Representative Lucy Mason (R-1), a reliable advocate for clean and renewable energy, this year became Chair of the newly-created House Committee on Water and Agriculture. As a result of her leadership, a number of bills that likely would not have been given a chance to appear on other committee agendas were allowed hearings. Rep. Mason also signed on as a prime sponsor of the Energy Independence Act (see above) and successfully shepherded a number of her own measures into law, including a solar tax credit clarification, a school energy and water efficiency measure, and a measure that will help to address groundwater contamination.

The Freshmen

Last year's elections ushered 17 new faces into the Arizona Legislature—16 into the House alone! The freshman class finished its first session with an average score of 82%—significantly above either the full House average of 74% or the Senate average of 71%. Six new lawmakers in particular stood out, achieving perfect scores of 100% each—Representatives Steve Farley (see above), **Chad Campbell** (D-14), **Lena Saradnik** (D-26), **David Schapira** (D-17), **Jackie Thrasher** (D-10), and **Theresa Ulmer** (D-24). In addition to their high scores, each of these legislators was a reliable

advocate for Arizona's land, air, water and quality of life both on the Floor and behind the scenes. Rep. Campbell in particular made a difference with his effort to stop HOA's from prohibiting solar panel installation- an effort that was successful when Campbell got his language amended onto a bill sponsored by Senator Barbara Leff, SB 1254. Each of these members made a great first impression and we look forward to working with them again next year. Their performance proves that elections really do make a difference!

Statesman Recognition

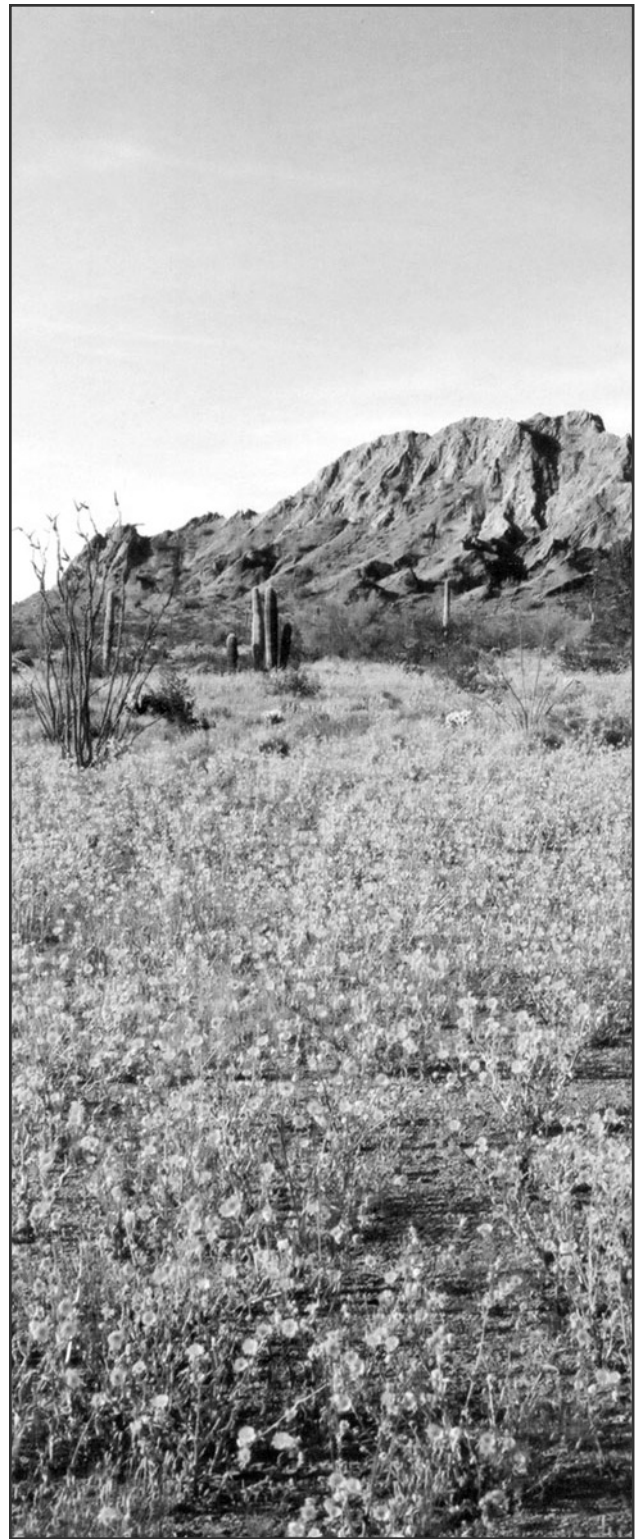


This year's "Statesman" is **Senate President Tim Bee** (R-30) in recognition of the example he set for both parties with his leadership this session. At the very beginning of his Presidency he set the tone by firing some longtime high-level staffers who had, over the years, gathered more power than many of the elected officials we choose to represent us. He provided a refreshing change from the behavior we saw last year from former President Ken Bennett,

who refused to allow then-Game and Fish Commission nominee Jennifer Martin an up-or-down confirmation vote. With Senator Bee at the helm, Martin's nomination was heard and approved without unnecessary drama.

President Bee's biggest achievement this year was his decision to include Democrats in the budget negotiation process from the beginning. The resulting product was a budget that had the support of Senate Democrats, Senate Republicans, House Democrats, and the Governor's office. This consensus budget stayed largely intact during the negotiations with House Republicans that followed, and Bee earned praise for his willingness to work across the aisle to craft something that nearly everyone could be happy with. His close working relationship with Minority Leader (and fellow Southern Arizonan) Marsha Arzberger (D-25) set a strong example for the rest of the Senate.

Senator Bee still has a ways to go when it comes to voting on conservation issues, though a 26% improvement from last year is a good start. But he has earned recognition as this year's "Statesman," and we look forward to his continued leadership next year.



In Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge
courtesy Julie St. John

Senate voting tally & Committee Scores

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 Senate committees that are especially important to conservation.

Senate Natural Resources & Rural Affairs

Member	Party	District	Score
Jake Flake (chair)	R	5	59%
Amanda Aguirre	D	24	70%
Marsha Arzberger	D	25	76%
Robert Blendu	R	12	58%
Chuck Gray	R	19	60%
Karen Johnson	R	18	29%
Leah Landrum Taylor	D	16	99%

Committee Average Score: 64.4%

Senate Transportation

Member	Party	District	Score
Ron Gould (chair)	R	3	18%
Robert Blendu	R	12	58%
Pamela Gorman	R	6	30%
Rebecca Rios	D	23	97%
Victor Soltero	D	29	97%

Committee Average Score: 60%

Senate Government

Member	Party	District	Score
Jack Harper (chair)	R	4	48%
Robert Blendu	R	12	58%
Meg Burton Cahill	D	17	97%
Jake Flake	R	5	59%
Jorge Luis Garcia	D	27	97%
Linda Gray	R	10	56%
Charlene Pesquiera	D	26	87%

Committee Average Score: 71.7%

Scorecard Key

- ✓ = Pro-environment vote
- ✗ = Anti-environment vote
- = Not voting (counts against score)
- EA = Excused absence (does not count against score)

Scorecard Bills

Weights

SENATORS	FINAL SCORE
Paula Aboud	100%
Amanda Aguirre	70%
Carolyn Allen	91%
Marsha Arzberger	76%
Tim Bee	61%
Robert Blendu	58%
Robert Burns	47%
Meg Burton Cahill	97%
Ken Chevront	86%
Jake Flake	59%
Jorge Luis Garcia	97%
Pamela Gorman	30%
Ron Gould	18%
Chuck Gray	60%
Linda Gray	56%
Albert Hale	*
Jack Harper	48%
John Huppenthal	61%
Karen Johnson	29%
Leah Landrum Taylor	99%
Barbara Leff	73%
Debbie McCune Davis	97%
Richard Miranda	81%
Tom O'Halleran	99%
Charlene Pesquiera	87%
Rebecca Rios	97%
Victor Soltero	97%
Jay Tibshraeny	84%
Thayer Verschoor	37%
Jim Waring	61%

SB 1112	SB 1119	SB 1188	SB 1198	SB 1254	SB 1311	SB 1435	SB 1552	SB 1638	HB 2300	HB 2484	HB 2491	HB 2496	HB 2638	HB 2692
Toxic fire response	Water conservation	Clean elections	Open fires	HOA solar regulations	Channelization districts	State land mineral leases	Air quality program	Groundwater contamination	Upper San Pedro	Groundwater contamination	Solar tax credit	Energy efficient schools	Local energy plans	Water supply fund
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**Senate
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**Senate
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Average**

57%

* Due to an extended illness, Senator Hale missed most of the votes we scored this session and will not be given a grade.

House voting tally & Committee Scores

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 of five House committees that are especially important to conservation.

House Environment

Member	Party	District	Score
Ray Barnes (chair)	R	7	57%
Ed Ableser	D	17	100%
Mark Anderson	R	18	51%
Sam Crump	R	6	57%
Martha Garcia	D	13	100%
Barbara McGuire	D	24	80%
Michele Reagan	R	8	63%
Bob Robson	R	20	57%
Andrew Tobin	R	1	89%
Theresa Ulmer	D	24	100%

Committee Average Score: 75.4%

House Natural Resources & Public Safety

Member	Party	District	Score
Jerry Weiers (chair)	R	12	49%
Ray Barnes	R	7	57%
Andy Biggs	R	22	23%
Judy Burges	R	4	51%
John Kavanagh	R	8	51%
Barbara McGuire	D	24	80%
John Nelson	R	12	54%
Lynne Pancrazi	D	24	84%
Kyrsten Sinema	D	15	100%
Theresa Ulmer	D	24	100%

Committee Average Score: 64.9%

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Scorecard Key

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(does not count against score)

Scorecard Bills

Weights

HOUSE FINAL SCORE

Ed Ableser	100%
Kirk Adams	53%
Manuel Alvarez	77%
Mark Anderson	51%
Ray Barnes	57%
Nancy K. Barto	66%
Andy Biggs	23%
Tom Boone	69%
David Bradley	100%
Jack Brown	77%
Judy Burges	51%
Jennifer Burns	71%
Olivia Cajero Bedford	100%
Chad Campbell	100%
Cloves Campbell, Jr.	96%
Doug Clark	46%
Rich Crandall	51%
Sam Crump	57%
Mark Anthony DeSimone	97%
Adam Driggs	66%
Steve Farley	100%
Eddie Farnsworth	25%
Steve Gallardo	100%
Martha Garcia	100%
Trish Groe	19%
Pete Hershberger	90%
John Kavanagh	51%
Ann Kirkpatrick	100%
Bill Konopnicki	66%
Phil Lopes	100%

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House voting tally & Committee Scores *continued*

House Water & Agriculture

Member	Party	District	Score
Lucy Mason (chair)	R	1	70%
Manuel Alvarez	D	25	77%
Jack Brown	D	5	77%
Jennifer Burns	R	25	71%
Doug Clark	R	6	46%
Trish Groe	R	3	19%
John Kavanagh	R	8	51%
Lynne Pancrazi	D	24	84%
Bob Stump	R	9	54%
Albert Tom	D	2	100%

Committee Average Score: 64.9%

House Government

Member	Party	District	Score
Kirk Adams (chair)	R	19	53%
Ray Barnes	R	7	57%
Rich Crandall	R	19	51%
Mark Anthony DeSimone	D	11	97%
Steve Farley	D	28	100%
Martha Garcia	D	13	100%
Warde Nichols	R	21	40%
Lena Saradnik	D	26	100%
James Weiers	R	10	66%
Tom Boone	R	4	69%

Committee Average Score: 73.3%

House Transportation

Member	Party	District	Score
Andy Biggs (chair)	R	22	23%
Ed Ableser	D	17	100%
Sam Crump	R	6	57%
Steve Farley	D	28	100%
Marian McClure	R	30	63%
Nancy McLain	R	3	71%
John Nelson	R	12	54%
Tom Prezelski	D	29	94%
Jackie Thrasher	D	10	100%
Jerry Weiers	R	12	49%

Committee Average Score: 71.1%

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Scorecard Bills

Weights

HOUSE FINAL SCORE

Linda Lopez 100%

David Lujan 91%

Lucy Mason 70%

Marian McClure 63%

John McComish 57%

Barbara McGuire 80%

Nancy McLain 71%

Robert Meza 100%

Ben Miranda 86%

Rick Murphy 46%

John Nelson 54%

Warde Nichols 40%

Lynne Pancrazi 84%

Jonathan Paton 69%

Russell Pearce 26%

Tom Prezelski 94%

Michele Reagan 63%

Pete Rios 97%

Bob Robson 57%

Lena Saradnik 100%

David Schapira 100%

Kyrsten Sinema 100%

Bob Stump 54%

Jackie Thrasher 100%

Andrew Tobin 89%

Albert Tom 100%

Theresa Ulmer 100%

James Weiers 66%

Jerry Weiers 49%

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Focus: *Initiatives & Referenda*

This session saw the introduction of large number of measures aimed at restricting Arizona's citizens' initiative and referendum process. Fortunately, only one of these measures made it to a vote, and none reached the Governor's desk. However, we do expect to see more efforts in this area during the 2008 session, and so it is important to understand why the initiative and referendum process must be protected for the sake of public participation in the democratic process.

The authors of Arizona's constitution gave its citizens the right to bring to the forefront issues that may have otherwise been ignored by the traditional political system. In doing so they were providing the people with an important check on the government's Legislative branch. That check is an important today as ever.

Citizen's initiatives have been used to create programs that are important to conservation where the legislature has failed to provide needed legislation or funding. One such program was the Heritage Fund, which designates up to \$10 million a year from lottery ticket sales for the conservation and protection of the state's wildlife and natural areas. Arizona's groundbreaking Clean Elections system, which the League supports, was created by initiative in 1998. And more measures that would benefit Arizona's natural environment and access to public participation will likely appear on the ballot in 2008 and beyond.

Numerous requirements already serve to ensure that proposed measures have enough popular support to be worthy of consideration by voters. Putting an initiative on the ballot is a costly, arduous and time consuming process. The amount of work required to prepare an initiative — plus the time needed to collect enough valid signatures — is already enough to scare away many good ideas.

The package of anti-voter measures that were suggested this session would have made those requirements unnecessarily restrictive. Proposals such as requiring that proportions of signatures come from low-population counties, or that the filing date be earlier, may not seem unreasonable. But in practice, these requirements would decrease the amount of time groups have to gather signatures while increasing the number of

signatures required as well as the cost of gathering them. This may not be a problem for some deep-pocket, out-of-state interests like the ones who funded last year's terrible regulatory takings measure. But for the average coalition of citizens, the requirements would be virtually impossible to meet.

One extreme measure proposed this session would have gutted the Voter Protection Act, which passed overwhelmingly in 1998 in response to repeated attempts by the Legislature to repeal, de-fund or amend voter-approved measures. This proposal would have ended Voter Protection Act limitations on the Legislature after just 4 years. How can the people have a check on their Legislative branch if that same Legislature can undo the people's actions before any meaningful change can be achieved?

Supporters of these anti-voter proposals say that some measures passed by initiative have been imperfect, requiring clean-up after the fact. This is no doubt true— just as it is true of measures like alt-fuels, which was drafted and approved by the Legislature. If our elected officials believe that Arizona's citizens wish to repeal or amend a measure, they are already free to refer it back to the ballot by a simple majority vote, allowing the voters to decide whether or not any action should be taken.

All of the anti-initiative measures introduced this session fortunately either died quietly or were defeated in committee or on the Floor. But the fight is far from over. The Legislature usually waits until the second session of a given term to decide which proposals will be sent to the November ballot. We expect that opponents of the citizens' initiative process will fight hard to have their measures included among those sent to the ballot.

Arizona citizens of all ideologies have a right and responsibility to make their voices heard on issues that the Legislature has been unable or unwilling to address. Their efforts have made programs like the Heritage Fund and the Clean Elections system possible. The League will continue to fight efforts to take power away from the voters of our state. Please help us spread the word, and look for updates from us throughout the 2008 legislative session. Thanks again for all you do for conservation in Arizona!

Now that you know the score... Take Action!

There are four simple things you can do to help hold your legislators accountable on conservation issues:

1. Contact your legislators.

Call, write, or email your representatives to thank them if they supported pro-conservation measures. Those who safeguard our quality of life deserve our appreciation. Or, if they voted against protecting our natural environment, you can send them a short, polite note expressing your disapproval of their performance.

2. Share the Scorecard.

Make sure your neighbors and friends know how their representatives voted on important conservation legislation. Contact the Arizona League of Conservation Voters for additional copies of the *Scorecard*, or let us know if you would like to host a party or meeting to discuss the results of the *Scorecard*.

3. Vote for pro-conservation candidates.

Contact the AZLCV for information on endorsed or pro-conservation candidates at the local, state, and federal level.

4. Join the Arizona League of Conservation Voters eAction Network.

Receive weekly legislative updates and information on how you can influence your legislators to make conservation friendly policy decisions during the legislative session. Email info@azlcv.org to join!

Contacting your legislator

The Arizona Legislature meets for regular session from mid-January to anywhere from the end of April to the end of June. You can also find your legislators' direct contact information, including email addresses, at www.azleg.gov/MemberRoster.asp.

During session, you can reach your legislator at:

Senator / Representative _____
Arizona State Senate / State House of Representatives
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Info desk (toll free): **800.352.8404**
Senate: **602.926.3559** House: **602.926.4221**



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David Bradley (D-28) 100%
Olivia Cajero Bedford
(D-27) 100%
Chad Campbell (D-14) 100%
Steve Farley (D-28) 100%
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David Schapira (D-17) 100%
Kyrsten Sinema (D-15) 100%
Jackie Thrasher (D-10) 100%
Albert Tom (D-2) 100%
Theresa Ulmer (D-24) 100%

Senate

Paula Aboud (D-28) 100%

Snapshot of the Scores

Other High Scores

House Democrats

Cloves Campbell, Jr. (D-16) 96%
Mark Anthony DeSimone
(D-11) 97%
David Lujan (D-15) 91%
Tom Prezelski (D-29) 94%
Pete Rios (D-23) 97%

House Republicans

Jennifer Burns (R-25) 71%
Pete Hershberger (R-26) 90%
Lucy Mason (R-1) 70%
Nancy McLain (R-3) 71%
Andrew Tobin (R-1) 89%

Senate Democrats

Meg Burton Cahill (D-17) 97%
Jorge Luis Garcia (D-27) 97%
Leah Landrum Taylor (D-16) 99%
Debbie McCune Davis
(D-14) 97%
Rebecca Rios (D-23) 97%
Victor Soltero (D-29) 97%

Senate Republicans

Carolyn Allen (R-8) 91%
Barbara Leff (R-11) 73%
Tom O'Halleran (R-1) 99%
Jay Tibshraeny (R-21) 84%

Top Scoring District: LD 28 – 100% Represented by Senator Paula Aboud, Representative David Bradley, & Representative Steve Farley

Averages:

House

Average Score: 74%

Democrats: 96%
Republicans: 56%

Senate

Average Score: 71%

Democrats: 90%
Republicans: 57%

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Bottom Scores

House of Representatives

Andy Biggs (R-22) 23%
Eddie Farnsworth (R-22) 25%
Trish Groe (R-3) 19%
Russell Pearce (R-18) 26%

Senate

Ron Gould (R-3) 18%
Karen Johnson (R-18) 29%

Lowest Scoring District: LD 22

Represented by Senator Thayer Verschoor,
Representative Andy Biggs, and
Representative Eddie Farnsworth