

2011-2012 SCORECARD



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Conservation Voters of South Carolina

PROTECTING LAND VOTE C, M, I, D, F, G

Representative Mike Pitts' bill (H.3083) to extend the Conservation Bank's sunset from 2013 to 2023 passed the House 95-16 (**VOTE C** correct vote=yes). Sen. Leatherman's Finance Committee agreed to a 5 year extension and after objections were answered, the Senate approved (**VOTE M** correct vote=yes). The Governor signed the bill.

In 2011, the Senate increased the House budget for the Conservation Bank from \$750,000 to \$2.2 million (**VOTE I** correct vote=yes). Governor Haley's veto to cut all funding and close the Bank was overridden by large majorities in the House (**VOTE D** correct vote=yes) and Senate. In 2012, Ways & Means restored normal deed stamp funding of \$7.5 million to the Bank. The House voted down an amendment by Reps. White and McLeod to require reimbursements to counties for tax revenues lost from Bank approved easements (**VOTE F** correct vote=no). The House approved full funding (**VOTE G** correct vote=yes) and the Senate. The Governor approved.

DEFENDING THE POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (PCA) VOTES E, N

Rep. Nelson Hardwick's H.4654 aimed to rollback protections in the historic PCA upheld by the Supreme Court's Smith Land decision: DHEC's authority over pollution of isolated wetlands and the citizens' cause of action. Following compelling arguments defending PCA by Reps. Paul Agnew, Walt McLeod and Joe Neal, the House rejected a motion to table Agnew's strengthening amendment (**VOTE E** correct vote=no). After two weeks of intense lobbying from special interests, H.4654 passed the House unamended.

Amidst confusion about the status of compromise negotiations, the Senate denied special order for H.4654 (**VOTE N** correct vote=no). The bill was finally passed with weakened provisions to allow citizens to challenge DHEC for failing to prevent pollution, the creation of a Wetlands Study Committee and protections for existing important lawsuits such as the suit challenging the deepening of the Savannah River.

PROMOTING RECYCLING VOTE J

Senator Ray Cleary introduced the Alcoholic Beverage Container bill (S.461) to encourage the hospitality industry to choose recycling over landfilling when the cost was reasonable. The bill passed the Senate in 2011 (**VOTE J** correct vote=yes) only to die in Rep. Nelson Hardwick's House Agriculture Subcommittee.

ENABLING FOREST MANAGEMENT VOTE H

H.3631 encourages forest owners to be certified prescribed fire managers. It cleared the House in a unanimous voice vote in 2011 but landed on the Senate contested calendar. A year later, the Senate voted to give H.4631 a special order slot, and after perfecting amendments were added, it passed the Senate. The House concurred (**VOTE H** correct vote= yes) and the Governor signed the bill.

ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY VOTE K, B, L

Sen. Alexander and Rep. Sandifer introduced companion bills to update existing building codes to 2009 International Energy Conservation standards. H.4639 passed the House unanimously and received second reading in the Senate (**VOTE K** correct vote=yes). The Governor signed the bill. Rep. Jim Merrill's Plug-in Hybrid bill (H.3059) extends an existing state income tax credit of \$2,000 for highway-speed, plug-in vehicles, and has an annual impact cap of \$500,000. This bill passed the House (**VOTE B** correct vote= yes) and the Senate (**VOTE L** correct vote=yes) and the Governor signed it.

INCENTIVIZING CLEAN ENERGY VOTE A

H.3346 would have provided a 35% state tax credit for residential and commercial solar installations. It passed the House (**VOTE A** correct vote=yes) but died in the Senate Finance Committee despite having been amended by Sen. O'Dell's subcommittee to add performance metrics.

The Conservation Scorecard is your window into our State House and the actions taken – or not taken - to protect the South Carolina you love.

Committee votes, bill sponsorship and leadership behind the scenes are not tallied in these scores so we invite you to visit www.cvsc.org for more information.

SENATE

"LIFETIME" SENATE SCORES COULD NOT BE TALLIED BECAUSE NOT ENOUGH VOTES WERE RECORDED PRIOR TO 2011 TO ENABLE STATISTICAL SCORING.

	Senate District	Party - Home County	2011-2012 Score	Conservation Bank Funding	ABC Recycling	Building Codes	Plug-in Hybrid Tax Credit	Conservation Bank Sunset	Pollution Control Act
				I	J	K	L	M	N
				H.3700	S.461	H.4639	H.3059	H.3083	H.4654
				5/4/11	5/24/11	3/20/12	4/12/12	4/19/12	5/1/12
				38-4	31-9	27-9	27-9	38-2	22-16
Alexander, Thomas	1	R - Oconee	83%	★	★	★	★	★	-
Anderson, Ralph	7	D- Greenville	100%	★	★	★	★	★	★
Bright, Lee	12	R - Spartanburg	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bryant, Kevin	3	R - Anderson	17%	-	-	-	-	★	-
Campbell, Paul	44	R - Berkeley	83%	★	★	★	★	★	-
Campsen, Chip	43	R- Charleston	100%	★	★	★	E	★	★
Cleary, Ray	34	R - Georgetown	80%	★	★	★	★	E	-
Coleman, Creighton	17	D - Fairfield	83%	★	★	★	NV	★	★
Courson, John	20	R - Richland	83%	★	★	★	★	★	-
Cromer, Ronnie	18	R - Newberry	83%	★	★	★	★	★	-
Davis, Tom	46	R - Beaufort	40%	★	-	-	-	E	★
Elliott, Dick	28	D - Horry	50%	★	★	NV	NV	NV	★
Fair, Michael	6	R - Greenville	0%	-	-	NV	-	-	-
Ford, Robert	42	D - Charleston	50%	★	NV	★	NV	★	NV
Gregory, Greg	16	R - Lancaster	83%	★	★	★	★	★	NV
Grooms, Larry	37	R - Berkeley	50%	★	-	NV	★	★	-
Hayes, Wes	15	R - York	83%	★	★	★	★	★	-
Hutto, Brad	40	D - Orangeburg	83%	★	★	NV	★	★	★
Jackson, Darrell	21	D - Richland	80%	E	★	★	★	★	NV
Knotts, Jake	23	R - Lexington	83%	★	★	★	★	★	-
Land, John	36	D - Clarendon	83%	★	★	★	★	★	NV
Leatherman, Hugh	31	R - Florence	83%	★	★	★	★	★	-
Leventis, Phil	35	D - Sumter	100%	E	★	★	★	★	★
Lourie, Joel	22	D - Richland	80%	E	★	NV	★	★	★
Malloy, Gerald	29	D - Darlington	100%	★	★	★	★	★	★
Martin, Larry	2	R - Pickens	67%	★	★	★	-	★	-
Martin, Shane	13	R - Spartanburg	33%	★	-	-	NV	★	-
Massey, Shane	25	R - Edgefield	50%	+	★	-	-	★	-
Matthews, John	39	D - Orangeburg	100%	★	E	★	★	★	★
McConnell, Glenn	41	R - Charleston	N/A	★	NV	E	E	E	E
McGill, Yancey	32	D - Williamsburg	83%	★	★	★	★	NV	★
Nicholson, Floyd	10	D - Greenwood	100%	★	★	★	★	★	★
O'Dell, Billy	4	R - Abbeville	67%	★	★	NV	★	★	-
Peeler, Harvey	14	R - Cherokee	33%	-	-	★	-	★	-
Pinckney, Clementa	45	D - Jasper	60%	NV	★	NV	★	E	★
Rankin, Luke	33	R - Horry	50%	★	★	NV	NV	★	NV
Reese, Glenn	11	D - Spartanburg	40%	★	NV	NV	NV	★	E
Rose, Mike	38	R - Dorchester	33%	★	-	-	-	★	-
Ryberg, Greg	24	R - Aiken	83%	★	★	★	★	★	-
Scott, John	19	D - Richland	100%	★	★	★	★	★	★
Setzler, Nikki	26	D - Lexington	83%	★	★	★	★	★	-
Sheheen, Vincent	27	D - Kershaw	100%	★	★	★	★	★	★
Shoopman, Phillip	5	R - Greenville	67%	★	E	-	E	★	E
Thomas, Dave	8	R - Greenville	50%	★	★	-	-	★	-
Verdin, Danny	9	R - Laurens	40%	★	-	-	E	★	-
Williams, Kent	30	D - Marion	83%	★	NV	★	★	★	★

2011-2012 SENATE AVERAGES ...

68% overall | 82% for Democrats | 59% for Republicans

HOUSE

80% or Higher
Lifetime Scores

		House District	Party - Home County	Lifetime Conservation Score	2011-2012 Score	Solar Tax Credits	Plug-in Hybrid Tax Credit	Conservation Bank Sunset	Conservation Bank Veto	Pollution Control Act	Conservation Bank Weakening	Conservation Bank Funding	Prescribed Fire
						A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
						H.3346	H.3059	H.3083	H.3700	H.4654	H.4813	H.4813	H.3631
						4/28/11	5/5/11	5/18/11	6/29/11	3/7/12	3/13/12	3/13/12	3/21/12
						100-10	64-40	95-16	90-20	49-53	42-72	100-7	101-0
✓	Agnew, Paul	11	D - Abbeville	92%	100%	★	★	★	E	★	★	★	★
	Alexander, Terry	59	D-Florence	53%	63%	★	NV	★	★	★	NV	NV	★
	Allen, Karl	25	D-Greenville	47%	71%	★	NV	★	★	★	-	★	E
✓	Allison, Rita	36	R-Spartanburg	84%	88%	★	★	★	★	-	★	★	★
✓	Anderson, Carl	103	D-Williamsburg	82%	88%	★	★	★	★	★	-	★	★
	Anthony, Michael	42	D-Union	55%	63%	★	★	★	★	NV	-	★	NV
	Atwater, Todd	87	R-Lexington	63%	63%	NV	-	★	★	-	★	★	★
	Bales, Jimmy	80	D-Richland	64%	100%	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
✓	Ballentine, Nathan	71	R-Richland	87%	100%	★	★	★	★	E	★	★	E
	Bannister, Bruce	24	R-Greenville	75%	75%	★	★	★	★	-	★	★	NV
	Barfield, Liston	58	R-Horry	36%	75%	★	★	★	★	-	-	★	★
	Battle, Jim	57	D-Marion	58%	63%	NV	★	★	★	-	-	★	★
	Bedingfield, Eric	28	R-Greenville	31%	29%	-	E	-	-	-	★	★	NV
	Bikas, Eric	26	R-Pickens	13%	13%	★	NV	-	-	NV	NV	NV	NV
	Bingham, Kenny	89	R-Lexington	67%	88%	★	★	★	★	-	★	★	★
✓	Bowen, Don	8	R-Anderson	80%	88%	★	★	★	★	-	★	★	★
✓	Bowers, William	120	D-Hampton	82%	71%	NV	★	★	E	★	-	★	★
✓	Brady, Joan	78	R-Richland	94%	88%	★	★	★	★	★	-	★	★
	Branham, Lester	61	D-Florence	67%	50%	★	-	NV	★	NV	★	NV	★
✓	Brannon, Doug	38	R-Spartanburg	88%	88%	★	NV	★	★	★	★	★	★
	Brantley, Curtis	122	D-Jasper	78%	88%	★	NV	★	★	★	★	★	★
✓	Brown, Boyd	41	D-Fairfield	82%	63%	★	NV	★	★	NV	★	★	NV
	Brown, Grady	50	D-Lee	54%	14%	★	NV	NV	E	NV	-	NV	NV
✓	Brown, Robert	116	D-Charleston	88%	88%	★	★	★	★	NV	★	★	★
	Butler Garrick, Mia	79	D-Richland	75%	75%	★	★	★	★	NV	★	NV	★
	Chumley, Bill	35	R-Spartanburg	13%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	★
	Clemmons, Alan	107	R-Horry	42%	57%	★	E	★	-	-	-	★	★
✓	Clyburn, Bill	82	D-Aiken	84%	100%	★	★	★	★	E	★	★	★
	Cobb-Hunter, Gilda	66	D-Orangeburg	70%	88%	★	★	★	★	★	-	★	★
✓	Cole, Derham	32	R-Spartanburg	84%	88%	★	★	★	★	-	★	★	★
	Corbin, Tom	17	R-Greenville	25%	25%	★	-	-	-	-	-	-	★
	Crawford, Kris	63	R-Florence	69%	63%	★	-	★	-	-	★	★	★
	Crosby, Bill	117	R-Charleston	63%	63%	★	NV	NV	★	-	★	★	★
	Daniny, Joseph	92	R-Berkeley	63%	75%	★	-	★	★	★	★	★	NV
	Delleney, Greg	43	R-Chester	49%	50%	★	-	★	-	-	-	★	★
✓	Dillard, Chandra	23	D-Greenville	88%	75%	★	-	★	★	★	-	★	★
	Edge, Tracy	104	R-Horry	32%	50%	NV	★	NV	-	NV	★	★	★
✓	Erickson, Shannon	124	R-Beaufort	93%	100%	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
	Forrester, Mike	34	R-Spartanburg	78%	75%	★	-	★	★	-	★	★	★
	Frye, Marion	39	R-Lexington	21%	25%	-	★	-	-	-	-	-	★
✓	Funderburk, Laurie	52	D-Kershaw	94%	75%	-	-	★	★	★	★	★	★
	Gambrell, Michael	7	R-Anderson	77%	88%	★	★	★	★	★	-	★	★
	Gilliard, Wendell	111	D-Charleston	74%	88%	★	★	★	★	★	-	★	★
	Govan, Jerry	95	D-Orangeburg	74%	57%	★	NV	NV	★	★	NV	★	E
	Hamilton, Dan	20	R-Greenville	27%	13%	★	-	-	-	-	-	-	NV
	Hardwick, Nelson	106	R-Horry	54%	63%	★	-	★	★	-	-	★	★
	Harrell, Bobby	114	R-Charleston	57%	88%	★	★	★	★	-	★	★	★
	Harrison, Jim	75	R-Richland	60%	88%	★	★	★	★	★	★	NV	★
	Hart, Christopher	73	D-Richland	68%	63%	★	★	★	★	NV	NV	NV	★
	Hayes, Jackie	55	D-Dillon	56%	88%	★	★	★	★	-	★	★	★
✓	Hearn, George	105	R-Horry	88%	75%	★	-	★	★	-	★	★	★
	Henderson, Phyllis	21	R-Greenville	13%	13%	★	-	-	NV	-	-	NV	NV
✓	Herbkersman, Bill	118	R-Beaufort	84%	88%	★	★	★	★	NV	★	★	★
	Hiott, David	4	R-Pickens	78%	88%	★	★	★	★	-	★	★	★
	Hixon, Bill	83	R-Aiken	75%	75%	★	-	★	★	-	★	★	★
	Hodges, Kenneth	121	D-Colleton	67%	75%	★	★	★	★	NV	NV	★	★

2011-2012 HOUSE AVERAGES ... 70% overall | 77% for Democrats | 66% for Republicans

						A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	Horne, Jenny	94	R-Dorchester	78%	75%	★	★	★	★	-	-	★	★
✓	Hosey, Lonnie	91	D-Barnwell	80%	88%	★	★	★	★	★	-	★	★
	Howard, Leon	76	D-Richland	54%	63%	NV	★	★	NV	★	-	★	★
	Huggins, Chip	85	R-Lexington	64%	88%	★	★	★	★	-	★	★	★
	Jefferson, Joe	102	D-Berkeley	75%	75%	★	★	★	★	★	-	NV	★
	Johnson, Kevin	64	D-Clarendon	75%	75%	★	-	★	★	★	-	★	★
✓	King, John	49	D-York	94%	88%	★	★	★	NV	★	★	★	★
	Knight, Patsy	97	D-Dorchester	73%	100%	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	E
	Limehouse, Chip	110	R-Charleston	79%	88%	★	★	★	NV	★	★	★	★
	Loftis, Dwight	19	R-Greenville	22%	13%	★	NV	-	-	-	-	NV	NV
✓	Long, Deborah	45	R-Lancaster	88%	75%	★	-	★	-	★	★	★	★
✓	Lowe, Phillip	60	R-Florence	82%	75%	★	NV	★	★	-	★	★	★
	Lucas, Jay	65	R-Darlington	68%	63%	★	-	★	-	-	★	★	★
	Mack, David	109	D-Charleston	73%	88%	★	★	★	★	★	-	★	★
	McCoy, Peter	115	R-Charleston	75%	75%	★	NV	★	★	NV	★	★	★
✓	McEachern, Joe	77	D-Richland	84%	88%	★	-	★	★	★	★	★	★
✓	McLeod, Walton	40	D-Newberry	91%	75%	★	-	★	★	★	-	★	★
	Merrill, Jim	99	R-Charleston	66%	100%	E	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
	Mitchell, Harold	31	D-Spartanburg	76%	75%	★	★	NV	★	E	E	E	E
	Moss, Dennis	29	R-Cherokee	79%	75%	★	-	★	★	-	★	★	★
✓	Moss, Steve	30	R-Cherokee	88%	75%	★	-	★	★	-	★	★	★
	Munnerlyn, Elizabeth	54	D-Marlboro	75%	75%	NV	★	★	★	NV	★	★	★
	Murphy, Chris	98	R-Dorchester	63%	63%	★	★	★	★	-	-	★	NV
	Nanney, Wendy	22	R-Greenville	30%	20%	-	-	-	-	E	E	E	★
✓	Neal, Jimmy M.	44	D-Lancaster	86%	88%	★	-	★	★	★	★	★	★
	Neal, Joe H.	70	D-Richland	70%	100%	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
✓	Neilson, Denny	56	D-Darlington	83%	100%	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
	Norman, Ralph	48	R-York	59%	50%	★	-	-	-	-	★	★	★
	Ott, Harry	93	D-Calhoun	53%	63%	★	★	★	★	-	-	NV	★
	Owens, Phil	5	R-Pickens	46%	57%	★	-	-	-	E	★	★	★
	Parker, Steve	37	R-Spartanburg	68%	75%	★	-	★	★	-	★	★	★
	Parks, Anne	12	D-Greenwood	68%	75%	★	★	NV	★	★	-	★	★
✓	Patrick, Andy	123	R-Beaufort	86%	86%	★	★	★	E	★	★	NV	★
	Pinson, Gene	13	R-Greenwood	64%	75%	★	★	NV	★	★	★	★	NV
	Pitts, Michael	14	R-Laurens	41%	75%	★	★	★	★	-	★	★	NV
✓	Pope, Tommy	47	R-York	86%	86%	★	-	★	E	★	★	★	★
	Putnam, Joshua	10	R-Anderson	50%	50%	E	E	E	E	★	-	-	★
	Quinn, Rick	69	R-Lexington	43%	75%	★	★	NV	★	-	★	★	★
	Rutherford, Todd	74	D-Richland	38%	50%	★	★	NV	★	★	NV	NV	NV
	Ryan, Kevin	108	R-Georgetown	71%	71%	E	-	★	★	-	★	★	★
	Sabb, Ronnie	101	D-Williamsburg	63%	63%	★	-	★	★	NV	-	★	★
	Sandifer, Bill	2	R-Oconee	41%	38%	★	★	-	-	-	-	NV	★
✓	Sellers, Bakari	90	D-Bamberg	81%	63%	NV	NV	★	NV	★	★	★	★
	Simrill, J. Gary	46	R-York	64%	88%	★	-	★	★	★	★	★	★
	Skelton, B. R.	3	R-Pickens	66%	63%	-	-	★	★	-	★	★	★
	Smith, G. Murrell	67	R-Sumter	71%	86%	E	★	★	★	NV	★	★	★
	Smith, Garry R.	27	R-Greenville	38%	0%	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	NV
	Smith, J. Roland	84	R-Aiken	61%	86%	★	E	★	★	-	★	★	★
✓	Smith, James E.	72	D-Richland	96%	100%	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
✓	Sottile, Mike	112	R-Charleston	90%	100%	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
	Southard, Edward	100	R- Berkeley	50%	50%	E	E	E	E	-	-	★	★
✓	Spires, Kit	96	R-Lexington	80%	75%	★	★	★	★	-	NV	★	★
✓	Stavrinakis, Leon	119	D-Charleston	93%	100%	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
	Stringer, Tommy	18	R-Greenville	33%	25%	★	-	-	-	-	-	★	NV
✓	Tallon, Eddie	33	R-Spartanburg	88%	88%	★	★	★	★	-	★	★	★
	Taylor, Bill	86	R-Aiken	63%	63%	-	-	★	★	-	★	★	★
	Thayer, Anne	9	R-Anderson	38%	38%	NV	NV	-	NV	★	-	★	★
	Toole, Mac	88	R-Lexington	68%	88%	★	NV	★	★	★	★	★	★
	Tribble, David	15	R-Laurens	75%	75%	-	-	★	★	★	★	★	★
	Vick, Ted	53	D-Chesterfield	66%	57%	NV	★	E	★	★	-	★	NV
	Viers, Thad	68	R-Horry	18%	0%	-	NV	-	-	NV	E	E	E
	Weeks, David	51	D-Sumter	76%	88%	★	-	★	★	★	★	★	★
	Whipper, Seth	113	D-Charleston	74%	88%	★	★	NV	★	★	★	★	★
	White, Brian	6	R-Anderson	49%	88%	★	★	★	★	★	-	★	★
	Whitmire, Bill	1	R-Oconee	66%	88%	★	-	★	★	★	★	★	★
✓	Williams, Robert	62	D-Darlington	85%	88%	★	★	★	★	★	-	★	★
	Willis, Mark	16	R-Greenville	54%	57%	NV	-	★	★	E	★	-	★
✓	Young, Tom	81	R-Aiken	88%	75%	★	-	★	★	-	★	★	★