



Legislative Report Card 1995 - 1996

Massachusetts Audubon Society

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EXPLANATION OF 1995-1996 ENVIRONMENTAL ROLL CALL VOTES

Continuing a tradition that we began in 1985, The Massachusetts Audubon Society compiled the 1995/1996 environmental voting records of the members of the Massachusetts Legislature.

The session ended successfully with passage of two major environmental bills: the Open Space Bond Bill and the Rivers Bill. The Open Space bill, which became law as Chapter 15 of the Acts of 1996, authorizes the expenditure of approximately \$300 million for a variety of environmental capital projects including state open space land acquisition; grants to municipalities for purchase of parks, recreational areas, and conservation land; preservation of farmland; protection of endangered species habitat; and protection of drinking water supplies. The Rivers Bill, which became law as Chapter 258 of the Acts of 1996, limits development within 200 feet of rivers to protect the natural buffer that serves to reduce the flow of pollution into rivers and streams, to provide habitat for a variety of wildlife species, and to maintain their value.

This report card is an objective compilation of roll calls, not a subjective interpretation of legislators. We hope that this will aid the citizens of Massachusetts in determining how well their representative and senator are representing them on Beacon Hill.

Legislators received two points for every environmentally correct vote and one point for not voting. This method allows for a weighing an environmentally incorrect vote more heavily than being absent.

HOUSE ROLL CALL VOTES

Roll call #178 June 27, 1995

Open Space Bond Bill: This vote was for initial passage (engrossment) of the Open Space Bond Bill, H. 5206. "Yes" is the environmental vote.

Roll call #447 July 22, 1996

Rivers Bill: This vote was for passage of an amendment to the Rivers Bill, H.6275. The amendment would have changed the definition of "rivers" to limit the bill only to protect larger streams. The amendment was rejected. "No" was the environmental vote.

Roll call # 448 July 22, 1996

Rivers Bill: This vote was for passage of an amendment to the Rivers Bill, H. 6275. The amendment added a section to the bill that would amend the law regulating clean up of a hazardous waste site in Pittsfield. Not only was this viewed by supporters of the bill as a section that did not belong in the Rivers Bill, but it had the potential of allowing greater contamination of the Housatonic River to remain. The amendment was accepted. "No" is the environmental vote.

Roll call #449 July 22, 1996

Rivers Bill: This motion was to reconsider roll call vote #448 (described above). The motion failed. This prevented further debate against the weakening amendment and a chance for legislators to reconsider their vote. "Yes" was the environmental vote.

Roll call #491 July 31, 1996

Rivers Bill: This vote was the vote for final passage (enactment) of the Rivers Bill, H.6275. "Yes" is the environmental vote.

House of Representatives

roll call #	178	447	448	449	491	Ratings
Angelo, Steven	+	nv	nv	nv	+	70%
Barsom, Valerie	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Bellotti, Michael	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Binienda, John	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Bosley, Daniel	nv	+	+	+	+	90%
Brenton, Marianne	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Brett, James	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Brewer, Stephen	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Broadhurst, Arthur	+	+	-	-	-	40%
Businger, John	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Cabral, Antonio	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Cahill, Michael	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Cahir, Thomas	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Canavan, Christine	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Caron, Paul	+	+	-	+	+	80%
Casey, Paul	+	nv	nv	nv	+	70%
Chandler, Harriette	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Chesky, Evelyn	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Ciampa, Vincent	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Cleven, Carol	+	-	+	+	+	80%
Cohen, David	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Colt, James	+	-	+	-	+	60%
Connolly, Edward	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Coon, Gary	+	-	P	P	+	60%
Corbit, Samuel	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Correia, Robert	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Cousins, Frank	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Creedon, Geraldine	+	-	+	+	+	80%
Cresta, Brian	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Cuomo, Donna	+	-	nv	-	+	50%
DeFilippi, Walter	+	-	-	-	-	20%

DeLeo, Robert	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Demakis, Paul	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Dempsey, Brian	+	+	+	-	+	80%
DiMasi, Salvatore	+	+	-	-	+	60%
DiPaola, James	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Donnelly, David	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Donovan, Carol	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Evans, Nancy	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Fagan, James	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Fennell, Robert	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Finneran, Thomas	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Fitzgerald, Kevin	+	nv	nv	nv	nv	60%
Flaherty, Charles	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Flavin, Nancy	+	-	nv	+	-	50%
Fox, Gloria	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Galvin, William	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Gardner, Barbara	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Garry, Colleen	+	-	nv	+	nv	60%
Gately, David	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Gauch, Ronald	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Giglio, Anthony	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Glodis, William	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Goguen, Emile	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Golden, Thomas	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Gomes, Shirley	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Gray, Barbara	+	+	+	-	+	80%
Greene, William	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Guerriero, Patrick	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Hahn, Cele	+	-	-	-	-	20%
Haley, Paul	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Hall, Geoffrey	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Hargraves, Robert	+	nv	nv	nv	nv	60%

Harkins, Lida	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Hawke, Robert	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Herren, Albert	+	nv	nv	nv	nv	60%
Hodgkins, Christopher	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Honan, Kevin	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Hyland, Barbara	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Hynes, Frank	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Iannuccillo, M. Paul	+	+	-	-	nv	50%
Jehlen, Patricia	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Jones, Bradley	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Kafka, Louis	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Kaprielian, Rachel	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Kaufman, Jay	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Keenan, Daniel	+	-	-	-	-	20%
Kelly, Shaun	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Kennedy, Thomas	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Kerans, Sally	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Khan, Kay	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Klimm, John	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Koczera, Robert	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Kollios, Paul	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Kraus, Robert	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Kujawski, Paul	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Kulik, Stephen	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Landers, Patrick	+	+	nv	+	+	90%
Lane Jr, Harold M.	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Larkin, Peter	+	+	-	-	+	60%
LeLacheur, Edward	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Lepper, John	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Lewis, Jacqueline	+	-	+	-	+	60%
Lewis, Maryanne	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Locke, John	+	-	+	-	+	60%
Lynch, Stephen	+	*				100%
Mandile, Anthony	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Manning, M. Joseph	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Mariano, Ronald	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Marini, Francis	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Marzilli, Jim	+	+	+	+	+	100%
McDonough, John	+	+	+	-	+	80%
McGee, Thomas	+	+	-	-	+	60%
McIntyre, Joseph	+	+	+	+	+	100%
McManus, William	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Menard, Joan	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Merrigan, John	+	-	-	+	-	40%
Miceli, James	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Murphy, Dennis	+	-	-	-	-	20%
Murray, Mary Jeanette	+	-	+	+	+	80%
Nagle, William	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Naughton, Harold	+	+	+	-	+	80%
O'Brien, Janet W.	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Owens-Hicks, Shirley	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Panagiotakos, Steven	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Parente, Marie	+	+	+	-	+	80%

Paulsen, Anne	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Pedone, Vincent	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Peters, David	+	-	+	-	+	60%
Petersen, Douglas	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Peterson, George	+	-	+	-	+	60%
Petrolati, Thomas	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Poirier, Kevin	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Quinn, John	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Reinstein, William	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Resor, Pamela	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Richie, Charlotte Golar	+	+	+	nv	+	90%
Rodrigues, Michael J.		+	-	-	+	50%
Rogeness, Mary	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Rogers, John	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Ruane, J. Michael	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Rushing, Byron	+	+	+	nv	+	90%
Scaccia, Angelo	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Scibelli, Anthony	+	+	nv	-	+	70%
Serra, Emanuel	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Simmons, Mary Jane	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Slattery, John	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Sprague, JoAnn	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Stanley, Harriet	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Stefanini, John	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Stoddart, Douglas	+	-	-	-	+	40%
Story, Ellen	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Straus, William	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Sullivan, Joseph	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Swan, Benjamin	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Teagan, Linda	+	-	+	-	+	60%
Teague, Edward	+	-	nv	nv	+	60%
Thompson, Alvin	nv	-	-	-	+	30%
Tobin, A. Stephen	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Tolman, Steven	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Toomey, Timothy	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Travis, Philip	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Turkington, Eric	+	+	+	-	+	80%
Valianti, Daniel	+	+	+	nv	nv	80%
Vallee, James	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Verga, Anthony	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Voke, Richard	+	+	nv	+	nv	80%
Wagner, Joseph	+	+	+	-	-	60%
Walrath, Patricia	+	+	-	-	+	60%
Whitney, Ronald	+	-	-	-	+	40%
P = present						
nv = not voting						
* went to the Senate						

SENATE ROLL CALL VOTES

Roll call # 156 July 18, 1995

Rivers Bill: This was a motion to delay debate on the Rivers Bill, S.1099. The motion was to "lay the bill on the table," a delaying tactic that prohibits Senate debate on the bill until the next formal session. The next session would be as soon as the following day, but is frequently several weeks or even as long as a few months. The motion failed. "No" is the correct vote.

Roll call # 163 July 31, 1995

Rivers Bill: This was a vote on a proposed amendment to the Rivers Bill, S. 1099, that would have required the state and municipalities to pay full compensation to any landowner who claimed that a law or regulation resulted in reducing the value of their property. Passage of this amendment would make it extremely difficult for local and state officials to enforce zoning by-laws, and environmental, public health, safety, and other laws. The Senate rejected the amendment. "No" is the correct vote.

Roll call # 171 September 18, 1995

Rivers Bill: This motion was on reconsidering the vote on July 31 that is described above. Every vote by the legislature can be "reconsidered" or voted on again. This could result in passage of a bill that was previously defeated or defeat a bill that was just passed. The motion failed and the amendment was not reconsidered. "No" is the correct vote.

Roll call # 172 September 18, 1995

Rivers Bill: This was a preliminary vote to pass the Rivers Bill, S. 1838. Technically, the motion was to accept a new version of the bill drafted by the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Acceptance of this version was needed for the Senate to take the next vote to pass the Rivers Bill. The Senate voted for acceptance. "Yes" is the environmental vote.

Roll call #192 October 24, 1995

Open Space Bond Bill: This vote was to "engross" or pass the Open Space Bond Bill, H. 5206. "Yes" is the environmental vote.

Roll call #254 January 31, 1996

Open Space Bond Bill: This vote was for final passage (enactment) of the Open Space Bond bill, S.2076. "Yes" is the environmental vote.

Roll call #449 January 31, 1996

Rivers Bill: This vote was for final passage (enactment) of the Rivers Bill, H.6275. "Yes" is the environmental vote.

Senate

roll call #	156	163	171	172	192	251	449	Ratings
Amorello, Matthew	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Antonioni, Robert	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Bernstein, Robert	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Berry, Frederick	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Birmingham, Thomas	+	+	+	+	+	*		100%
Bulger, William	*							
Clancy, Edward	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Creedon, Michael	nv	+	-	+	+	+	+	79%
Durand, Robert	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Havern, Robert	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hedlund, Robert	+	nv	-	-	+	+	+	65%
Hicks, Lucile	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Jacques, Cheryl	+	+	nv	nv	+	+	+	86%
Jajuga, James	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Keating, William	+	+	nv	nv	+	+	+	86%
Knapik, Michael	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	86%
Leahy, Daniel	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Lees, Brian	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	44%
Lynch, Stephen							+	100%
Magnani, David	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Melconian, Linda	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%

Montigny, Mark	+	+	nv	nv	+	+	+	86%
Moore, Richard							+	100%
Morrissey, Michael	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Murray, Therese	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Norton, Thomas	nv	nv	+	+	+	+	+	86%
O'Brien, John	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Pacheco, Marc	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Pines, Lois	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Rauschenbach, Henri	+	+	nv	nv	+	+	+	86%
Rosenberg, Stanley	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Shannon, Charles	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	86%
Swift, Jane	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Tarr, Bruce	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Tisei, Richard	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	44%
Tolman, Warren	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Travaglini, Robert	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Walsh, Marian	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Wetmore, Robert	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	93%
White, W. Paul	+	+	+	+	nv	+	+	93%
Wilkerson, Dianne	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
nv = not voting								
* Senate President does not vote except to break tie.								