



Legislative Report Card

Massachusetts Audubon Society

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ROLL CALL VOTES OF 2001

Since 1985, the Massachusetts Audubon Society has reported the environmental voting records of the Massachusetts legislature in order to inform citizens of their state legislators' performance in protecting the nature of Massachusetts.

Purpose: This report card is a compilation of the roll call votes by state legislators on environmental bills or funding measures. It is not a personal evaluation of legislators. This report card publishes only how each legislator voted on environmental issues when he or she was asked to stand and be counted during formal debate.

Method: In practice, many bills are passed by 'voice votes'. In these cases, the Speaker or Senate President judges a motion's outcome based on the members' oral responses in the chamber, or on their written or vocal communications prior to open consideration in the House or Senate chambers. Otherwise, when one-fifth of the legislative body requests a call of the 'yeas' and 'nays', each member's vote is recorded on a roll call, and is printed in the legislative journal.

To prepare this report card, we begin by compiling all roll call votes on record at the Senate and House Clerks' offices. We then cull out those roll calls that impact natural resources protection. We grade legislators as follows: a vote supporting environmental protection is given two points; a vote against environmental protection is given zero points; and a legislators' absence, presence, or not voting is given one point. The scores of individual legislators are calculated by dividing the total points a legislator earned by the maximum possible score.

Results: In 2001, there were 221 roll call votes recorded in the House. There were 149 roll call votes recorded in the Senate.

- **1.5%** of all roll call votes in the House were on environmental items (1.3% if quorum roll calls are considered in the total);
- **4.7%** of all roll call votes in the Senate were on environmental items;
- **19%** of all roll calls votes in the House were on land dispositions pursuant to Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution (17% if quorum roll calls are considered in the total);
- **25%** of all roll calls votes in the Senate were on land dispositions pursuant to Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution.

The average score in the House of Representatives in 2001 was 86%. The average score in the Senate in 2001 was 93.4%. The score of an individual legislator may fluctuate from year to year. An examination of an individual legislator's voting record over the term of one's service presents a more revealing portrait of his or her commitment to environmental protection.

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2001 HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTION

VOTE	DATE	BILL#	BILL DESCRIPTION	ACTION	ENVIRONMENTAL VOTE	RESULT
24	4/30/01	H. 4100	FY'02 Operating Budget	amendment	Y	155-0-2
<p>This vote was to adopt an amendment to the House's FY'02 operating budget, which would further amend Chapter 44B of the General Laws. The amendment would enable the legislative body of any city or town that did not accept the <i>Community Preservation Act</i> at the local ballot to provide a voluntary donation check-off box on property tax bills.</p>						
20	12/5/01	H. 4800	FY'02 Operating Budget	override	Y	133-22-3
<p>This vote was to override Acting Governor Swift's veto of section 13 of the Conference Committee's FY'02 operating budget. This section would raise the ceiling on the Commonwealth's Stabilization Fund, and would distribute fifteen percent of the consolidated net surplus at the end of each fiscal year to an Open Space Acquisition Fund, set up on the books of the Commonwealth. Monies credited to the fund would be allocated by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, without further appropriation, to its agencies for the acquisition of open space.</p>						
221	12/5/01	H. 4800	FY'02 Operating Budget	override	Y	112-44-2
<p>This vote was to override Acting Governor Swift's veto of line item #2440-1900 to provide \$1.2 million for maintenance and improvements of certain parks and facilities under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan District Commission.</p>						

2001 SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTION

VOTE	DATE	BILL#	BILL DESCRIPTION	ACTION	ENVIRONMENTAL VOTE	RESULT
11	6/12/01	H. 4101	FY'02 Operating Budget	amendment	N	7-32
<p>This vote was to adopt an amendment to the Senate's FY02 operating budget that would transfer the custody, care, and control of the Metropolitan District Commission's (MDC) parkways, boulevards, roadways, and bridges to the Massachusetts Department of Highways. The amendment would establish a division of parkways within the Department of Highways, which would be responsible for all maintenance, construction, and operation of previously designated MDC parkways and bridges. The amendment would require that the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to establish design, engineering, and maintenance standards for these parkways.</p>						
35	7/12/01	S. 1011	Transfer of Development Rights	third reading	Y	38-0-1
<p>This vote was to order to the Committee on Bills in Third Reading a bill that would amend the state's Zoning Act to enable municipalities to adopt zoning ordinances or by-laws that authorize the transfer of development rights (also called transferable development rights or "TDR") by special permit. TDRs enable a landowner to give up his/her rights to develop a certain parcel of land in exchange for receiving the rights to develop a different parcel of land more intensively elsewhere in the community.</p>						
42	7/26/01	S. 1011	Transfer of Development Rights	engrossment	Y	37-0-2
<p>This vote was to engross the previous bill.</p>						
48	8/2/01	S. 2093	FY'01 Supplemental Budget	engrossment	Y	38-0-1
<p>This vote was to engross a supplemental appropriation that would raise the ceiling on the Commonwealth's Stabilization Fund, and would distribute fifteen percent of the consolidated net surplus at the end of each fiscal year to an Open Space Acquisition Fund, set up on the books of the Commonwealth. Monies credited to the fund would be allocated by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, without further appropriation, to its agencies for the acquisition of open space.</p>						
77	11/15/01	S. 2180	Upper Cape Water Supply Reserve	engrossment	Y	34-0-3
<p>This vote was to engross a bill that would establish a long-term management structure for the Massachusetts Military Reservation's northern 15,000 acres, which contains one-half of the total potential water supply in Upper Cape Cod, and one of the largest unfragmented pine barrens habitats in the northeastern United States. The bill would authorize a three member Environmental Management Commission—made up of state environmental agencies—to ensure that any military activity on the Reservation is compatible with the primary purposes of water supply and wildlife habitat protection</p>						
132	12/5/01	H. 4800	FY'02 Operating Budget	override	Y	32-5
<p>This vote was to override Acting Governor Swift's veto of section 13 of the Conference Committee's FY'02 operating budget. This section would raise the ceiling on the Commonwealth's Stabilization Fund, and would distribute fifteen percent of the consolidated net surplus at the end of each fiscal year to an Open Space Acquisition Fund, set up on the books of the Commonwealth. Monies credited to the fund would be allocated by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, without further appropriation, to its agencies for the acquisition of open space</p>						

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Vote [®]	24	208	221	Grade %	Vote [®]	24	208	221	Grade %	Vote [®]	24	208	221	Grade %
Representative					Representative					Representative				
Asselin, C.	+	+	+	100	Goguen, E.	+	+	+	100	O'Brien, T.	+	+	+	100
Atkins, C.	+	+	-	67	Golden, B.P.	+	+	+	100	O'Flaherty, E.	+	+	+	100
Atsalis, D.	+	+	-	67	Golden, T.A.	+	+	+	100	Owens-Hicks, S.	+	+	+	100
Ayers, B.	+	+	+	100	Gomes, S.	+	-	-	33	Parente, M.	+	+	+	100
Balsler, R.	+	+	+	100	Greene, T.	+	+	+	100	Patrick, M.	+	+	+	100
Barrios, J.	+	+	-	67	Haddad, P.	+	+	+	100	Paulsen, A.	+	+	+	100
Binienda, J.	+	+	+	100	Hahn, C.	+	-	-	33	Pedone, V.	+	+	+	100
Blumer, D.	+	+	+	100	Hall, G.	+	+	+	100	Petersen, D.	+	+	+	100
Bosley, D.	+	+	-	67	Hargraves, L.	+	-	-	33	Peterson, G.	+	-	-	33
Bradley, G.	+	+	+	100	Harkins, L.	+	+	+	100	Petrolati, T.	+	+	+	100
Broadhurst, A.	+	+	+	100	Hart, J.	+	+	+	100	Petrucci, A.	+	+	+	100
Brown, S.	+	-	-	33	Hill, B.	+	-	-	33	Poirier, E.	+	-	-	33
Bunker, D.	+	+	+	100	Hillman, R.	+	-	-	33	Polito, K.	+	-	-	33
Buoniconti, S.	+	+	-	67	Hodgkins, C.	+	+	-	67	Pope, S.	+	-	-	33
Cabral, A.	+	+	+	100	Honan, K.	+	+	+	100	Provost, R.	+	+	+	100
Cahill, M.	+	+	+	100	Hynes, F.	+	+	-	67	Quinn, J.	+	+	+	100
Canavan, C.	+	+	+	100	Jehlen, P.	+	+	+	100	Reinstein, K.	+	+	+	100
Candaras, G.	+	+	+	100	Jones, B.	+	-	-	33	Rivera, C.	+	+	+	100
Caron, R.	+	+	+	100	Kafka, L.	+	+	+	100	Rodrigues, M.	+	+	+	100
Carron, M.	+	+	-	67	Kane, M.	+	+	+	100	Rogeness, M.	+	-	-	33
Casey, P.	+	+	+	100	Kaprielian, R.	+	+	+	100	Rogers, G.	+	+	+	100
Ciampa, V.	+	+	+	100	Kaufman, J.	+	nv	+	83	Rogers, J.	+	+	+	100
Cleven, C.	+	-	-	33	Keenan, D.	+	+	-	67	Ruane, J.	+	+	+	100
Connolly, E.	+	+	+	100	Kelly, S.	+	-	-	33	Rushing, B.	+	+	+	100
Coppola, M.	+	-	-	33	Kennedy, T.	+	+	+	100	Santiago, J.	+	+	+	100
Correia, R.	+	+	+	100	Khan, K.	nv	+	+	83	Scaccia, A.	+	+	+	100
Creedon, G.	+	+	+	100	Knuutila, B.	+	+	+	100	Simmons, M.	+	+	+	100
Cresta, B.	+	*	*	100*	Koczera, R.	+	+	+	100	Slattery, J.	+	+	+	100
DeLeo, R.	+	+	+	100	Koutoujian, P.	+	+	+	100	Smizik, F.	+	+	+	100
deMacedo, V.	+	-	-	33	Kujawski, P.	+	+	+	100	Speliotis, T.	+	+	+	100
Demakis, P.	+	+	+	100	Kulik, S.	+	+	-	67	Spellane, R.	+	+	-	67
Dempsey, B.	+	+	+	100	Larkin, P.	+	+	+	100	Spilka, K.	*	+	+	100*
DiMasi, S.	+	+	+	100	Leary, J.	+	+	+	100	Stanley, H.	+	+	+	100
Donato, P.	+	+	+	100	LeDuc, S.	+	+	+	100	Stanley, T.	+	+	+	100
Donnelly, D.	+	+	+	100	Lepper, J.	+	-	-	33	St. Fleur, M.	+	+	+	100
Donovan, C.	+	+	+	100	Lewis, M.	+	+	+	100	Story, E.	+	+	-	67
Fagan, J.	+	+	+	100	Linsky, D.	+	+	+	100	Straus, W.	+	+	+	100
Fallon, C.	+	+	-	67	Locke, J.	+	-	+	67	Sullivan, D.	+	+	-	67
Falzone, M.	+	+	+	100	Loscocco, P.	+	-	+	67	Sullivan, J.	+	+	+	100
Fennell, R.	+	+	+	100	Malia, E.	+	+	+	100	Swan, B.	+	+	-	67
Festa, M.	+	nv	nv	67	Mariano, R.	+	+	+	100	Teahan, K.	+	+	+	100
Finegold, B.	+	+	-	67	Marini, F.	+	-	-	33	Timilty, W.	+	+	+	100
Finneran, T.	+	+	+	100	Marzilli, J.	+	+	+	100	Tirone, P.	+	+	+	100
Fitzgerald, K.	+	+	+	100	McGee, T.	+	+	+	100	Tobin, S.	+	+	+	100
Flavin, N.	+	+	-	67	Merrigan, J.	+	+	-	67	Toomey, T.	+	+	+	100
Flynn, D.	+	+	-	67	Miceli, J.	+	+	+	100	Torrisi, D.	+	nv	nv	67
Fox, G.	+	+	+	100	Murphy, C.	+	+	+	100	Travis, P.	+	+	+	100
Fresolo, J.	+	+	+	100	Murphy, J.	*	+	+	100*	Turkington, E.	+	+	-	67
Frost, P.	+	-	-	33	Murphy, K.	+	+	+	100	Vallee, J.	+	+	+	100
Galvin, W.	+	+	+	100	Nagle, W.	nv	*	*	*	Verga, A.	+	+	-	67
Garry, C.	+	+	-	67	Nangle, D.	+	+	+	100	Wagner, J.	+	+	-	67
George, T.	+	-	-	33	Naughton, H.	+	+	+	100	Walrath, P.	+	+	-	67
Gobi, A.	*	*	+	100*	Nyman, R.	+	+	+	100	Walsh, M.	+	+	+	100
										Wolf, A.	+	+	+	100

House Report Card Scoring Method

- A vote supporting environmental protection is (+), a vote against environmental protection is (-), absent or not voting is (nv), and present but not voting is (p).
- A (+) vote received two points, (nv) or (p) received one point, and a (-) vote received zero points.
- The symbol (*) denotes legislator left office during the session, or had not yet been sworn into office.

2001 SENATE REPORT CARD

Vote	11	35	42	48	77	132	Grade %	Vote	11	35	42	48	77	132	Grade %
Senator								Senator							
Antonioni, R.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	Menard, J.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Berry, F.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	Montigny, M.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Brewer, S.	-	+	+	+	+	+	83	Moore, R.	-	+	+	+	+	+	83
Chandler, H.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	Morrissey, M.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Clancy, E.	-	+	+	+	p	+	75	Murray, T.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Creedon, R.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	Nuciforo, A.	+	+	+	+	nv	+	92
Creem, C.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	O'Leary, R.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Fargo, S.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	Pacheco, M.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Glodis, G.	-	+	+	+	+	+	83	Panagiotakos, S.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Havern, R.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	Resor, P.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Hedlund, R.	-	+	+	+	+	-	67	Rosenberg, S.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Jacques, C.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	Shannon, C.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Jajuga, J.	+	+	+	+	*	*	100*	Sprague, J.	+	+	+	+	+	-	83
Joyce, B.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	Tarr, B.	+	+	+	+	+	-	83
Knapik, M.	-	+	+	+	+	-	67	Tisei, R.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Lees, B.	-	+	+	+	+	-	67	Tolman, S.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Lynch, S.	+	+	+	+	*	*	100*	Travaglini, R.	+	nv	nv	+	+	+	83
Magnani, D.	+	+	+	+	nv	+	92	Tucker, S.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Melconian, L.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	Walsh, M.	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
								Wilkerson, D.	+	+	nv	nv	+	+	83

Senate Report Card Scoring Method

- A vote supporting environmental protection is (+), a vote against environmental protection is (-) absent or not voting is (nv), and present but not voting is (p). This includes votes from senators who "paired" their votes, a procedure that allows senators to vote when they are not actually present in the chamber.
- A (+) vote received two points, (nv) or (p) received one point, and a (-) vote received zero points.
- The symbol (*) denotes the legislator left office during the session.
- The Senate President, Thomas Birmingham, votes only to break a tie.

The Massachusetts Audubon Society's Mission

To capture the attention of the inquisitive mind, instill an affection for all life, and foster an intelligent understanding of our role in the natural world.

Advocacy's Mission

To educate and empower Society members, citizens of the commonwealth, and local state, and federal officials, to make decisions that promote biological conservation in Massachusetts.

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