



ENVIRONMENTAL WATCHDOG RELEASES 2011 SCORECARD ***Lawmakers' Support for Environment Weakens in 2011: Worst Threats Averted***

Hartford, CT (November 14, 2011) – Connecticut lawmakers got caught up in the effort to weaken environmental protections that swept the nation this year. Legislators' collective environmental voting records dropped in 2011, according to the annual ***Environmental Scorecard*** released today by the bipartisan Connecticut League of Conservation Voters (CTLCV).

While the number of lawmakers with perfect scores (38) remained in the same range as in recent years, 34 state lawmakers received failing grades this year—more than in 2008, 2009 and 2010 combined.

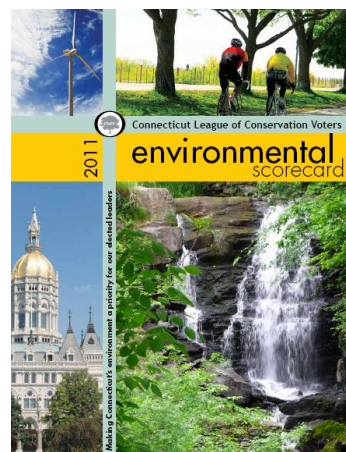
Nevertheless, legislative leaders and environmental advocates worked together to sidestep the most threatening attempts to undo environmental protections and programs.

Advocates helped defeat bills that would have undermined environmental permitting processes, derailed important water management regulations, and mandated ATV trails on state property. Additionally, Connecticut was one of the few states to preserve funding this year for clean water projects, open space, and farmland preservation. The Community Investment Act, which supports conservation programs, enjoyed wide backing from the legislative and executive branches. But advocates had to work through the session and beyond to save the critically important Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). As in 2010, the Commerce Committee, co-chaired by Senator Gary LeBeau and Representative Jeffrey Berger, was the source of numerous anti-environment bills.

Scorecard Grades Lawmakers on How They Voted on the Year's Top Environmental Bills

The annual environmental scorecard grades state senators and representatives on a 0% to 100% scale based on how they vote on important environmental legislation. This year the scorecard grades legislators' votes on twelve significant environmental bills that came up during the 2011 legislative session. Highlights of major pro- and anti-environmental legislation this year are spelled out in the "Session in Review" section of the Scorecard document.

CTLCV Co-Chair David Bingham summed up the 2011 session effectively, saying "Connecticut's core group of legislators who understand the necessity of a healthy environment to sustain a healthy economy were sorely tested this year. Despite the pressures of economic distress, they upheld policies that are critical to providing clean air and water and make Connecticut an inviting state to do business. But holding the line is insufficient. There is much still to do, much still at risk."



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"There is a continuing need to remind our public officials that Connecticut's environment is one of the state's most precious assets. Protecting it is an essential role of government."

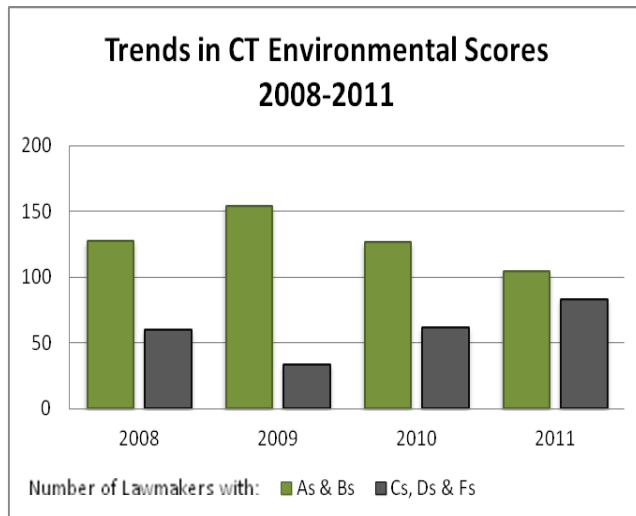
—G. Kenneth Bernhard,
CTLCV Co-Chair

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CT Environmental Scores, 2008 - 2011

The chart at right shows that the number of pro-environment lawmakers, with A and B grades, is on the decline. The number of neutral and anti-environment lawmakers, with C, D, and F grades, is growing. The chart tracks the scores for Connecticut's 187 senators and representatives from 2008 through 2011.

"This trend shows all the more reason why the League's voice is important at the Legislature to help preserve Connecticut's natural resources," said CTLCV Executive Director, Lori Brown.



Download the Full Scorecard at www.ctlcv.org/scorecard.html

Citizens who want a sense of how their own state legislators performed on environmental issues this year should take a close look at their grades.

The full list of legislators' environmental scores follows. For explanations of the environmental bills analyzed for the scorecard, a rundown on the 2011 legislative session and other analyses, please visit www.ctlcv.org/scorecard.html.

About the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters

Formed in 1998, the bipartisan Connecticut League of Conservation Voters focuses on getting smart, sustainable environmental policies enacted in Connecticut.

CTLCV works with Connecticut's environmental advocates on laws that affect Connecticut's air, water, wildlife, open space, transportation, energy choices, and health. CTLCV educates state legislators about these bills through Scorecard Alerts and urges them to cast a pro-environment vote.

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2011 SENATE SCORES ON THE ENVIRONMENT

2011 HOUSE SCORES ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Last Name	District	Party	Overall Score	Missed No Scored Votes
Boucher	26	R	71%	★
Bye	5	D	83%	★
Cassano	4	D	63%	★
Coleman	2	D	71%	★
Crisco	17	D	50%	★
Daily	33	D	75%	
Doyle	9	D	83%	★
Duff	25	D	71%	★
Fasano	34	R	83%	★
Fonfara	1	D	80%	★
Frantz	36	R	40%	★
Gerratana	6	D	83%	★
Gomes	23	D	83%	★
Guglielmo	35	R	80%	★
Harp	10	D	80%	★
Hartley	15	D	80%	★
Kane	32	R	100%	★
Kelly	21	R	50%	★
Kissel	7	R	100%	★
LeBeau	3	D	50%	★
Leone	27	D	71%	★
Looney	11	D	80%	★
Markley	16	R	100%	★
Maynard	18	D	67%	
McKinney	28	R	100%	★
McLachlan	24	R	57%	★
Meyer	12	D	100%	★
Musto	22	D	80%	★
Prague	19	D	100%	★
Roraback	30	R	63%	★
Slossberg	14	D	80%	★
Stillman	20	D	71%	★
Suzio	13	R	100%	★
Welch	31	R	100%	★
Williams, D.	29	D	80%	★
Witkos	8	R	100%	★

Last Name	District	Party	Overall Score	Missed No Scored Votes
Abercrombie	83	D	80%	★
Ackert	8	R	70%	★
Adinolfi	103	R	50%	
Alberts	50	R	80%	★
Albis	99	D	83%	★
Aldarondo	75	D	80%	★
Altobello	82	D	80%	★
Aman	14	R	50%	★
Aresimowicz	30	D	100%	★
Ayala	128	D	80%	★
Bacchiochi	52	R	75%	
Backer	121	D	100%	
Baram	15	D	83%	★
Becker	19	D	75%	★
Berger	73	D	50%	
Betts	78	R	60%	★
Boukus	22	D	64%	★
Butler	72	D	80%	★
Cafero	142	R	60%	★
Camillo	151	R	38%	
Candelaria	95	D	63%	
Candelora	86	R	50%	★
Carpino	32	R	67%	★
Carter	2	R	60%	★
Chapin	67	R	57%	★
Clemons	124	D	80%	
Cook	65	D	80%	★
Coutu	47	R	50%	★
Crawford	35	D	67%	
D'Amelio	71	R	38%	★
Dargan	115	D	80%	★
Davis, C	57	R	50%	
Davis, P	117	D	86%	★
Dillon	92	D	80%	
Donovan	84	D	100%	★

2011 House Scores on the Environment, continued

Last Name	District	Party	Overall Score	Missed No Scored Votes
Esposito	116	D	100%	
Fawcett	133	D	80%	★
Fleischmann	18	D	75%	
Flexer	44	D	86%	★
Floren	149	R	70%	★
Fox, D.	148	D	83%	★
Fox, G.	146	D	71%	★
Frey	111	R	60%	★
Fritz	90	D	83%	
Genga	10	D	75%	
Gentile	104	D	43%	
Gibbons	150	R	33%	
Giegler	138	R	43%	★
Giuliano	23	R	80%	★
Godfrey	110	D	100%	
Gonzalez	3	D	83%	★
Greene	105	R	50%	★
Grogins	129	D	71%	★
Guerrera	29	D	71%	★
Haddad	54	D	88%	★
Hamm	34	D	100%	
Hennessy	127	D	86%	★
Hetherington	125	R	90%	
Hewett	39	D	83%	★
Holder-Winfield	94	D	83%	★
Hovey	112	R	57%	★
Hoydick	120	R	80%	★
Hurlburt	53	D	64%	
Hwang	134	R	57%	★
Janowski	56	D	86%	★
Johnson	49	D	80%	★
Jutila	37	D	60%	★
Kiner	59	D	100%	★
Kirkley-Bey	5	D	67%	
Klarides	114	R	75%	★
Kokoruda	101	R	92%	★
Kupchick	132	R	70%	★
Labriola	131	R	64%	★
Larson	11	D	67%	

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Lavielle	143	R	64%	★
LeGeyt	17	R	80%	★
Lemar	96	D	75%	★
Lesser	100	D	100%	★
Luxenberg	12	D	79%	★
Lyddy	106	D	100%	★
McCrary	7	D	100%	
Megna	97	D	86%	
Mikutel	45	D	67%	
Miller, L.	122	R	71%	★
Miller, Patricia B	145	D	80%	★
Miller, Philip	36	D	100%	★
Miner	66	R	50%	★
Molgano	144	R	43%	★
Morin	28	D	71%	★
Morris	140	D	100%	★
Moukawsher	40	D	50%	
Mushinsky	85	D	100%	
Nafis	27	D	100%	★
Nardello	89	D	100%	
Nicastro	79	D	86%	★
Noujaim	74	R	50%	
O'Brien, E.	61	D	44%	
O'Brien, T.	24	D	100%	★
Olson	46	D	100%	★
O'Neill	69	R	92%	★
Orange	48	D	100%	★
Perillo	113	R	50%	★
Perone	137	D	70%	★
Piscopo	76	R	43%	★
Rebimbas	70	R	90%	★
Reed	102	D	100%	
Reynolds	42	D	83%	★
Rigby	63	R	60%	★
Ritter, E.	38	D	100%	★
Ritter, M.	1	D	83%	★
Robles	6	D	75%	
Rojas	9	D	83%	★
Roldan	4	D	80%	

2011 House Scores on the Environment, continued

Last Name	District	Party	Overall Score	Missed No Scored Votes
Rose	118	D	100%	
Rovero	51	D	100%	★
Rowe	123	R	83%	★
Roy	119	D	86%	★
Ryan	139	D	93%	★
Sampson	80	R	67%	★
Sanchez	25	D	100%	★
Santiago	130	D	38%	
Sawyer	55	R	64%	★
Sayers	60	D	71%	★
Schofield	16	D	80%	★
Scribner	107	R	50%	★
Serra	33	D	71%	★
Shaban	135	R	56%	★
Sharkey	88	D	80%	★
Simanski	62	R	71%	★
Smith	108	R	33%	
Srinivasan	31	R	80%	★
Stallworth	126	D	80%	★
Steinberg	136	D	86%	★
Taborsak	109	D	80%	
Tallarita	58	D	75%	
Tercyak	26	D	100%	★
Thompson	13	D	100%	★
Tong	147	D	83%	★
Urban	43	D	93%	★
Verrengia	20	D	50%	★
Villano	91	D	100%	★
Wadsworth	21	R	64%	★
Walker	93	D	83%	★
Widlitz	98	D	80%	★
Williams, S.	68	R	38%	★
Willis	64	D	100%	
Wood	141	R	58%	
Wright, C.	77	D	93%	★
Wright, E.	41	D	100%	★
Yaccarino	87	R	80%	★
Zalaski	81	D	100%	