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2008

environmental scorecard

**Connecticut's
Top Green Legislators**

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FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



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ABOUT CTLCV

The Connecticut League of Conservation Voters is a bipartisan, statewide nonprofit organization.

We work with Connecticut's environmental advocates to ensure that our legislators understand environmental issues and pass legislation that enhances our air, water, wildlife, open space and health.

CTLCV holds state legislators accountable for their votes in our annual Environmental Scorecard.

Visit www.ctlcv.org to see recent Scorecards and other environmental news and information.

We also provide election-related information and endorse pro-environment candidates for political office; see our political action web site at www.ecovotect.org.

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LEGISLATIVE RECAP 2008

Good Bills That Passed

Global Warming

Environmental Justice

Face of Connecticut

Toxins in Children's Products: Lead
and Asbestos

Protecting Land Trust Tax Exemptions

Sustainable Forestry

Bad Bills That Were Defeated

Billboards on State Land

Conservation Development Zones

ATVs on State Land

Unfinished Business

DEP Funding

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses

Fuel Cell Funding

Riverfront Protection

Bottle Bill

Vehicle Idling

On-Site Sewage Treatment Systems

Tax Credit for Conservation

Medications in Water

Prime Agricultural Land

Toxins: Phthalates, Bisphenol-A,
Flame Retardants

2008 ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD

Connecticut League of Conservation Voters

How To Use This Scorecard

Use this Environmental Scorecard to see how your elected leaders voted on the environmental issues that matter to you. If you care about clean air and water, open space and the health of the planet, be sure to cast your vote for someone else who does, too.

The Connecticut League of Conservation Voters issues an Environmental Scorecard each year to shine a light on our elected officials, and give you, the voter, the information you need to know who's on your side, who's living up to your expectations as a leader on the environment—and who's not.

These pages offer a glimpse of the environmental policies our state lawmakers grappled with in 2008, how they voted, and what important work was left undone.

Contact your legislators!

Visit www.ctlc.org and use the "Find Your Legislator" feature on the home page. Then call, write or email to let them know what you think about their environmental record in this Scorecard.





SESSION IN REVIEW

Significant Victories & Missed Opportunities

From an environmental standpoint, Connecticut's 2008 legislative session was marginally successful, with six pro-environment victories, nine missed opportunities, and three anti-environmental bills defeated.

Victories The global warming bill is widely regarded as this year's overwhelming winner. The bill caps emissions of global warming pollution and requires emissions cuts to 10% below 1990 levels by 2020 and 80% emissions reductions from 2001 levels by 2050. Connecticut is the fifth state to adopt mandatory limits on global warming pollution.

Other significant pro-environment bills that passed limit toxins in children's products, promote environmental justice, preserve the face of Connecticut, protect land trust tax exemptions and promote sustainable forestry.

The three anti-environmental bills that were defeated would have weakened municipal authority to promote conservation and contain development, allowed riding all-terrain vehicles on public land, and undermined the Governor's limitations on billboards on state land.

Disappointments Many of Connecticut's environmental groups banded together to persuade the General Assembly's Appropriations Committee to increase the operating budget for the Department of Environmental Protection. Unfortunately, our victory was reversed when the state's projected revenues fell short and lawmakers decided not to change the state's existing budget, leaving DEP shockingly underfunded. DEP's wholly inadequate funding threatens all aspects of environmental protection and permitting in the state.

Legislators also dropped the ball on eight high-priority environmental bills that would have set important policy directives. Most of these bills would not have impacted the state's budget. They included measures on inland wetlands protection, riverfront protection, deposits on throw-away beverage bottles, tax credits for conservation, enforcement against vehicle idling, effective regulation of packaged sewage-treatment systems and support for fuel cells.

For more details on these bills, see page 13.

On the Upside

Full Funding for Clean Water

In 2008, the state's Bonding Commission released the full \$90 million that was allocated to the Clean Water Fund to upgrade sewage treatment plants.

Another \$90 million is allocated to the Clean Water Fund for 2009.

FROM THE BOARD CHAIRS

Dear Reader:



The 2008 CTLCV Environmental Scorecard may be our most important one yet. The public is paying closer and truly enlightened attention to the environment, and the need to find solutions has never been greater.

Voters are asking politicians to take a strong stand on environmental issues. We think it is essential that elected officials on both sides of the aisle commit to protecting the natural world in which we live, work, play and do business.

And that leads us to the 2008 November elections for Connecticut's General Assembly.

If you want to make an informed decision as a voter on whether to re-elect an incumbent, you'll need to know his or her environmental record. You're holding the answer in your hands.

If you are a candidate running for election or re-election, you can use this Scorecard to be more informed about environmental issues of importance in our state—issues that will surely continue to be debated in 2009 at the Legislature.

As always, thank you for caring about Connecticut's environment.

Julie Belaga
Russell Brenneman
Co-Chairs, Board of Directors
Connecticut League of Conservation Voters

**Environmentalism
is a political plus.**

People are seven times
more likely to vote for
a candidate who's a
strong environmentalist
than for one who's not.

ABC News/Planet Green/Stanford Poll
(August 2008)

CONNECTICUT'S 2008 Environmental Champions

Connecticut has the good fortune to have a number of legislators who consistently go to bat for the environment. They earn our deep appreciation for standing firm for clean air, clean water and clean energy and for giving our irreplaceable beaches, parks, forests, farmland and other open space the protection they deserve.

Senator Don Williams (Brooklyn) **Senate President**

Senator Williams deserves our applause, recognition and respect for consistently leading at the highest levels on environmental issues in the Senate. Thanks to his enduring leadership, depth of experience and informed vision, environmental issues have moved front and center in the legislature.

Senator John McKinney (Southport) **Senate Minority Leader**

Senator McKinney has been a consistent friend of the environment for many years. In 2008 he championed a strong Bottle Bill and helped block anti-environment ATV legislation. He also ensured that the Global Warming bill had full Republican support in the Senate.

Senator Ed Meyer (Guilford) **Senate Chair, Environment Committee**

Senator Meyer vigorously supported the Global Warming bill and ensured that many important environmental bills moved through his committee.

Senator Andrew Roraback (Goshen)

Senator Roraback has long advocated funding for the environment, the Face of Connecticut campaign in particular. This year, he worked to preserve land trust tax exemptions. He is a leader in forging bipartisan coalitions on environmental issues.

Representative Roberta Willis (Lakeville)

Representative Willis worked tirelessly with her colleagues in the House to strengthen laws protecting inland wetlands and to defeat proposals that would harm them. She also championed preserving land trust tax exemptions.

Representative Patricia Widlitz (Guilford)

Representative Widlitz persevered to get the 2008 Global Warming bill passed in the House—a considerable feat in light of the small, but vocal minority in opposition.

Representative Denise Merrill (Mansfield) **House Chair, Appropriations Committee**

Representative Merrill fought the uphill battle for DEP funding and for the Sustainable Forestry legislation. Representative Merrill vows to continue seeking DEP funding in 2009.

Representative Livvy Floren (Greenwich)

Representative Bryan Hurlburt (Tolland)

Senator Andrew Maynard (Stonington)

Representative Floren, Representative Hurlburt and Senator Maynard were key members of the coalition that worked day and night to inform and persuade their colleagues to support funding for the Face of Connecticut legislation and get co-sponsors for the bill.

Representative Jack Hennessey (Bridgeport)

Representative Hennessey led the passage of Connecticut's first Environmental Justice legislation—an effort that had been stalled for more than five years.



Sen. Don Williams



Sen. John McKinney



Sen. Ed Meyer



Sen. Andrew Roraback

TOP GREEN LEGISLATORS 2008



Rep. Roberta Willis



Rep. Patricia Widlitz



Rep. Denise Merrill



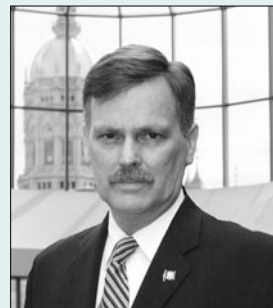
Rep. Livy Floren



Rep. Bryan Hurlburt



Sen. Andrew Maynard



Rep. Jack Hennessey

OF NOTE

Several other Connecticut legislators deserve praise for their work on specific pro-environment initiatives.

Senator John Fonfara (Hartford)
Representative Steve Fontana (North Haven)
Co-chairs, Energy and Technology Committee

Senator Fonfara and Representative Fontana continued to work through complicated and divisive energy initiatives. We commend them both for putting energy efficiency, conservation, and innovative energy technologies and strategies at the top of the state's energy agenda.

Representative Dick Roy (Milford)
House Chair, Environment Committee
Representative Beth Bye (West Hartford)

Representatives Roy and Bye proved their steadfast environmental determination through their work on the Bottle Bill and the legislation on Toxins in Children's Products.

OUT-OF-STEP ON GLOBAL WARMING

A number of legislators in the House voted against important environmental legislation to address global warming.

Think they're off the mark? Let them know.



Rep. Mike Alberts (East Woodstock)

Rep. Penny Bacchiochi (Hartford)

Rep. Anthony D'Amelio (Waterbury)

Rep. Kevin DelGobbo (Naugatuck)

Rep. Ruth Fahrback (Windsor)

Rep. Richard Ferrari (East Granby)

Rep. Leonard Greene (Beacon Falls)

Rep. William Hamzy (Terryville)

Rep. John Harkins (Stratford)

Rep. Craig Miner (Litchfield)

Rep. Selim Noujaim (Waterbury)

Rep. John Piscopo (Thomaston)

Rep. T.R. Rowe (Trumbull)

Rep. Pamela Sawyer (Bolton)

Rep. Sean Williams (Watertown)

WHAT THE NUMBERS MEAN

Our Methodology

CTLCV works with environmental groups around the state to identify the bills those groups consider as their top priorities. Throughout the legislative session, we consult with environmental advocates as we monitor the progress of each piece of legislation.

CTLCV grades legislators on a 0 to 100% scale based on their voting records on bills that affect the environment. In addition to analyzing final House and Senate votes, we looked at every vote cast in each committee along the way.

To determine the scores, we gave one point for a pro-environment vote and zero points for an anti-environment vote. Each column in the Scorecard table represents the averages of all relevant votes on a specific bill. The final score shown in this document is the total of all the selected votes.

A Note on Abstentions and Absences: Abstentions are not calculated in legislators' final scores, but absences are. We assigned a half point for absences in recognition that sometimes legislators deliberately miss votes. Of course, sometimes there are valid reasons for absences. But in the end, an absence isn't as constructive as taking a stand and casting a pro-environment vote. Thus, a half point score for absences is a compromise. We encourage readers to check how many times your legislators may have missed important votes.

Visit www.ctlcv.org for details on how individual legislators voted on each bill.

Scoring Methodology

1 point for a pro-environment vote
0 points for an anti-environment vote
½ point for absences
Abstentions are not calculated.

For details on how individual legislators voted on the bills we scored, please visit our web site at www.ctlcv.org.



SENATE SCORES

Senator	OVERALL SCORE	District	Party	Billboards on State Land (5750)	Bottle Bill (357)	Inland Wetlands (5603)	Env. Justice (118 & 5145)	Face of CT (5873)	Fuel Cell Funding (5681)	Global Warming (5600)	On-Site Sewage Trtmt. (136)	Riverfront Protection (362)	Sustainable Forestry (5853)	Toxins in Children's Products (5650)	Toxins: Lead, Phthal., BPA (5601)	Toxins: Flame Retardants (5805)	Vehicle idling (123)
Caligiuri	85%	16	R				100%	100%		100%				75%			50%
Cappiello	88%	24	R	100%			100%	100%		100%		0%	100%	100%	100%		
Colapietro	83%	31	D	0%			100%	100%		100%				100%			100%
Coleman	100%	2	D		100%		100%	100%		100%				100%			100%
Crisco	100%	17	D				100%	100%		100%				100%			
Daily	92%	33	D				100%	100%		100%			50%	100%			100%
Debicella	58%	21	R	100%		0%	50%	100%		67%	0%	50%	100%	100%	25%	0%	100%
DeFronzo	90%	6	D	0%	100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	75%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Doyle	88%	9	D				100%	100%		50%				100%			
Duff	79%	25	D	0%			90%	100%	100%	100%		0%	100%	100%	100%		100%
Fasano	80%	34	R		0%		100%	100%		100%				100%			
Fonfara	93%	1	D				83%	75%	100%	100%			100%	100%			
Freedman	69%	26	R	67%			67%	100%		75%		50%	100%	67%	0%		100%
Gaffey	95%	13	D				100%	75%		100%			100%	100%			
Gomes	90%	23	D	25%			100%	100%		100%		100%	100%	88%	100%		100%
Guglielmo	100%	35	R				100%	100%		100%			100%	100%			100%
Handley	100%	4	D				100%	100%		100%				100%			100%
Harp	88%	10	D	0%			100%	100%		100%		100%	100%	100%	100%		
Harris	83%	5	D	0%	50%		100%	100%		100%		100%	100%	100%	100%		
Hartley	59%	15	D	0%			75%	100%		50%		0%	100%	100%	50%		
Herlihy	79%	8	R				50%	75%	100%	100%			50%	100%			
Kane	69%	32	R	100%			100%	100%		50%		50%	50%	100%	0%		
Kissel	100%	7	R				100%	100%		100%				100%			100%
LeBeau	79%	3	D	0%			100%	100%		100%			50%	100%			100%
Looney	100%	11	D				100%	100%		100%				100%			
Maynard	92%	18	D	0%	100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
McDonald	89%	27	D	50%			100%	100%		100%			100%	100%			75%
McKinney	80%	28	R		100%	100%	83%	100%		75%	50%	100%	100%	100%	50%	0%	100%
Meyer	96%	12	D		100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	100%	100%
Nickerson	79%	36	R	0%			50%	100%		100%			100%	100%			100%
Prague	88%	19	D	25%			75%	100%		100%		100%	100%	100%	100%		
Roraback	100%	30	R				100%	100%		100%			100%	100%			100%
Russo	100%	22	R				100%	100%		100%				100%			
Slossberg	81%	14	D	0%			75%	100%		75%		100%	100%	100%	100%		
Stillman	100%	20	D				100%	100%		100%			100%	100%			100%
Williams	100%	29	D				100%	100%		100%				100%			

HOUSE SCORES

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Abercrombie	100%	83	D				100%	100%		100%				100%			
Adinolfi	84%	103	R	100%			100%	100%		60%		0%	100%	100%	100%		100%
Alberts	65%	50	R				0%	100%		25%			100%	100%			
Aldarondo	100%	75	D				100%	100%		100%			100%	100%			
Altobello	100%	82	D				100%	100%	100%	100%			100%	100%			
Aman	92%	14	R		100%		100%	100%		50%				100%			100%
Amann	100%	118	D				100%	100%		100%				100%			
Aresimowicz	100%	30	D				100%	100%		100%			100%	100%			
Ayala	86%	128	D	0%	100%		100%	100%		100%				100%			100%
Bacchiochi	62%	52	R		50%		100%	100%		20%				100%			0%
Backer	75%	121	D	100%	0%	100%	100%	75%	100%	50%	50%	50%	75%	100%	100%	50%	100%
Barry	92%	12	D				100%	100%		100%			50%	100%			100%
Bartlett	95%	2	D				100%	75%		100%			100%	100%			
Berger	85%	73	D				100%	100%		88%			100%	75%			50%
Boucher	84%	143	R	83%			67%	100%		60%		100%	100%	100%	100%		50%
Boukus	100%	22	D				100%	100%		100%				100%			100%
Burns	69%	77	R	100%			100%	100%		50%		0%	100%	100%	0%		
Butler	95%	72	D				100%	75%		100%			100%	100%			
Bye	96%	19	D		100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	50%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Cafero	88%	142	R				100%	100%		50%				100%			
Candelaria	84%	95	D	50%			50%	100%		100%		100%	100%	75%	100%		
Candelora	67%	86	R	100%	0%		100%	100%		0%		100%	100%	100%	0%		
Caron	59%	44	R	0%			25%	100%	100%	50%			100%	100%			0%
Carson	80%	108	R				100%	100%		50%			50%	100%			
Caruso	100%	126	D				100%	100%		100%				100%	100%		100%
Chapin	53%	67	R	100%	0%	0%	50%	100%		33%	0%	0%	100%	100%	0%	100%	100%
Christ	85%	11	D				100%	75%		100%			50%	100%			
Christiano	81%	134	D		83%	0%	100%	100%		90%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	100%
Clemons	74%	124	D	0%			75%	100%		92%		50%	50%	100%	100%		100%
D'Amelio	59%	71	R	33%			67%	100%		10%		50%	100%	75%	0%		100%
Dargan	100%	115	D				100%	100%		100%				100%			100%
Davis	92%	117	D	0%	100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
DelGobbo	59%	70	R	100%			38%	100%	100%	0%		50%	100%	100%	0%		0%
Dillon	90%	92	D	50%			75%	100%		100%		100%	100%	83%	100%		100%
Donovan	100%	84	D				100%	100%		100%				100%			
Drew	88%	132	D	0%	100%		100%	100%		100%				100%	100%		100%
Dyson	88%	94	D		50%		100%	100%		75%			100%	100%			
Esposito	100%	116	D				100%	100%		100%				100%			100%

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Fahrbach	33%	61	R	0%			50%	100%		0%				0%			50%
Fawcett	86%	133	D	0%			100%	100%	100%	100%				100%			100%
Feltman	91%	6	D	25%	100%		100%	100%		90%		100%	100%	100%	100%		
Ferrari	48%	62	R	100%			0%	100%	100%	0%		0%	100%	33%	0%		
Fleischmann	84%	18	D	0%			100%	100%		100%		100%	100%	100%	75%		
Floren	89%	149	R				100%	83%		50%			100%	100%	100%		
Fontana	86%	87	D	50%			100%	100%	100%	100%				100%			50%
Fox	79%	146	D	0%	50%		100%	100%		100%				100%			100%
Frey	90%	111	R				100%	100%		50%			100%	100%			
Fritz	75%	90	D		0%		100%	50%		100%				100%			100%
Genga	89%	10	D	0%			100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	100%	100%	100%		
Gentile	90%	104	D		50%		100%	100%		100%				100%			
Geragosian	92%	25	D	25%			100%	100%		100%		100%	100%	100%	100%		100%
Giannaros	95%	21	D				100%	100%		75%			100%	100%			
Gibbons	72%	150	R				33%	100%	50%	50%			100%	100%			
Giegler	90%	138	R				100%	100%		50%				100%			100%
Giuliano	88%	23	R				100%	100%		50%				100%			
Godfrey	80%	110	D				100%	0%		100%				100%			100%
Gonzalez	92%	3	D	25%			100%	100%		100%		100%	100%	100%	100%		100%
Graziani	100%	57	D				100%	100%		100%				100%			
Green	79%	1	D				50%	75%		100%			50%	100%			100%
Greene	33%	105	R		0%	0%	0%	100%		0%	0%	0%	100%	100%	0%	0%	100%
Guerrera	83%	29	D	0%			100%	100%		100%				100%			100%
Hamm	86%	34	D	25%			100%	100%		100%		100%	100%	100%	50%		100%
Hamzy	60%	78	R				100%	100%		0%				100%			0%
Harkins	71%	120	R	0%			100%	100%		0%				100%	100%		100%
Heinrich	88%	101	D	0%			100%	100%		100%		100%	100%	100%	100%		
Hennessy	100%	127	D		100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Hetherington	71%	125	R				100%	100%		25%			100%	100%	0%		
Hewett	86%	39	D	25%			100%	100%		100%		100%	100%	100%	100%		50%
Hovey	70%	112	R	50%			100%	100%		50%		0%	100%	83%	50%		100%
Hurlburt	100%	53	D		100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Janowski	75%	56	D	0%			75%	100%		100%				75%			100%
Jarmoc	96%	59	D				100%	100%		80%				100%			100%
Johnston	56%	51	D				0%	100%		80%				100%			0%
Jutila	84%	37	D	0%	0%	100%	88%	100%		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Kalinowski	77%	100	R		50%	100%	67%	100%		58%	50%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	100%
Keeley	100%	129	D				100%	100%		100%			100%	100%			

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Kehoe	100%	31	D				100%	100%	100%	100%			100%	100%			
Kirkley-Bey	93%	5	D	50%			100%	100%		90%		100%	100%	100%	100%		
Klarides	79%	114	R				100%	100%		50%			100%	75%			50%
Labriola	63%	131	R				100%	100%		50%				75%	0%		50%
Lawlor	96%	99	D				100%	75%		100%				100%	100%		100%
Leone	86%	148	D	0%			100%	100%		100%			100%	100%			100%
Lewis	89%	8	D	0%			100%	100%		100%		100%	100%	100%	100%		100%
Malone	66%	47	D	0%			75%	100%		100%		50%	100%	100%	0%		
Mazurek	100%	80	D				100%	100%	100%	100%				100%			
McCluskey	100%	20	D	100%			100%	100%		100%			100%	100%			100%
McCrory	77%	7	D	25%			100%	100%		90%		100%	50%	100%	50%		
McMahon	100%	15	D				100%	100%		100%				100%			100%
Megna	99%	97	D		100%	100%	100%	100%		90%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Merrill	88%	54	D	0%			100%	100%		100%		100%	100%	100%	100%		
Mikutel	76%	45	D	100%			50%	50%		80%				100%			75%
Miller	57%	122	R		0%	100%	0%	100%	100%	40%	0%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	100%
Miner	43%	66	R		0%	0%	0%	100%		20%	0%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	100%
Mioli	83%	136	D	0%			100%	100%		100%				100%			100%
Morin	75%	28	D	0%			25%	100%	100%	100%				100%			100%
Morris	100%	140	D				100%	100%		100%				100%			100%
Moukawsher	50%	40	D		0%	0%	100%	100%		100%	100%	0%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Mushinsky	93%	85	D		100%	100%	83%	83%		100%	75%	100%	75%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Nafis	88%	27	D	0%			100%	100%		100%		100%	100%	100%	100%		
Nardello	100%	89	D				100%	100%	100%	100%				100%			
Nicastro	75%	79	D	0%			50%	100%		100%				100%			100%
Noujaim	50%	74	R	0%			75%	100%		25%				100%			0%
O'Brien	96%	24	D				100%	100%		100%			100%	75%			100%
O'Connor	72%	35	D	0%			75%	100%		100%		0%	100%	100%	100%		
Olson	90%	46	D				100%	100%		100%				100%			50%
O'Neill	76%	69	R	75%			100%	100%		60%		50%	100%	100%	0%		100%
Orange	75%	48	D	0%			75%	100%		100%		0%	100%	100%	100%		100%
O'Rourke	94%	32	D		100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	25%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Panaroni	67%	102	D	0%			50%	50%		100%				100%			100%
Pawelkiewicz	90%	49	D				100%	100%		100%			50%	100%			
Perillo	55%	113	R	100%	0%	0%	30%	100%		33%	50%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	100%
Perone	88%	137	D	0%	75%	100%	100%	100%		90%	75%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Piscopo	25%	76	R		0%	0%	0%	100%		0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Powers	90%	151	R				100%	100%		50%				100%			100%

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Reinoso	100%	130	D				100%	100%		100%			100%	100%			
Reynolds	89%	42	D	0%			100%	100%		100%		100%	100%	100%	100%		100%
Ritter	89%	38	D	0%			100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	100%	100%	100%		
Roldan	90%	4	D				100%	100%		50%			100%	100%			
Rowe	70%	123	R				100%	100%		25%				75%			50%
Roy	92%	119	D	0%	100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Ruwet	65%	65	R				100%	100%		25%			100%	0%			
Ryan, J.	83%	141	R	0%			100%	100%		100%				100%	100%		
Ryan, K.	73%	139	D		0%		100%	100%		60%		100%	50%	100%			
Sawyer	75%	55	R	100%			50%	100%		0%				100%			100%
Sayers	100%	60	D				100%	100%	100%	100%				100%			
Schofield	100%	16	D				100%	100%		100%				100%			
Scribner	71%	107	R	0%			50%	100%		50%			100%	100%			100%
Serra	83%	33	D	0%			100%	100%		100%				100%			100%
Shapiro	100%	144	D				100%	100%		100%			100%	100%			100%
Sharkey	96%	88	D		100%		100%	75%		100%			100%	100%			
Spallone	94%	36	D		100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	25%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Staples	95%	96	D				100%	75%		100%			100%	100%			
Stone	85%	9	D				100%	50%		75%				100%			100%
Stripp	75%	135	R	100%			100%	100%		50%		100%	50%	100%	0%		
Taborsak	86%	109	D	0%	100%		100%	100%		100%				100%			100%
Tallarita	90%	58	D				100%	100%		100%			50%	100%			
Tercyak	83%	26	D	0%			100%	100%	100%	100%		50%	100%	100%	100%		
Thompson	81%	13	D	0%			100%	50%		100%		100%	100%	100%	100%		
Tong	94%	147	D				67%	100%	100%	100%				100%			100%
Truglia	68%	145	D	0%			100%	50%		90%		50%	50%	100%	100%		
Urban	87%	43	D	0%	100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	100%	75%	100%	100%	100%	50%	100%
Villano	100%	91	D				100%	100%		100%			100%	100%			
Walker	93%	93	D	50%			100%	100%		90%		100%	100%	100%	100%		100%
Wasserman	66%	106	R	100%			75%	100%		50%		50%	100%	50%	0%		
Widlitz	100%	98	D				100%	100%		100%			100%	100%			
Wilber	69%	63	D		0%	0%	100%	100%		100%	25%	0%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Williams	60%	68	R				0%	100%	100%	0%				100%			
Willis	91%	64	D	0%	100%	100%	88%	100%		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Witkos	72%	17	R				100%	100%		60%				100%			0%
Wright	90%	41	D		100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	75%	50%	100%	100%	100%	50%	100%
Zalaski	100%	81	D				100%	100%		100%			100%	100%			

IMPORTANT BILLS SCORED

The following bills are the basis of our 2008 Environmental Scorecard.

Visit www.ctlc.org for details on how individual legislators voted on each bill.

Billboards on State Land (Bill 5750): FAILED

This bill would have undermined the Governor's executive order (and subsequent proposed legislation) to reduce billboards on state property.

NO was the pro-environment vote.

Bottle Bill (Bill 357): FAILED

This bill would have added bottles for water and other non-carbonated beverages to the state recycling deposit program. This initiative has been defeated for many years due to industry opposition and unwillingness by House leadership to bring the legislation to a vote despite overwhelming support by the public and most legislators.

YES was the pro-environment vote.

Environmental Justice (Bill 5145): PASSED

The Environmental Justice bill will help ensure that environmentally-stressed communities don't get burdened with more than their share of polluting facilities. The new law requires that an applicant seeking approval to site polluting facilities in an environmentally-stressed community: hold an informal public meeting; consult with officials of the town or towns where the facility will be located or expanded to evaluate the need for a community environmental benefit agreement; and file a meaningful public participation plan subject to the approval of DEP or the Connecticut Siting Council.

Votes cast for SB 118, also addressing Environmental Justice, are included in the score. SB 118 was a parallel bill that only passed two committees.

YES was the pro-environment vote for both bills.

Face of Connecticut (Bill 5873): PASSED in part

The Face of Connecticut bill integrates efforts to protect open space, farmland, historic villages and city centers. This bill proposed funding of \$100 million per year for ten years for those coordinated preservation efforts. When the budget shortfalls became clear, legislators deleted the funding provisions from the bill, but passed legislation to create a steering committee to coordinate the state's investment

among these important programs. The bill that passed also included brownfields remediation in the mix of programs to be integrated.

YES was the pro-environment vote.

Fuel Cell Funding (Bill 5681): FAILED

This bill sought bond funding through a quasi-governmental agency for municipalities and Bradley International Airport to purchase renewable-energy sources or energy-efficient generation sources.

YES was the pro-environment vote.

Global Warming (Bill 5600): PASSED

The global warming bill is widely regarded as this year's overwhelming winner. The bill caps emissions of global warming pollution and requires emissions cuts to 10% below 1990 levels by 2020 and 80% emissions reductions from 2001 levels by 2050. Connecticut is the fifth state, after California, New Jersey, Hawaii and Washington, to adopt mandatory limits on global warming pollution. Several anti-environmental amendments to the global warming bill were raised, and votes on those amendments are counted in legislators' scores.

YES was the pro-environment vote for the underlying bill. NO was the pro-environment vote on the hostile amendments.

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses (Bill 5603): FAILED

This bill would have strengthened the authority of local wetlands commissions by explicitly stating that the goal of wetlands law is to protect wetlands, by allowing commissioners to give weight to credible experts and by placing the burden on the applicant to prove that the project will not harm water resources.

YES was the pro-environment vote.



IMPORTANT BILLS SCORED

On-Site Sewage Treatment Systems (Bill 136): FAILED

The on-site sewage treatment bill would have set a two-year moratorium for building advanced onsite sewage treatment systems processing more than 5000 gallons of sewage per day. The moratorium would have allowed more time to research the effectiveness, potential risks and proper oversight of these systems—uncertain issues at this time.

YES was the pro-environment vote.

Riverfront Protection (Bill 362): FAILED

This initiative, which will re-emerge in 2009, would have required 100-foot vegetated buffers along rivers and streams statewide, with exemptions for already built-up areas, redevelopment and agriculture.

YES was the pro-environment vote.

Sustainable Forestry (Bill 5853): PASSED IN PART

This bill sought to increase the current allocation of state timber sales, to require third-party certification of state forests and to study, develop and fund a plan regarding sustainable harvesting of state forests. Funding provisions were deleted from the bill that passed.

YES was the pro-environment vote.

Toxins in Children's Products (Bill 5650): PASSED

This is one of three bills raised in 2008 to address toxic chemicals in consumer products. This bill sets limits for lead in children's products by amending the State Child Protection Act. With certain exceptions, it bans children's products that fail to comply with the limits on hazardous substances. It prohibits the sale of toys or other articles marketed for children under age 16 that contain asbestos. A list of toys and other articles intended for use by children that contain banned hazardous substances will be posted on the DEP web site. DEP will also compile a list of other toxic substances and safer alternatives and may require labeling.

YES was the pro-environment vote.

Toxins: Lead, Phthalates, Bisphenol-A (Bill 5601): FAILED

The second of three bills addressing toxic chemicals in consumer products, this bill sought 1) to expand the list of hazardous substances that toys and other children's products may not contain if sold in Connecticut, 2) to require the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to compile a list of chemicals of concern, and 3) to create an Innovation Institute at The University of Connecticut to help Connecticut industries evaluate hazardous substances.

YES was the pro-environment vote.

Toxins: Flame Retardants (Bill 5805): FAILED

The third of the toxins trio, this bill also addressed toxic chemicals in consumer products. This bill sought to phase out the class of chemicals known as alkylphenol ethoxylates and certain toxic flame retardants. It also would have let the Commissioner of Environmental Protection ban additional flame retardants once a safer alternative exists.

YES was the pro-environment vote.

Vehicle Idling (Bill 123): FAILED

Prolonged idling wastes fuel and pollutes the air while you travel nowhere. This bill would have helped to enforce the prohibition against cars and trucks from idling or more than three minutes, with some exemptions.

YES was the pro-environment vote.



IMPORTANT BILLS NOT SCORED

Other environmental initiatives debated this session—some good, some bad—deserve mention. Nevertheless, we excluded them from this year's Scorecard calculations for various reasons. For example, the language of some of the following bills could not be clearly defined as pro- or anti-environment. In other instances, an initiative never made it to bill form, leaving nothing for us to score. In any event, watch for some of these measures to return in 2009.

ATVs on State Land (Bill 5602) – FAILED

This bill originally required DEP to open four trails on state land (including forests or parkland) for ATV use. It lacked registration requirements and would have required a one percent surcharge on all new ATV sales in Connecticut for establishing and maintaining trails. The environmental community generally opposed this bill unless it included registration requirements for all ATVs and included certain penalties.

Conservation Development Zones (Bill 5641) – FAILED

Environmental advocates opposed this bill for many reasons, including its imprudent standards for housing density in sensitive areas, its ill-considered policies relating to on-site sewage, its presumption that the State Plan of Conservation and Development can be changed based on a particular project and its overly-broad definition of buildable land.

DEP Funding – FAILED

Vigorous advocacy and legislative leadership led to increasing the operating budget for the Department of Environmental Protection. Although a \$3 million increase was included in the Appropriations Committee's budget bill, it was wiped out when state revenue estimates came in and all budget changes were canceled.

Medications in Water (Bill 5144) – FAILED

Had it passed, this bill would have prohibited unused medications from being dumped in state waters. The still widely used practice of flushing unused prescription medications distributes them through wastewater treatment facilities and into the aquatic environment and the food chain.

Prime Agricultural Land (Bill 5719) – FAILED

This bill would have addressed the state's loss of prime agricultural land. Where a project would convert 25 or more acres of prime farmland to nonagricultural use, the bill would have required the Commissioner of Agriculture to find that 1) the project either promotes agriculture or otherwise preserves agricultural land, or 2) there is no reasonable alternative site for the project, before any Small Town Economic Assistance Program grants are awarded for the project.

Protecting Land Trust Tax Exemptions – PASSED

This provision was added to the Face of Connecticut bill to address a Connecticut Superior Court decision that denied a property tax exemption to the Aspetuck Land Trust for failing to actively promote public access to a land trust property. The legislation that passed (as a voice vote amendment) makes clear that other benefits of open space land, such as preserving wildlife habitat or scenic views, entitle the land trust land to a property tax exemption.

Tax Credit for Conservation (Bill 5137) – FAILED

This bill would have created a tax credit for people who donate land or easements to the state or to certain other entities for permanent preservation as open space. This initiative is likely to return in 2009.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

What it Means for the Environment

If you ever wondered if your vote can help protect Connecticut's environment, it can!

Changes to Connecticut's elections and campaign finance laws are leveling the playing field for new candidates. Connecticut's new campaign finance laws are making it easier for newcomers to the political scene to run viable campaigns. Which means pro-environment candidates have a real shot at getting elected, and anti-environment legislators could face challenging re-election prospects.

With many open seats up for grabs in the November 2008 election, the composition of Connecticut's General Assembly will change dramatically after the November 2008 elections. What's more, there will be a seismic shift in leadership roles in the General Assembly. Chairmanships of legislative committees are about to be handed off to a whole new set of leaders. No doubt about it, things under Hartford's gold dome are going to be very different in 2009.

There is opportunity in change. Let's make the most of it. Know the score, and vote.

WHAT'S AHEAD

For Connecticut's Environment

CTLCV surveys all candidates for Connecticut's General Assembly to get a sense of where they stand on Connecticut's current environmental issues and to see where the candidates' priorities lie.

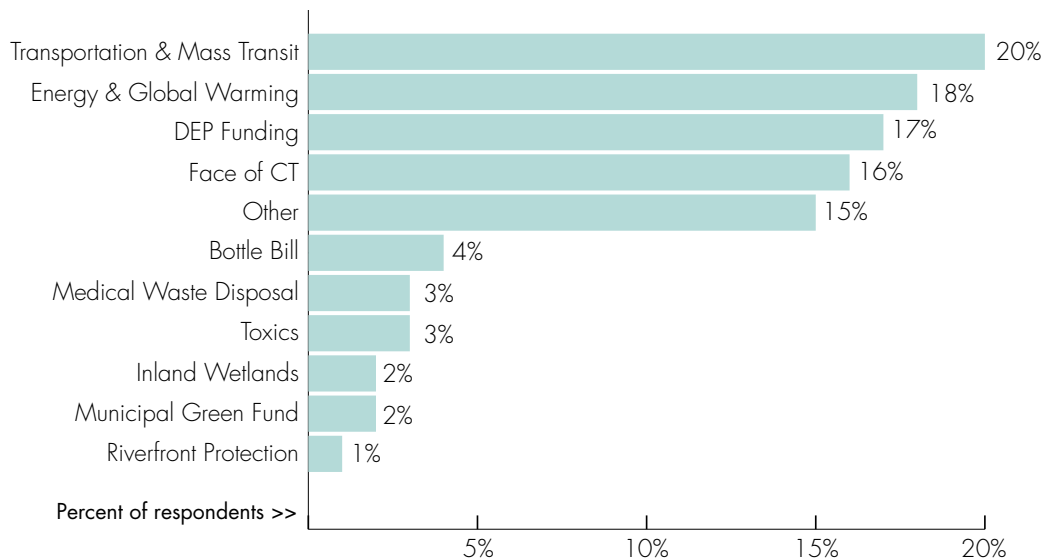
In addition to their views on a list of ten environmental issues, we asked candidates to choose their top environmental priority from that list. The result showed that transportation and mass

transit, energy and global warming, and DEP funding are among their top three priorities.

Because of changes in Connecticut's campaign finance laws, CTLCV is putting all its election-related material on our PAC site at www.ecovotect.org. Please visit it for more information on candidates' positions and to complete your own survey on the environmental issues that are the most important to you.

Environmental Priorities of the Candidates

2008 Candidate Survey, Connecticut League of Conservation Voters





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