



2011 State Legislative Scorecard



For Montana’s land, air and water – who we elect matters

Montana Conservation Voters fights to protect clean water and air, fish and wildlife, public health, open spaces and citizen participation in government. Through our affiliated political arm, MCV uniquely works to elect policy makers who stand up for Montana’s conservation values. MCV is a non-partisan, grassroots membership organization with members throughout the state, and chapters in Flathead, Missoula, Gallatin, Park and Yellowstone counties.

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Conservation Collaboration: Working Together to Protect Montana

Montana Conservation Voters determines legislative priorities in collaboration with the Conservation Working Group, a diverse coalition of groups whose state policy experts identify common priorities to maintain healthy communities.

MCV produces briefing and educational materials for lawmakers and the public throughout the session, including the weekly Conservation Hotlist. The Hotlist summarizes legislation determined by the Conservation Working Group to be a priority, provides contact information for the groups taking a lead on the bill and clearly identifies the Conservation Working Group’s position on the legislation. MCV distributes the Hotlist to legislators and the public.

This scorecard and the votes that determine legislators’ voting records reflect priority hotlisted bills representing the diversity of the groups in the Conservation Working Group, and bills on which all groups agreed. As a result, we do not feature votes on some important conservation-related bills, like HB 198, referred to as the eminent domain bill, as some partners within the Conservation Working Group supported it, while others opposed it.

We deeply appreciate the members of the Conservation Working Group, and thank them for their policy expertise and continued collaboration: Alternative Energy Resource Organization; Clark Fork Coalition; Climate Solutions; Greater Yellowstone Coalition; Montana Audubon; Montana Environmental Information Center; Montana Public Interest Research Group; Montana Sierra Club; the Montana Smart Growth Coalition; Montana Trout Unlimited; Natural Resources Defense Council; Northern Plains Resource Council, and Student Advocates for Valuing the Environment.



Dear Conservation Voter,

For Montana's Air, Land and Water – Who we elect matters!

If any voter doubts that, they missed the 2011 Montana legislature.

Montana laws that protect our clear, cold water, clean air and public health, and our incredible hunting, fishing and outdoor heritage came under the worst attack in decades, and since Montana Conservation Voters began in 1999. Radical, out of touch legislators introduced dozens of bills to dismantle government and let polluters govern themselves. Most attacks failed in legislature or at the Governor's veto brand, thanks to



- The incredible involvement of Montana Conservation Voters members and other conservationists who made thousands of calls, sent emails, testified and visited with legislators and the Governor. Many joined forces in lobby days and the "Rally for the Love of Montana." Voters made their voices heard. Many legislators responded.
- Legislative champions, new and returning, many of whom come from the ranks of the conservation community. They stood up every day, speaking truth to power.
- A committed, talented team in Helena and throughout Montana who work for organizations participating in the Conservation Working Group. They tirelessly and often successfully led the forces to defeat the abundant anti-environment, anti-jobs, citizen participation in government bills.

Virtually every attempt by radical legislators to dismantle Montana's clean energy economy was killed. Hundreds of outdoor enthusiasts descended upon the Senate Agriculture committee and defeated the egregious attack on stream access, one of our most cherished rights protected by the law. Clean water experts, farmers, ranchers and Native Americans opposed SB 306, which would have repealed our voter-approved ban on new cyanide mines, had it not burned up under the VETO brand. A plethora of bills to make it impossible for communities to plan in the face of developments were thankfully killed.

Despite these successes, Montana suffered defeat when the Legislature passed SB 233, which eviscerates the Montana Environmental Policy Act. Now, Montanans will have little voice and fewer protections when permitting decisions are made about developments in their back yard. In his "non-signing" letter allowing the bill to become law, Governor Schweitzer called on agency heads to come back to the Legislature in 2013 with recommendations for a new, improved law. They need look no further than the bi-partisan 2001 Environmental Quality Council report on MEPA. It found the law worked well, was cost effective, reduced lawsuits and increased community involvement and certainty for permit applicants.

The legislature gave the coal industry unnecessary tax breaks, while hard rock mining operations, which have served up multi-million dollar water pollution clean up bills for Montana taxpayers, benefit from less permitting scrutiny.

Don't forget that corporations are now allowed to spend unlimited money in election "independent expenditures." They did in the 2010 elections and are poised to spend millions more in 2012. We have to fight back.

Let's level the playing field. Help Montana Conservation Voters recruit and elect pro-conservation candidates and defeat the radical legislators who stand up for polluters, not Montana voters.

Start today. Montana Conservation Voters is hosting several events throughout the state to shine a spotlight on legislative votes, and recruit legislative candidates. Attend one, call your legislators to thank them for their pro-conservation votes and hold them accountable. Or, defeat them in 2012.

Theresa Keaveny, Executive Director
Montana Conservation Voters

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Theresa".

This year, Montanans faced unprecedented attacks in the State Legislature on the air we breathe, water we drink, and our outdoor hunting and fishing heritage. Most notably, the Legislature eviscerated the state's bedrock environmental law, the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), leaving those most affected by new development of gold mines, gravel pits and power plants at risk and with little voice. The Legislature also abdicated authority to coal companies, reducing reclamation requirements, making it easier to lease state owned resources, and reducing corporate taxes meant to balance the impact of intense resource development in local communities.

But the majority of attacks on Montana's laws protecting clean air, clear water, community planning and open spaces were defeated, either by the legislature, or by the Governor's veto pen. Citizens across Montana made their voices heard, pro-conservation legislators listened, and often the Governor's veto brand saved the day. Such was the case with SB 306 (Sen. Terry Murphy, R-Caldwell) which would have had the effect of overturning Montana's voter-approved ban on new cyanide heap leach mines.



Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Prevail

Anti-government ideologues struck at the heart of Montana's economic future, trying unsuccessfully to repeal laws that built our clean energy economy. HB 244 (Rep. Skees, R - Whitefish) would have repealed Montana's Renewable Energy Standard (RES). The RES, authored by then State Senator Jon Tester and championed by Governor Brian Schweitzer in 2005, resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars of investment in rural communities, millions in tax revenue to rural counties and high-paying jobs around the state. HB 244, and other bills to negatively change the RES failed (SB 109, Sen. Barrett R - Dillon; SB 330, Sen. Walker R - Billings; HB 237, Rep. Menahan D - Helena).



Conservationists gathered in February for the Rally for the Love of Montana.

A series of legislation to stymie energy efficiency and conservation efforts died as well. No doubt - efficiency and conservation are good for Montana's land, air and water, but they also mean business for green builders, window installers, and folks who own small renewable installation services. SB 226 (Sen. Jason Priest, R - Red Lodge) would have required net-metered customers - those who produce more energy than they use through home wind or solar - to pay an investment-killing extra user fee to utilities. Dozens of small energy installers opposed the bill and it finally died in the House Energy committee. SB 104 (Sen. Jason Priest, R - Red Lodge) would have eliminated an important energy conservation tool of the Public Service Commission, and SB 159 (also from Sen. Priest) would reduce conservation requirements in building codes. SB 253 (Sen. Bob Lake, R - Hamilton) would have eliminated tax credits for energy efficient home improvements, which, in his veto

letter, Gov. Schweitzer noted was a tax increase.

Fear the Government but Trust Faceless Corporations? Citizens Thankfully Come Out on Top

SB 344 (Sen. Jason Priest, R - Red Lodge) radically redefined what constitutes a "regulatory takings" of property, forcing state and local governments to pay compensation in order to enact any rule or regulation that impacts private property. The estimated cost of this bill, based on a similar ballot measure proposed in 2010, would be \$600 million. The bill failed in committee. Numerous proposals would have reduced local governments' ability to plan for growth and protect private property rights, giving subdivision and gravel mine developers more power. All of these attacks failed.

Montana Environmental Policy Act - A Blow to Clean Water, Public Health and Citizens Participation

Since its passage in the early 1970s, MEPA has provided tens of thousands of Montana citizens with a means to protect

stopped, MEPA gutted, mining industry gets more breaks

their private property, clean water and air. It is the only vehicle requiring examination of potential impacts of a power plant or gravel pit on cultural resources, fish and wildlife and traffic. SB 233 (Sen. Jim Keane, D – Butte) renders Montana’s “look before you leap” law useless. MEPA lets citizens know how new mines and other major projects may affect them, and gives them a seat at the table. Unfortunately, SB 233 makes compliance with MEPA voluntary. If a project fails to meet the requirements of the law, the permit is issued anyway, making citizen participation a meaningless shuffle of paperwork. This change in law is likely to result in more pollution or additional legal challenges to the permits themselves; potentially slowing down the very development MEPA simply seeks to improve.

Energy and Metal Mine Development Risking Clean Water

Changes to Montana law make it easier to develop coal, oil and gas without adequate state oversight and reclamation requirements, jeopardizing clean water, public health and our hunting and fishing heritage.

The state authorized unproven and potentially dangerous resource extraction techniques for coal and natural gas. HB 479 (Rep. Small, R – Busby) allows the use of a new and unproven method of natural gas extraction from coal beds. Microbial conversion of underground hydrocarbon deposits (oil, oil shales, and coal) to methane gas is still in its early phases of development. Landowners are concerned about groundwater contamination.

The Legislature eliminated the most important safeguards for clean water and reclamation requirements for coal beneficiation. SB 297 (Sen. Essmann, R- Billings) exempts coal beneficiation plants from the state’s primary reclamation law. Beneficiation plants remove noncombustible materials (up to a 45% reduction in ash content) and inorganic sulphur before the material is burned. This process is particularly necessary to make high sulphur coal, like that found in Otter Creek, marketable, producing large volumes of tailings and solid waste. This process is now exempted from the Strip and Underground Mining Reclamation Act, which protects clean water and dictates the reclamation process. As a result, coal beneficiation plants get a free-ride and Montanans have significantly fewer safeguards against dangerous pollution.



Hundreds braved the cold to rally for clean energy jobs and environmental protections.

Similarly, SB 292 (Sen. Alan Olson, R – Roundup) excludes groundwater contamination resulting from future coal gasification plants from the legal definition of pollution. Underground coal gasification converts coal into gas while still in the coal seam (in situ). While coal gasification may reduce some forms of pollution over traditional coal development, it may result in aquifer contamination. Organic and often toxic materials such as phenol remain in the underground chamber after gasification, and are therefore likely to leach into groundwater. This linguistic sleight-of-hand means gasification dodges water quality regulations meant to protect our wells and favorite fishing holes.

Two bills favor corporate coal profits over fair compensation to Montanans for the sale of minerals owned by Montanans. HB 533 (Rep. Berry, R – Roundup) lets the state sell our coal for less than it’s worth, leasing state lands for strip mining without an appraisal and eliminating requirements for a competitive bidding process. SB 266 (Sen. Olson, R- Roundup), passed as a result of a push by Gov. Schweitzer on the 88th day of the 90 day session. It gives unjustifiable tax breaks to the Signal Peak coal operation in Roundup. The bill had been killed in committee, and was opposed by the Musselshell County Commission.

Finally, the state reduced reclamation requirements for metal mines. SB 312 (Sen. Chas Vincent, R – Libby) rewrites the Montana Metal Mine Reclamation Act in favor of corporate mining interests at the expense of Montana’s communities and clean water, letting mining companies decide whether or not they want to implement precautions that protect our communities and natural resources.

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Stand Up, Shout Out



Thanks to Sen. Mitch Tropilla (D – Great Falls) for reliable expertise, consistent advocacy and passionate defense of energy efficiency and home roof-top solar and backyard wind projects.



Thanks to Sen. Ryan Zinke (R – Whitefish), for standing up for clean water and energy security in Montana. Sen. Zinke earned the highest score of any Republican legislator in 2011.



Thanks to Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D – Billings) for sponsoring legislation (SB 332) to drive investment and development of new jobs in clean, affordable renewable energy.



Thanks to Rep. Tony Belcourt (D – Box Elder) for reminding the Legislature that too many Montanans live everyday with contaminated water from cyanide heap leach mining.

Thanks to Democratic leadership in both chambers for standing up for our conservation values. **Sen. Carol Williams**, Minority Leader, sponsored legislation to restore MEPA and citizen access to environmental decisions, while **Sen. Kim Gillan**, Minority Whip, fought daily for clean energy, clean water and open spaces. Both are term-limited.

Farewell and thank you to MCV-endorsed, term-limited legislators who we will truly miss:



Senator
Carol Williams
(D - Missoula)



Senator
Kim Gillan
(D - Billings)



Senator
Bob Hawks
(D - Bozeman)



Senator
Lynda Moss
(D - Billings)



Representative
Robyn Driscoll
(D - Billings)



Representative
Diane Sands
(D - Missoula)



Representative
Trudi Schmidt
(D - Great Falls)

Legislators Out-of-Touch – Vote them Out-of-Office

Rep. Derek Skees (R – Whitefish) tried to repeal the state’s primary driver of renewable energy development, the Renewable Energy Standard, and claimed wind energy is not “green.” HB 244 died in the House Energy committee.

Rep. James Knox (R – Billings) and Rep. Doug Kary (R – Billings) consistently voted for radical legislation in the House Energy committee and on the House floor, including efforts to repeal the renewable energy standard and bring back nuclear power to Montana.

Sen. Jason Priest (R – Red Lodge) tried to double-charge Montanans with roof top solar or backyard wind, asserting folks who produce more energy than they use and give it back to the grid should be charged a user fee. SB 226 bill failed in the Legislature.

Sen. John Brenden (R - Scobey) seems to have a vendetta against public land for hunting, fishing and wildlife management, and tried again unsuccessfully to prohibit the state from acquiring new lands without divesting others. SB 303 was vetoed by Governor Schweitzer.

Ironic that **Rep. Dan Kennedy** (R – Laurel), who ran as a defender of the Constitution, attempted to degrade our Constitutional right to a clean and healthful environment (HB 292). He also wants to bring nuclear power to Montana and side-step voters, who made law via initiative that any nuclear power must be approved by a vote of the people (HB 336). Both measures failed.

Rep. Joe Read (R – Ronan) did not dispute global warming, but asserted it is “beneficial to the welfare and business climate” of the state. Glacier National Park, cold water fisheries, and agriculture aside, of course. HB 550 failed.

Voter Laws Attacked

Legislative Majority Tries to Rollback Voter Rights – Veto Brand Applied

Eliminate Election Day registration – HB 180 (Rep. Champ Edmunds, R- Missoula) passed 67-33 with all Democrats and Rep. Lila Evans (R-Browning) opposing in the House. The bill passed the Senate with all Democrats opposing and all Republicans supporting. The Governor vetoed the bill.

Montanans have had the opportunity since 2005 to register during the 30-day 'late' period just before Election Day. This new right was made possible by the advocacy of Montana Conservation Voters, Montana AFL-CIO and allies, as well as a majority of legislators who stood up for voting access.

Since then, 43,000 Montana residents have registered during the 30 days before an election in the last five federal primary and general elections, with the number of people who 'late' registered in a general election ranging from over 8,000 in 2006 and 2010 to over 18,000 in 2008; almost 19,000 registered on an Election Day in those five elections.

Similar attacks on Election Day registration were launched in 2007 and 2009, but were defeated by the legislature chiefly along party lines.

Create barriers through unreasonable identification requirements – HB 152 (Rep. Ted Washburn, R-Bozeman) would have limited the acceptable forms of identification for registering to vote to either a Montana driver's license OR the last four digits of a person's Social Security number AND a current Montana ID card or tribal ID. At the polls, an elector would be required to show a current Montana driver's license OR a Tribal photo ID OR a current Montana ID card. This measure was very similar to bills introduced in other

states, apparently a template proposal brought by ALEC, the American Legislative Exchange Council, a radical think tank.

The bill passed the House 63-33 with all Democrats opposing along with Rep. Evans (R-Browning) and Rep. Jeff Wellbourn (R-Dillon). In the Senate, the bill passed as amended with all Democrats opposing and all Republicans except Sen. Ryan Zinke opposing. The final House vote on the amended bill sent over from the Senate found all Democrats opposing along with Rep. Max Yates (R-Butte) and Rep. Sterling Small (R-Lame Deer). Rep. Lila Evans (R-Browning) was absent. Governor Schweitzer vetoed this bill too.



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These attacks on democracy are un-American, unacceptable, and unfortunately for Montana voters, very partisan. Please thank legislators who stood up for voter rights, and hold accountable those who voted for roll backs.

And – some progress!
For years, Montanans who were registering to vote and who wanted to vote by absentee ballot had to fill out

a voter registration form and then fill out an additional absentee ballot request form. Rep. Bryce Bennett (D-Missoula) sponsored HB 330 which took a smart idea used in Yellowstone and Missoula counties to reduce paperwork and make enrollment easier. The measure clarifies that the voter registration form and the absentee ballot request form be combined into one simple form. The bill passed overwhelmingly. Voters can now fill out a voter registration form and become an absentee balloter by simply checking a box. Thank you, Rep. Bennett, for your leadership!



2011 House Scores

“+”: Vote in support of MCV’s position

“-”: Vote against MCV’s position

“A/E”: Absent or excused, not counted in score

Scores in italics were earned in the Senate

| Dist | Representative | City | Term | Limit | Oppose-Degrade constitutional right to a clean and healthful environment, 3rd Reading | Oppose-Restrict access to rivers and streams, redefining as ditches, 3rd Reading | Oppose- Nullify the Endangered Species Act, 2nd Reading | Oppose- Codify water wasting "exempt wells" loophole, 2nd Reading | Oppose-Establish state authority over EPA on regulation of greenhouse gases, 3rd Reading | Oppose-Eliminate state mercury control requirements on coal plants, 3rd Reading | Oppose- Reduce energy efficiency requirements in building codes, 3rd Reading |
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| | | | | | HB 292 | HB 309 | HB 321 | HB 433 | HB 550 | HB 593 | SB 159 |
| 43 | Ankney, Duane (R) | Colstrip | 2014 | | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 53 | Arntzen, Elsie (R) | Billings | 2012 | | A/E | + | - | - | - | - | - |
| 80 | Bangerter, Liz (R) | Helena | 2018 | | - | - | + | A/E | - | - | A/E |
| 93 | Barrett, Dick (D) | Missoula | 2016 | | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 6 | Beck, Bill (R) | Whitefish | 2014 | | A/E | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 32 | Belcourt, Tony (D) | Box Elder | 2016 | | + | + | + | + | + | - | + |
| 92 | Bennett, Bryce (D) | Missoula | 2018 | | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 1 | Bennett, Gerald (R) | Libby | 2016 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45 | Berry, Tom (R) | Roundup | 2016 | | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 10 | Blasdel, Mark (R) | Somers | 2014 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 59 | Blyton, Joanne (R) | Joliet | 2018 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 23 | Boland, Carlie (D) | Great Falls | 2016 | | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 7 | Brodehl, Randy (R) | Kalispell | 2018 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 63 | Burnett, Tom (R) | Bozeman | 2018 | | - | + | - | - | - | - | - |
| 17 | Clark, Christy (R) | Choteau | 2018 | | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 87 | Connell, Patrick (R) | Conner | 2018 | | - | + | - | + | - | - | - |
| 27 | Cook, Rob (R) | Brady | 2018 | | - | - | + | + | - | - | - |
| 52 | Court, Virginia (D) | Billings | 2018 | | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 2 | Cuffe, Mike (R) | Eureka | 2018 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 51 | Driscoll, Robyn (D) | Billings | 2012 | | + | + | + | + | + | - | + |
| 100 | Edmunds, Champ (R) | Missoula | 2018 | | - | + | - | + | - | - | - |
| 88 | Ehli, Ron (R) | Hamilton | 2018 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 61 | Esp, John (R) | Big Timber | 2016 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16 | Evans, Lila (R) | Browning | 2018 | | - | - | - | + | - | - | + |
| 20 | Fitzpatrick, Steve (R) | Great Falls | 2018 | | - | + | + | - | - | - | - |
| 68 | Flynn, Kelly (R) | Townsend | 2018 | | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 91 | Furey, Tim (D) | Milltown | 2016 | | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 78 | Gibson, Steve (R) | East Helena | 2018 | | - | - | + | + | - | - | - |
| 90 | Greef, Edward (R) | Florence | 2018 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 77 | Hale, Alan (R) | Basin | 2018 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 99 | Hands, Betsy (D) | Missoula | 2014 | | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 33 | Hansen, Kristin (R) | Havre | 2018 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 30 | Harris, Bill (R) | Mosby | 2018 | | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 14 | Hendrick, Gordon (R) | Superior | 2012 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 94 | Hill, Ellie (D) | Missoula | 2018 | | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 85 | Hiner, Cynthia (D) | Deer Lodge | 2012 | | + | + | + | + | + | - | + |
| 28 | Hollandsworth, Roy (R) | Brady | 2016 | | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 81 | Hollenbaugh, Galen (D) | Helena | 2016 | | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 24 | Hoven, Brian (R) | Great Falls | 2016 | | - | + | + | + | - | - | + |
| 60 | Howard, David (R) | Park City | 2016 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 79 | Hunter, Chuck (D) | Helena | 2016 | | + | + | + | + | + | - | + |
| 13 | Ingraham, Pat (R) | Thompson Falls | 2014 | | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 48 | Kary, Douglas (R) | Billings | 2018 | | - | + | - | - | - | - | - |
| 57 | Kennedy, Dan (R) | Laurel | 2018 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 58 | Kerns, Krayton (R) | Laurel | 2014 | | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 83 | Klock, Harry (R) | Harlowton | 2012 | | - | - | + | + | - | - | - |
| 47 | Knox, James (R) | Billings | 2018 | | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 36 | Knudsen, Austin (R) | Culbertson | 2018 | | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 8 | Lavin, Steve (R) | Kalispell | 2018 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25 | Loney, Cleve (R) | Great Falls | 2018 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

| Oppose- Eliminate emergency interim zoning, 2nd Reading | Oppose-Eliminate consequences for failing to meet MEPA, 2nd Reading | Oppose-Eliminate energy efficiency tax credits, 3rd Reading | Oppose- Revise local coal tax gross proceeds tax abatement, 3rd Reading | Oppose-Prohibit state land purchases that result in "net gain," 3rd Reading | Oppose-Bring back cyanide gold mining, 2nd Reading | Oppose-Eliminate some metal mine reclamation requirements, 3rd Reading | Oppose- Make compliance with Renewable Energy Standard voluntary, 2nd Reading | Oppose- Implement shoot-on-sight policy for wolves, 2nd Reading | Past Scores | | | | Representative |
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| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7 | 27 | 0 | 25 | Arnizen |
| - | - | + | - | + | - | - | - | + | 29 | - | - | - | Bangerter |
| + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100 | 100 | - | - | Barrett |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7 | 18 | 8 | - | Beck |
| + | - | + | A/E | + | + | - | + | + | 80 | 64 | - | - | Belcourt |
| + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100 | - | - | - | Bennett, B |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | 18 | - | - | Bennett, G |
| - | - | + | - | + | - | - | - | - | 19 | 27 | - | - | Berry |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | 9 | 0 | - | Blasdel |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | - | - | - | Blyton |
| + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100 | 100 | - | - | Boland |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | 6 | - | - | - | Brodehl |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | - | - | - | Burnett |
| - | - | + | - | - | + | - | - | - | 19 | - | - | - | Clark |
| - | - | + | - | + | - | - | - | + | 31 | - | - | - | Connell |
| - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | + | 38 | - | - | - | Cook |
| + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100 | - | - | - | Court |
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| - | - | + | A/E | A/E | + | A/E | - | - | 31 | - | - | - | Evans |
| - | - | + | - | + | - | - | - | + | 31 | - | - | - | Fitzpatrick |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | - | - | - | Flynn |
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2011 House Scores (Continued)

"+": Vote in support of MCV's position

"-": No

"A/E": Absent

Score

| Dist | Representative | City | Term | Oppose-Degrade constitutional right to a clean and healthful environment, 3rd Reading | Oppose-Restrict access to rivers and streams, redefining as ditches, 3rd Reading | Oppose- Nullify the Endangered Species Act, 2nd Reading | Oppose- Codify water wasting "exempt wells" loophole, 2nd Reading | Oppose-Establish state authority over EPA on regulation of greenhouse gases, 3rd Reading | Oppose-Eliminate state mercury control requirements on coal plants, 3rd Reading | Oppose- Reduce energy efficiency requirements in building codes, 3rd Reading |
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| | | | | HB 292 | HB 309 | HB 321 | HB 433 | HB 550 | HB 593 | SB 159 |
| 54 | MacDonald, Margie (D) | Billings | 2016 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 89 | MacLaren, Gary (R) | Victor | 2012 | - | + | - | + | - | - | - |
| 98 | Malek, Sue (D) | Missoula | 2016 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 40 | McChesney, Bill (D) | Miles City | 2014 | + | + | + | + | + | - | + |
| 75 | McClafferty, Edith (D) | Butte | 2016 | + | + | + | + | + | - | + |
| 50 | McGillvray, Tom (R) | Billings | 2012 | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 49 | McNally, Mary (D) | Billings | 2018 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 44 | McNiven, Jonathan (R) | Huntley | 2018 | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 37 | McNutt, Walter (R) | Sidney | 2012 | - | - | + | + | - | - | - |
| 26 | Mehlhoff, Robert (D) | Great Falls | 2016 | + | + | + | + | + | - | + |
| 82 | Menahan, Mike (D) | Helena | 2016 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 19 | Milburn, Mike (R) | Cascade | 2012 | A/E | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 84 | Miller, Mike (R) | Helmville | 2016 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 70 | More, Michael (R) | Gallatin Gateway | 2016 | - | + | - | - | - | - | - |
| 73 | Noonan, Pat (D) | Ramsay | 2016 | + | + | + | - | + | - | + |
| 18 | O'Hara, Jesse (R) | Great Falls | 2014 | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 3 | O'Neil, Jerry (R) | Columbia Falls | 2018 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 29 | Osmundson, Ryan (R) | Buffalo | 2018 | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 42 | Pease-Lopez, Carolyn (D) | Billings | 2016 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 46 | Peterson, Ken (R) | Billings | 2012 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 66 | Phillips, Mike (D) | Bozeman | 2014 | + | + | + | + | A/E | A/E | + |
| 21 | Price, Jean (D) | Great Falls | 2018 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 39 | Randall, Lee (R) | Broadus | 2016 | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 15 | Read, Joe (R) | Ronan | 2018 | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 5 | Regier, Keith (R) | Kalispell | 2016 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 9 | Reichner, Scott (R) | Bigfork | 2016 | - | - | - | - | - | - | A/E |
| 97 | Reinhart, Michele (D) | Missoula | 2014 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 56 | Roberts, Donald (R) | Billings | 2012 | - | + | - | + | - | - | - |
| 38 | Rosendale, Matthew (R) | Glendive | 2018 | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 12 | Salomon, Daniel (R) | Ronan | 2018 | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 95 | Sands, Diane (D) | Missoula | 2012 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 22 | Schmidt, Trudi (D) | Great Falls | 2018 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 76 | Sesso, Jon (D) | Butte | 2012 | + | + | + | + | + | - | + |
| 62 | Skattum, Dan (R) | Livingston | 2018 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4 | Skees, Derek (R) | Whitefish | 2018 | A/E | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 41 | Small, Sterling (R) | Busby | 2018 | - | - | - | + | - | - | + |
| 55 | Smith, Cary (R) | Billings | 2016 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 31 | Smith, Frank (D) | Poplar | 2012 | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| 96 | Squires, Carolyn (D) | Missoula | 2018 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 35 | Stahl, Wayne (R) | Saco | 2012 | A/E | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 86 | Swanson, Kathy (D) | Anaconda | 2018 | + | + | + | + | + | - | + |
| 11 | Taylor, Janna (R) | Dayton | 2012 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 67 | Vance, Gordon (R) | Bozeman | 2016 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 71 | Wagner, Bob (R) | Harrison | 2016 | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 34 | Warburton, Wendy (R) | Havre | 2016 | - | - | - | + | - | - | - |
| 69 | Washburn, Ted (R) | Bozeman | 2016 | - | + | - | + | - | - | - |
| 72 | Welborn, Jeffrey (R) | Dillon | 2016 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 65 | Williams, Kathleen (D) | Bozeman | 2018 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 64 | Wilmer, Franke (D) | Bozeman | 2014 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 74 | Yates, Max (R) | Butte | 2018 | - | + | - | + | - | - | - |

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| SB 183 | SB 233 | SB 253 | SB 266 | SB 303 | SB 306 | SB 312 | SB 330 | SB 414 | | | | | |
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| + | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | + | 38 | 18 | 25 | 50 | MacLaren |
| + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100 | 100 | - | - | Malek |
| + | - | + | + | + | - | - | + | + | 75 | 82 | 54 | - | McChesney |
| + | - | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | 81 | 73 | - | - | McClafferty |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | 0 | 8 | 25 | McGillvray |
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| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | - | - | - | McNiven |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 13 | 18 | 31 | 25 | McNutt |
| + | - | + | A/E | + | + | - | + | + | 80 | 82 | - | - | Mehlhoff |
| + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100 | 100 | - | - | Menahan |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7 | 27 | 0 | 33 | Milburn |
| - | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | 6 | 9 | - | - | Miller |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | 9 | - | - | More |
| + | - | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | 75 | 64 | - | - | Noonan |
| - | - | + | - | A/E | - | - | + | + | 27 | 36 | 15 | - | O'Hara |
| - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | - | 9 | 8 | O'Neil |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | - | - | - | Osmundson |
| + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | 94 | 91 | - | - | Pease-Lopez |
| - | - | - | + | + | + | - | - | + | 25 | 18 | 15 | - | Peterson |
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| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | - | - | - | Read |
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| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | 18 | - | - | Reichner |
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| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 13 | 27 | - | 42 | Roberts |
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| - | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | + | 25 | 45 | - | - | Washburn |
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2011 Senate Scores

“+”: Vote in support of MCV’s position

“-”: Vote against MCV’s position

“A/E”: Absent or excused, not counted in score

Scores in italics were earned in the House

| Dist | Senator | City | Term Limit | Oppose-Degrade constitutional right to a clean and healthful environment, 3rd Reading | Oppose-Eliminate state req. mercury controls at coal power plants, Conference Comm Report | Support-Disclose toxic chemical cocktail in fracking fluid, blast motion | Oppose-Reduce energy efficiency requirements in building codes, 2nd Reading | Oppose-Eliminate emergency interim zoning, 3rd Reading | Support-Require septic system disclosure on property sale, 3rd Reading Passed | Oppose-Price-out net-metered, home renewable energy systems, 3rd Reading |
|------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| | | | | HB 292 | HB 593 | SB 86 | SB 159 | SB 183 | SB 191 | SB 226 |
| 31 | Arthun, Ron (R) | Wilsall | 2018 | - | - | - | - | - | + | - |
| 8 | Augare, Shannon (D) | Browning | 2018 | + | + | + | - | + | + | + |
| 34 | Balyeat, Joe (R) | Bozeman | 2012 | - | + | - | - | - | - | - |
| 36 | Barrett, Debby (R) | Dillon | 2016 | - | - | - | - | - | + | - |
| 11 | Blewett, Anders (D) | Great Falls | 2018 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 27 | Branae, Gary (D) | Billings | 2016 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 18 | Brenden, John (R) | Scobey | 2016 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 22 | Brown, Taylor (R) | Huntley | 2016 | - | - | - | - | - | + | - |
| 13 | Buttrey, Edward (R) | Great Falls | 2018 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 40 | Caferro, Mary (D) | Helena | 2018 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 47 | Erickson, Ron (D) | Missoula | 2016 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 28 | Essmann, Jeff (R) | Billings | 2014 | - | + | - | - | - | + | - |
| 48 | Facey, Tom (D) | Missoula | 2018 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 37 | Gallus, Steven (D) | Butte | 2012 | + | - | + | + | - | + | + |
| 24 | Gillan, Kim (D) | Billings | 2012 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 10 | Hamlett, Bradley (D) | Cascade | 2016 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 33 | Hawks, Bob (D) | Bozeman | 2012 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 7 | Hinkle, Greg (R) | Thompson Falls | 2016 | - | + | - | - | - | - | - |
| 17 | Hutton, Rowlie (R) | Havre | 2018 | - | + | - | - | - | + | - |
| 5 | Jackson, Verdell (R) | Kalispell | 2014 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 32 | Jent, Larry (D) | Bozeman | 2014 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 14 | Jones, Llew (R) | Conrad | 2018 | - | - | A/E | - | - | + | + |
| 41 | Kaufmann, Christine (D) | Helena | 2016 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 38 | Keane, Jim (D) | Butte | 2016 | + | - | + | + | - | + | + |
| 44 | Lake, Bob (R) | Hamilton | 2018 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 50 | Larsen, Cliff (D) | Missoula | 2016 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 42 | Lewis, Dave (R) | Helena | 2014 | - | - | - | - | - | + | - |
| 20 | Moore, Frederick (R) | Miles City | 2018 | - | - | - | - | - | + | - |
| 26 | Moss, Lynda (D) | Billings | 2012 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 6 | Mowbray, Carmine (R) | Polson | 2020 | - | + | - | - | - | + | - |
| 39 | Murphy, Terry (R) | Cardwell | 2014 | - | - | - | - | - | + | - |
| 23 | Olson, Alan (R) | Roundup | 2018 | - | - | - | - | - | + | - |
| 15 | Peterson, Jim (R) | Buffalo | 2014 | - | - | - | - | - | + | - |
| 30 | Priest, Jason (R) | Red Lodge | 2018 | - | + | - | - | - | - | - |
| 9 | Ripley, Rick (R) | Wolf Creek | 2016 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45 | Shockley, Jim (R) | Victor | 2012 | - | + | - | - | - | + | - |
| 4 | Sonju, Jon (R) | Kalispell | 2018 | - | + | - | - | - | + | - |
| 19 | Steinbeisser, Donald (R) | Sidney | 2012 | - | - | - | - | - | + | - |
| 21 | Stewart-Peregoy, Sharon (D) | Crow Agency | 2016 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 12 | Tropila, Mitch (D) | Great Falls | 2014 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 3 | Tutvedt, Bruce (R) | Kalispell | 2016 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25 | Van Dyk, Kendall (D) | Billings | 2018 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 1 | Vincent, Chas (R) | Libby | 2018 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 43 | Vuckovich, Gene (D) | Anaconda | 2018 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 29 | Walker, Edward (R) | Billings | 2018 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 49 | Wanzenried, Dave (D) | Missoula | 2014 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 46 | Williams, Carol (D) | Missoula | 2012 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 16 | Windy Boy, Jonathan (D) | Box Elder | 2016 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 35 | Wittich, Art (R) | Bozeman | 2018 | + | + | - | - | + | + | - |
| 2 | Zinke, Ryan (R) | Whitefish | 2016 | + | + | - | A/E | + | + | + |

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| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | 8 | 0 | 17 | Barrett |
| + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 94 | 100 | - | - | Blewett |
| + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100 | 92 | 100 | 100 | Branae |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | 8 | - | - | Brenden |
| - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | 13 | 31 | - | - | Brown |
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Conservation Votes That Count

The following votes are featured in 2011 legislative scores

HB 292, Weaken constitutional right to a clean and healthful environment

Sponsor: Rep. Dan Kennedy (R – Laurel)

This bill would have changed our constitutional right to a clean and healthful environment, amending the language to include “economically productive.” The bill needed 2/3 majority vote in each chamber to pass. Industry didn’t support the bill, while Western Tradition Partnership and a Tea Party representative did.

Conservation Community Position: Oppose

Senate Vote Scored: 3rd Reading, 03/28/2011, 26 Y, 24 N

House Vote Scored: 3rd Reading, 02/05/2011, 63 Y, 32 N

Bill Status: Dead, failed to gain 2/3 vote in either chamber

HB 309, Restrict public access to rivers and streams, redefining as ditches

Sponsor: Rep. Jeff Welbourn (R – Dillon)

This bill would have locked the public out of public waterways. Proponents included the Montana Stockgrowers Association, while the Attorney General, Governor, Fish Wildlife and Parks and numerous sportsmen’s and conservation groups opposed.

Conservation Community

Position: Oppose

House Vote Scored: 3rd Reading, 02/10/2011, 57 Y, 43 N

Bill Status: Dead, tabled in Senate Agriculture committee

HB 321, Nullify the Endangered Species Act

Sponsor: Rep. Krayton Kerns (R – Laurel)

This bill attempted to assert state authority over the federal protections for endangered fish, wildlife and plants by the Endangered Species Act and would have cost Montana over \$450 million per biennium to implement.

Conservation Community Position: Oppose

House Vote Scored: 2nd Reading, 02/19/2011, 61 Y, 39 N

Bill Status: Dead, failed in House Appropriations committee

HB 433, Codify water wasting “exempt wells” loophole

Sponsor: Rep. Gerald Bennett (R – Libby)

This bill, led by the Montana Association of Realtors, would have codified the water wasting “exempt wells” loophole, which allows new individual wells without

going through the water appropriation process.

Conservation Community Position: Oppose

House Vote Scored: 2nd Reading, 02/23/2011, 32 Y, 67 N

Bill Status: Dead, failed on House floor

HB 550, Establish state authority over EPA on regulation of greenhouse gasses

Sponsor: Rep. Joe Read (R – Ronan)

This unconstitutional bill would have attempted to usurp federal authority to regulate greenhouse gasses. No groups testified in support of this bill.

Conservation Community Position: Oppose

House Vote Scored: 3rd Reading, 02/23/2011, 68 Y, 32 N

Bill Status: Dead, tabled in Senate Energy committee

HB 593, Eliminate state required mercury controls at coal power plants

Sponsor: Rep. Duane Ankney (R – Colstrip)

This bill, supported by Montana AFL-CIO, would have eliminated state regulations requiring mercury controls on coal fired power plants, even though the health-saving technologies were installed more than a year ago, and are reducing nearly 90% of the toxic mercury emitted from the facilities. Companies operating power plants and coal companies did not support the bill.

Conservation Community Position: Oppose

Senate Vote Scored: Adoption of Conference Comm. Report, 4/20/2011, 20 Y, 30 N

House Vote Scored: 3rd Reading, 04/23/2011, 78 Y, 21 N

Bill Status: Dead, failed in Senate

SB 86 Disclose toxic chemical cocktail in fracking fluid

Sponsor: Sen. Bob Hawks (D – Bozeman)

Fracking fluids used in natural gas extraction employed in deep natural gas well drilling contain potentially harmful and toxic chemicals. This bill would have required disclosure of the ingredients in the fracking fluid. Northern Plains Resource Council was the lead proponent, while the measure was opposed by oil and gas industry.

Conservation Community Position: Support

Senate Vote Scored: Blast motion, 02/23/2011, 27 N, 22 N

Bill Status: Dead, tabled in Senate Energy committee



Conservation Votes That Count

SB 159, Reduce energy efficiency requirements in building codes

Sponsor: Sen. Jason Priest (R – Red Lodge)
This bill hampers energy efficiency measures contained in current building codes that save home and small business-owners money in the long-term. It required construction standards to demonstrate a “payback period” of five years or less. This arbitrary limit is significantly shorter than determined feasible and prudent in the building codes adoption process. Lead proponents were the Montana Building Industry Association, while the Schwetzer Administration, Alternative Energy Resource Organization and Montana Environmental Information Center led opposition.

Conservation Community Position: Oppose
Senate Vote Scored: 2nd reading, 02/01/2011, 27 Y, 22 N
House Vote Scored: 3rd reading, 04/01/2011, 63 Y, 35 N
Bill Status: Vetoed

SB 183, Eliminate emergency interim zoning

Sponsor: Sen. Taylor Brown (R – Huntley)
This bill would eliminate local governments’ ability to pass emergency zoning measures to protect private property and public health inside their jurisdiction, and was supported by the Montana Association of Realtors.

Conservation Community Position: Oppose
Senate Vote Scored: 3rd reading, 02/21/2011, 28 Y, 22 N
House Vote Scored: 2nd reading, 04/01/2011, 66 Y, 34 N
Bill Status: Vetoed

SB 191, Require septic system disclosure on property sale

Sponsor: Sen. Ron Erickson (D – Missoula)
This bill protects property values and water quality by ensuring property buyers are notified of septic or other wastewater treatment systems before they purchase the property. This “buyer beware” bill also protects property sellers by relieving them of future liability if they provide a septic disclosure and any available permit or maintenance information related to the system. One-third of all Montanans use individual wastewater treatment systems, such as septic tanks. The Clark Fork Coalition was the lead proponent of this bill.



Conservation Community Position: Support
Senate Vote Scored: 3rd reading, 02/21/2011, 39 Y, 11 N
Bill Status: Dead, tabled in House Local Government

SB 226, Price-out net-metered, home renewable energy systems

Sponsor: Sen. Jason Priest (R – Red Lodge)
This bill would charge those utility energy independent customers who produce more energy than they use an extra fee for transmission, resulting in a 33% increase in power bills for a typical net metered customer (hundreds of roof-top solar and back yard wind owners). More than two dozen Montana small businesses depend on our state’s net metering statute to do business—this bill will be a giant step away from homegrown jobs and energy independence. This measure was opposed by a significant coalition of clean energy business

leaders, including the Montana Renewable Energy Association and was not supported by anyone.

Conservation Community Position: Oppose
Senate Vote Scored: 3rd reading, 02/24/2011, 26 Y, 24 N
Bill Status: Dead, tabled in House Energy

SB 233, Eliminate consequences for failing to meet MEPA

Sponsor: Sen. Jim Keane (D – Butte)
This bill eliminates a court’s ability to prevent a project from proceeding if a State agency fails to comply with the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), essentially making MEPA voluntary. The bill also eliminates the requirement for an alternative analysis for all EIS’ unless it’s a State sponsored project. Mining, oil-and-gas, timber industry representatives and Montana AFL-CIO supported the bill.

Conservation Community Position: Oppose
Senate Vote Scored: 2nd reading, 02/23/2011, 30 Y, 20 Y
House Vote Scored: 2nd reading, 4/08/2011, 76 Y, 24 N
Bill Status: Law

Conservation Votes That Count

SB 253 Oppose-Eliminate energy efficiency tax credits

Sponsor: Sen. Bob Lake (R – Hamilton)

This bill would eliminate energy efficiency tax credits for home and business owners.

Conservation Community Position: Oppose

Senate Vote Scored: 2nd reading, 03/25/2011, 28 Y, 22 N

House Vote Scored: 3rd reading, 04/13/2011, 51 Y, 49 N

Bill Status: Vetoed

SB 266, Revise local coal tax gross proceeds tax abatement

Sponsor: Sen. Alan Olson (R – Roundup)

This bill provides tax breaks to the Signal Peak coal operation in Roundup, increasing costs to taxpayers and reducing much needed local revenue. It was opposed by the conservation community and Musselshell County Commissioners and had been killed, but was revived on the 88th day of the 90 day session by Governor Schweitzer, who powered it through the Senate.

Conservation Community

Position: Oppose

Senate Vote Scored: 3rd reading, 04/28/2011, 30 Y, 20 N

House Vote Scored: 3rd reading, 04/28/2011, 63 Y, 32 N

Bill Status: Law

SB 303, Prohibit state land purchases that result in “net-gain”

Sponsor: Sen. John Brendan (R - Scobey)

This bill would result in a “no net gain” policy for state land, with the exception of fishing access sites that are less than 5 acres in size. There are numerous programs in place that generate funds for the purchase of land—and that money would be collected and not spent if SB 303 passed.

Conservation Community Position: Oppose

Senate Vote Scored: 2nd reading, 2nd reading, 29 Y, 21 N

House Vote Scored: 3rd reading, 04/18/2011, 48 Y, 50 N

Bill Status: Dead

SB 306, Bring back cyanide gold mining

Sponsor: Sen. Terry Murphy (R - Caldwell)

This bill would have effectively repealed the twice-approved ban on new cyanide heap-leach open-pit mining. The bill would encourage the development of new open-pit mines, and allow them to truck ore across the state to grandfathered cyanide leaching centers. The

lead proponent was the Montana Mining Association.

Conservation Community Position: Oppose

Senate Vote Scored: 2nd reading, 02/23/2011, 29 Y, 21 N

House Vote Scored: 2nd reading, 03/31/2011, 63 Y, 37 N

Bill Status: Vetoed

SB 312, Eliminate some metal mine reclamation requirements

Sponsor: Sen. Chas Vincent (R – Libby)

This bill reduces metal mine reclamation requirements, increasing pollution in our waterways. The lead proponent was the Montana Mining Association.

Conservation Community Position: Oppose

Senate Vote Scored: 2nd reading, 02/23/2011, 29 Y, 21 N

House Vote Scored: 3rd reading, 04/05/2011, 76 Y, 23 N

Bill Status: Law

SB 330, Make compliance with Renewable Energy Standard voluntary

Sponsor: Sen. Ed Walker (R - Billings)

This bill weakens the waiver and noncompliance provisions of the renewable energy standard so that compliance with the RPS becomes almost voluntary, allowing a utility to apply for an indefinite waiver from compliance.

Conservation Community

Position: Oppose

Senate Vote Scored: 2nd reading,

02/23/2011, 28 Y, 22 N

House Vote Scored: 2nd reading, 04/04/2011, 66 Y, 34 N

Bill Status: Vetoed

SB 332, Increase Renewable Energy Standard to 25% by 2025

Sponsor: Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D – Billings)

The bill would increase Montana’s Renewable Energy Standard, requiring utilities to acquire 25% of their electricity from clean, renewable resources, such as wind energy, by 2025. An increase in the standard is achievable, and would create new jobs and provide a pathway to a clean energy future. Proponents included clean energy leaders, conservation groups, organized labor and farm groups. The bill was opposed by utility companies.

Conservation Community Position: Support

Senate Vote Scored: Blast motion, 02/21/2011, 28 N, 22 Y

Bill Status: Dead



Conservation Votes That Count

SB 414, Implement shoot-on-sight policy for wolves

Sponsor: Sen. Chas Vincent (R – Libby)

This bill would implement shoot-on-sight policy for wolves, eliminating scientific management.

Conservation Community Position: Oppose

Senate Vote Scored: 2nd reading, 03/29/2011, 30 Y, 20 N

House Vote Scored: 3rd reading, 04/19/2011, 45 Y, 54 N

Bill Status: Dead

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Conservation Champions Stand Strong

Legislators proposed several pro-conservation measures to keep a vibrant public debate, including SB 332 (Sen. Kendall Van Dyk, D – Billings). The bill would increase Montana’s Renewable Energy Standard, requiring utilities to acquire 25% of their electricity from clean, renewable resources, such as wind energy, by 2025. Montana is on track to meet the current standard of 15% by 2015, but the bill died in committee. HB 581 (Rep. Mary McNally, D – Billings), was a bill to expand net-metering opportunities, SB 416 (Sen. Carol Williams, D – Missoula), a measure to strengthen the Montana Environmental Policy Act, died in committee.

Montanans are increasingly concerned by potential groundwater contamination resulting from hydraulic fracturing, a natural gas extraction method. Oil and gas companies blast chemical-ridden water and sand underground to break apart rock and release gas. Meanwhile, surface owners believe they are getting sick from the unknown cocktail of chemicals used in the process. Sen. Bob Hawks (D – Bozeman) and Rep. Virginia Court (D – Billings) proposed legislation (SB 86 and HB 586, respectively) to require companies to disclose the list of fracking ingredients to the public. Both bills were killed and faced heavy opposition from the oil and gas industries. In response, the Board of Oil and Gas has proposed rules to address fracturing, though far weaker than the proposed legislation, protect public health and nearby landowners.

Committee Focus

Environmental leadership or villainy is not limited to floor votes, which are reflected in legislators’ Montana Conservation Voters’ scores. Committee votes are not scored, but clearly indicate legislators’ support for or against the positions of the conservation community. Committees are a forum for public hearings and the most substantive debate on measures, and are a place where legislators show leadership on behalf of, or against, the environment.

Because many of the Conservation Working Group’s priority measures were heard in the House and Senate Energy Committees and Natural Resources Committees, their votes are presented, and tell a more complete story of the 62nd Legislature, particularly which legislators were the most extreme in their voting.

Senate Energy

| | HB237-Oppose, Passed 7/5, Eliminate Community Provision of RES | SB109-Oppose, Passed 7/5, Include power from dams in RES | SB226-Oppose, Passed 7/5, Impose fee on owners of home solar and wind | SB254-Oppose, Passed 7/5, Assert state authority over federal lands | SB292-Oppose, Passed 7/5, Exclude contamination from coal gasification from definition of "pollution" | SB297-Oppose, Passed 9/3, Exempt coal beneficiary from reclamation | SB330-Oppose, Passed 7/5, Make compliance with RES voluntary | SB 332- Support, Failed 7/5, Increase Renewable Energy to 25% by 2025 |
|------------------|--|--|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| Augare, Shannon | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Erickson, Ron | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + |
| Essmann, Jeff | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Jackson, Verdell | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Lake, Bob | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Moss, Lynda | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Olson, Alan | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Priest, Jason | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tropila, Mitch | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Van Dyk, Kendall | + | + | - | + | + | - | + | + |
| Vincent, Chas | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - |
| Walker, Edward | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Committee Focus

Notably in the House and Senate Energy committees:

- Pro-conservation legislators made efforts to increase renewable energy (SB 332, Sen. Van Dyk, Mary McNally) and protect public health through disclosure of toxic fracking fluid (SB 86, Sen. Hawk and HB 586, Rep. Court).
- Some legislators voted with Montana Conservation Voters at every opportunity in committee, including Rep. Mary McNally (D – Billings) and Sen. Mitch Tropila (D – Great Falls), Sen. Shannon Augare (D – Browning) and Sen. Lynda Moss (D – Billings).
- Freshman legislators like Rep. Derek Skees and Rep. Dan Kennedy floated radical proposals that did not make it out of committee, even though they belong to the substantial partisan majority.
- In the Senate Energy committee, party lines held on most votes.
- Republicans joined Democratic colleagues to kill some of the most radical proposals from the House Energy committee.

House Energy

| | HB237-Oppose, Passed 12/2, Eliminate Community Provision of RES | HB244-Oppose, Failed 9/6, Repeal Renewable Energy Standard | HB326-Oppose, Failed 11/5, Encourage nuclear power | HB550-Oppose, Passed 11/5, Assert global warming good for Montana | HB593-Oppose, Passed 13/3, Eliminate state mercury controls on coal | SB104-Oppose, Failed 16/0, Prevent the PSC from implementing energy conservation | SB109-Oppose, Passed 11/5, Include power from dams in RES | SB226-Oppose, Failed 12/4, Impose fee on owners of home solar and wind | SB233-Oppose, Passed 11/5, Make compliance with MEPA voluntary | SB254-Oppose, Passed 11/5, Assert state authority over federal lands | SB330-Oppose, Passed 10/6, Make Renewable Energy Standard voluntary |
|-----------------|---|--|--|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| Boland, Carlie | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Driscoll, Robyn | - | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Kary, Doug | - | - | + | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | - |
| Klock, Harry | - | + | + | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | - |
| Knox, James | A/E | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - |
| Knudsen, Austin | - | + | + | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - |
| MacLaren, Gary | - | + | + | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | - |
| McNally, Mary | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Menahan, Mike | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| O'Hara, Jesse | - | + | - | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + |
| Peterson, Ken | - | + | + | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | - |
| Phillips, Mike | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Regier, Keith | - | + | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - |
| Skees, Derek | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | - |
| Small, Sterling | - | + | + | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | - |
| Stahl, Wayne | A/E | A/E | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - |

Notable in the House and Senate Natural Resource committees:

- All House Democrats voted to protect land, air and water at every opportunity.
- Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D – Helena) is the only Senator with a perfect voting record.
- Rep. Wendy Warburton (R – Havre) is the only Representative to vote against the conservation community at every chance.
- Sen. Cliff Larsen (D – Missoula) sponsored one of the only successful pro-conservation bills this session, SB 327, asking the state to assess energy generation capacity at state owned dams.

Senate Natural Resources

| | HB402-Oppose, Passed 9/6, Eliminate emergency zoning for gravel pits | HB533-Oppose, Passed 13 /1, Sell state owned coal for less than its worth | SB86-Support, Failed 8/6, Require public disclosure, fracking fluids | SB233-Oppose, Passed 10/4, Make compliance with MEPA voluntary | SB306-Oppose, Passed, 10/4, Rescind ban on new cyanide gold mines | SB312-Oppose, Passed 10/4, Eliminate metal mine reclamation requirements | SB317-Oppose, Passed 8/6, Make compliance with MEPA voluntary | SB327-Support, Passed 10/4, Assess power potential of state owned dams | SB356-Oppose, Passed 10/4, Exclude the public from water adjudication | SB416-Support, Failed 9/5, Restore the Montana Environmental Policy Act |
|----------------------|--|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| Barrett, Debby | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | - |
| Brenden, John | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Hamlett, Bradley | + | - | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + |
| Hinkle, Greg | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Jackson, Verdell | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kaufmann, Christine | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Keane, Jim | - | - | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | - |
| Larsen, Cliff | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Peterson, Jim | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Steinbeisser, Donald | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | - |
| Tropila, Mitch | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Vincent, Chas | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | - |
| Walker, Edward | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | - |
| Wanzenried, David | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |

Committee Focus



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House Natural Resources

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|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Barrett, Dick | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Bennett, Jerry | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - |
| Connell, Pat | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Court, Virginia | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Flynn, Kelly | + | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - |
| Hale, Alan | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - |
| Hands, Betsy | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Harris, Bill | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - |
| Hendrick, Gordon | - | - | - | - | A/E | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Hoven, Brian | + | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | + |
| Loney, Cleve | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - |
| Miller, Mike | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - |
| Reinhart, Michele | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Warburton, Wendy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Williams, Kathleen | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |

Expect more water pollution from mining thanks to bills like SB 312 passed by the majority in the 2011 legislature.

Scorecard Snapshot

Who we elect matters.

The 62nd Legislature risked it all – clean cold water, iconic open spaces and wild lands, even public health. For the first time since 2003, the state rolled back common-sense laws that keep Montana beautiful and our communities safe and healthy. **On average, legislators voted with the conservation community a paltry 41%, the worst average score since Montana Conservation Voters inception 12 years ago.** Democrats stood up for land and water and our hunting and fishing heritage far more frequently than their Republican colleagues (93% compared to 12%), a disturbingly consistent trend. It is important to note that some Republican members joined conservationists to defeat some of the most egregious attacks on clean energy, water and land. And, one of the worst bills in the session, SB 233, which guts the Montana Environmental Policy Act, was sponsored by Sen. Jim Keane, a Democrat from Butte.

| Legislature | 2011 | 2009 | 2007 | 2005 | 2003 | 2001 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Score Average | 41 | 52 | 53 | 60 | 47 | 42 |
| Democrate Score Avg. | 93 | 89 | 91 | 96 | 85 | 85 |
| Republican Score Avg. | 11 | 16 | 15 | 21 | 8 | 13 |

| Senate | 2011 | 2009 | 2007 | 2005 | 2003 | 2001 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Score Average | 47 | 50 | 59 | 60 | 40 | 39 |
| Democrate Score Avg. | 92 | 87 | 89 | 94 | 78 | 76 |
| Republican Score Avg. | 11 | 18 | 26 | 19 | 13 | 15 |

| House | 2011 | 2009 | 2007 | 2005 | 2003 | 2001 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Score Average | 38 | 53 | 50 | 59 | 44 | 44 |
| Democrate Score Avg. | 93 | 91 | 92 | 92 | 88 | 89 |
| Republican Score Avg. | 12 | 15 | 9 | 22 | 5 | 12 |



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Did your state legislators stand with you, or corporate polluters? You deserve to know.

This year, Montanans faced unprecedented attacks in the State Legislature on the air we breathe, water we drink and our outdoor fishing and hunting heritage. While many of these bills failed, corporate polluters gained ground thanks to the majority in the 2011 Legislature.

Use this scorecard to find out how *your* legislators voted. Together, we will transform that knowledge into power:

- Thank legislators who stood with Montanans and resisted attacks on clean water, our right to a clean and healthful environment, and our clean energy economy.
- Call on legislators who stood with corporate polluters to explain their votes. For contact information visit www.mtvoters.org/legislature
- Hold legislators with poor conservation voting records accountable. Help us recruit candidates who will fight for clean water and public health.

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Upcoming MCV Events: You Can Make a Difference for Montana

Gallatin-Park MCV Chapter Summer Solstice
Thirteen Mile Lamb & Wool, Bozeman
July 7th, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Contact hannah@mtvoters.org

Yellowstone MCV Chapter 10th Anniversary Picnic
Rose Park, Billings
July 28th, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Contact: tkeaveny@mtvoters.org

Flathead MCV Chapter Picnic
O’Shaughnessy Center, Whitefish
July 7th, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Contact: ross@mtvoters.org

Missoula MCV Chapter Annual Meeting
Venue TBA, Missoula
September 8th, time TBA
Contact: ross@mtvoters.org

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