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The Silver Lining Session



Dear Conservation Voter,

Let's face it — being a conservationist in Arizona isn't always easy.

Though we enjoy a beautiful state that visitors covet and natives treasure, our leaders in state government don't always do as much as we want to help protect the air, land, and water that we love.

But this year, even amongst some disappointments at the State Capitol — such as the failure of the Omnibus Energy Act — there were some good achievements for conservation in our state. So we're calling this year "The Silver Lining Session" of the Arizona Legislature.

Not only were a handful of anti-conservation measures stopped in their tracks, there were even more pro-conservation bills that became law — from water quality protection to renewable energy promotion, from safe waste disposal to regulating off-highway vehicles.

Most notable were the people who made this happen. Many of the candidates we helped elect in 2006 — like Senator Amanda Aguirre and Representatives Lynn Pancrazi and Ed Ableser — were pivotal advocates for the conservation measures that became law. And even some lawmakers who don't traditionally rate well in this *Scorecard*, like Senator Linda Gray and Representative Ray Barnes, jumped on the conservation bandwagon a few times.

The point? Our work at the Capitol and at the ballot box is making a difference, and it's more important than ever to continue this momentum. Longtime conservation advocates like Pete Hershberger and Tom O'Halleran face tough primary fights in September, and there will be opportunities to elect more pro-conservation lawmakers during this historic election year.

We need you, our members, not only to get out and vote, not only to contribute to our work — but to also be our ambassadors. Tell your friends, family, and coworkers about the League and the difference we are making in Arizona. That's how we will win in November.

And when we do, next year, perhaps we'll be writing about the Sunshine Session instead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessica Catlin".

Jessica Catlin
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Honor Roll:

House of Representatives

Ed Ableser (D-17) 100%
Chad Campbell (D-14) 100%
Steve Gallardo (D-13) 100%
David Lujan (D-15) 100%
Ben Miranda (D-16) 100%
Tom Prezelski (D-29) 100%
David Schapira (D-17) 100%
Jackie Thrasher (D-10) 100%
Theresa Ulmer (D-24) 100%
Nancy Young Wright (D-26) 100%

Senate

Paula Aboud (D-28) 100%
Meg Burton Cahill (D-17) 100%

Top Scoring District:

LD 17 — 100% Represented by
Senator Meg Burton Cahill,
Representative Ed Ableser, &
Representative David Schapira

Snapshot of the Scores

Other High Scores

House Democrats

Tom Chabin (D-2) 98%
Steve Farley (D-28) 98%
Lynne Pancrazi (D-24) 98%
Kyrsten Sinema (D-15) 98%
Albert Tom (D-2) 95%
Linda Lopez (D-29) 93%

Senate Democrats

Jorge Luis Garcia (D-27) 97%
Rebecca Rios (D-23) 89%
Ken Chevront (D-150) 87%
Debbie McCune-Davis
(D-14) 82%

House Republicans

Pete Hershberger (R-26) 89%

Senate Republicans

Tom O'Halleran (R-1) 87%

Averages:

House

Average Score: 66%

Democrats: 90%
Republicans: 46%

Senate

Average Score: 70%

Democrats: 78%
Republicans: 64%

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Bottom Scores

House of Representatives

Russell Pearce (R-18) 11%
Andy Biggs (R-22) 13%
Eddie Farnsworth (R-22) 16%

Senate

Ron Gould (R-3) 21%
Pamela Gorman (R-6) 34%
Karen Johnson (R-18) 44%

Lowest Scoring District: LD 3

Represented by Senator Ron Gould,
Representative Trish Groe, and
Representative Nancy McLain



Actions used for scoring



Each legislator's score is based on his or her total pro-conservation votes over the course of the session. Measures are weighted according to their importance, and no credit is given for missing votes. However, members are not penalized for excused absences (as recorded on the official attendance sheet for each chamber on the day of the vote). In all cases, the scores are based on the final vote each measure receives in either chamber.

The League gives "extra credit" to legislators who sponsor positive legislation (prime-prime sponsors only). For each good measure introduced, the legislator receives an extra percentage point added to his or her final score. For measures that actually become law, two percentage points are added. On the other hand, those who sponsor anti-conservation or anti-public-participation legislation have one percentage point deducted from their final score for each measure introduced and two points deducted if the measure becomes law. Final scores are capped at 100 percent.

SB 1041 transportation; HOV lanes; hybrids

(Harper) Based on rules adopted by ADOT in 2006, the first 10,000 most efficient hybrid vehicles sporting a special license plate may use the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane at any time. SB1041 attempted to codify that rule into statute, saying that *any* vehicle may use the HOV lane that has at least 45 percent fuel efficiency in combined city-highway fuel economy. This bill is good in that encourages the use of more fuel-efficient cars. However, in opening up the HOV lane to more cars, it may make the lane pointless. Arizona needs to consider the fate of the HOV lane, which saves more fuel when multiple passengers share a car.

A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 1

Passed Senate, Third Read: March 13, 2008

Died in House: March 18, 2008

SB 1095 air quality; clean burning gas

(Flake, Aguirre, Blendu) In 2007, the Legislature passed, and the Governor signed into law, an air quality package (Laws 2007, Chapter 292) that established a new Area C in the western portion of Pinal County. Arizona has areas that must comply to stricter emissions standards. "A" is Maricopa County, "B" is Pima County and "C" is part of Pinal County. The same blend of fuel that is required in Area A in the summer season is currently required to be used in Area C from June 1 to Sept. 30 of each year. SB1095 amends the fuel requirements in Area C to include a start date of May 1, which conforms with the dates for the start of ozone season. This law is conditional on approval from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 1

Passed Senate, Third Read: March 6, 2008

Passed House, Third Read: April 21, 2008

Signed by Governor: April 28, 2008



Actions used for scoring *continued*

SB 1167 user fee; off-highway vehicle

(Gray L.) Changes statutes related to operation and regulation of off-highway vehicles, including a requirement that off-highway vehicles display a sticker issued by the Arizona Department of Transportation (AZDOT), which shall establish a fee for the indicia. Proceeds from the sale of indicia are deposited in the off-highway vehicle recreation fund. Five percent is to be used by the State Land Department to mitigate the impact of vehicles on its land. Thirty-five percent is to be used for programs related to the safe and environmentally responsible use of off-highway vehicles. AZDOT will design new plates for vehicles, which are now subject to a vehicle license tax of \$3 instead of the regular Vehicle License Tax (VLT). Arizona has a lot of work to do to educate and regulate off highway drivers. This is a good first step.

A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 3

Passed Senate, Third Read: March 3, 2008

Passed House, Third Read: April 3, 2008

Final Read: June 23, 2008

Signed by Governor: June 27, 2008

SB 1264 public rights-of-way; claims

(Johnson) This bill revisits the Mining Law of 1866, which gave the public (a.k.a. "miners and homesteaders") the right to create roads and highways across public lands. This law was repealed in 1976, when we recognized that it is not wise to create roads and highways with little oversight. Still, most roads and highways were grandfathered at that time. This bill tried to again tip the balance back to the creation of rights-of-way, ignorant of their impact on the land. We believe that Arizona should be doing a better job of monitoring the effects of human activity on the pristine land that we have left, not fighting the federal government in an attempt to further degrade the land.

A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 3

Passed Senate, Third Read: March 18, 2008

Passed House on reconsideration, Third Read: May 21, 2008

Vetoed by Governor: May 27, 2008

SB 1288 local storm water pollution prevention

(Flake, Rios, et al.) Authorizes counties, towns and agencies of the state to develop, implement and enforce a storm water pollution prevention plan and storm water management programs as required by the Clean Water Act, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (AZDEQ) and its Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES).

A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 1

Passed Senate, Third Read, March 18, 2008

Passed House

Senate Final Read: May 7, 2008

Signed by Governor: May 12, 2008



Actions used for scoring *continued*

SB 1289 flood protection districts; financing

(Flake) In an area that is threatened by the normal flow, flood or overflow waters of any natural watercourse, five or more holders of title or evidence of title to improved lands may present a petition to their county board of supervisors to form a flood protection district. The district is authorized to levy a tax or issue bonds or assessments to fund construction projects that would benefit the district. While we think this bill is necessary in most cases and was developed with the AZDEQ, not every tactic used to control flooding is necessarily good for conservation. We will monitor any impacts of this bill.

A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 1

Passed Senate, Third Read: March 13, 2008

Passed House: April 21, 2008

Senate Final Read: April 21, 2008

Signed by Governor: April 28, 2008

SB 1384 Arizona Emissions Bank

(Blendu) In 2002, the Arizona Emissions Bank was established. Any permitted sources may generate emissions credits reducing emissions by an amount greater than that required by applicable law and those credits may be deposited in the Bank. The credits may be used by the permitted source as emissions offsets when applying for an individual permit. This bill eliminates the sunset date for the law (July 2009). Unfortunately, it does not include greenhouse gas emission credits. While we hope that greenhouse gas emission credits will be included in the future, the program is generally positive.

A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 1

Passed Senate: March 13, 2008

Passed House, Third Read: April 15, 2008

Senate Final Read: April 23, 2008

Signed by Governor: April 29, 2008

HB 2017 greenhouse emissions; regulations; fuel economy

(Konopniki) The Governor, along with other members of the Western Climate Initiative (Arizona, California, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington), spent more than two years developing goals and proposals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This was in reaction to the lack of progress at the federal level and cited the Supreme Court ruling that the government had the right to limit carbon emissions as a pollutant. When some members of the legislature, the auto industry and energy producers feared that ADEQ would seek to limit their emissions through forward thinking legislation (specifically California's Clean Car rules), they launched this amendment. It stated that the Governor could not create carbon emissions rules that were stricter than those in place federally. Given that state statute clearly allows ADEQ to limit pollution — and greenhouse gas emissions are pollutants — this bill was a needless stick in the eye to the Governor. Thankfully, she took the appropriate action.

A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 5

Amended on to bill in Senate Natural Resources. Passed Senate, Third Read: April 23, 2008

Passed House, Final Read: May 12, 2008

Vetoed by Governor: May 15, 2008

HB 2156 railroad sites; review

(Paton, Pancrazi) The federal Interstate Commerce Commission has broad authority to site railroad lines and facilities. The state of Arizona has limited authority to change plans made by the commission. This bill arose over complaints about a possible switch yard to be located near Picacho Peak. Local citizens felt that the federal process did not allow them to voice their concerns. On the other side, advocates in Pinal County argued that the new switch yard is important to economic growth. While the bill requires public hearings, it has little effect on the federal process. While many of our traditional conservation advocates were torn by this bill, we believe that we should err on the side of greater public accountability when it comes to growth and conservation issues.

A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 1

Passed House, Third Read: March 24, 2008

Passed Senate, Third Read: June 23, 2008

Final Read: June 25, 2008

Signed by Governor: June 27, 2008

HB 2270 water supply; disclosure

(Clark, Adams, Barnes, et al.) The Department of Real Estate (AZDOR) must post on its website information advising prospective home buyers to investigate water availability before purchasing real property and shall include a link to the website of the Department of Water Resources for definitions of specified terms that apply in areas outside Active Management Areas (AMAs). It must also display on its website a current map of all areas in the state outside AMAs. We believe that good information about water availability is always positive and may even help limit aggressive sprawl.

A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 5

Passed House, Third Read: March 24, 2008

Passed Senate, Third Read: May 6, 2008

Final Read: May 14, 2008

Signed by Governor: May 20, 2008

HB 2426 waste tire collection sites

(Barnes, et al.) It is currently unlawful to store 100 or more used tires outdoors without prior registration of the site with the Department of Environmental Quality. A waste tire collection site must register with ADEQ within 60 days of the effective date of this act. Waste tire collection sites storing 500 or more tires and that store tires for more than 12 months must obtain approval of a solid waste facility plan, except sites owned by local governments. We like this bill because, simply put, tire fires are far too dangerous *not* to find ways to prevent.

A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 3

Passed House, Third Read: March 3, 2008

Passed Senate, Third Read: April 8, 2008

Final Read: April 9, 2008

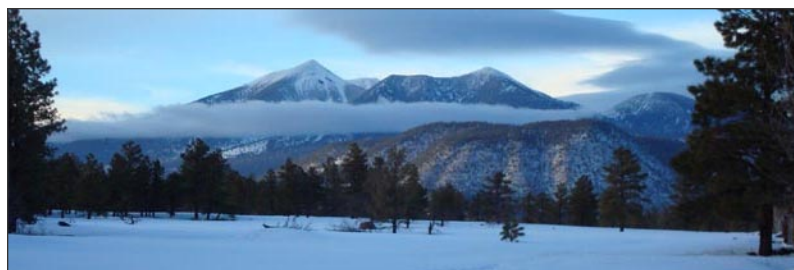
Signed by Governor: April 16, 2008

HB 2427 air quality; Pinal emissions testing

(Barnes, et al.) HB 2427 requires vehicle emission inspections for Pinal County, defines Area C for the purpose of emission inspections and prohibits ADEQ and ADOT from enforcing this act until a vehicle emissions testing facility is fully operational. Legislators from Pinal County were adamantly opposed to this legislation. However, we believe that Pinal County's population is growing so quickly that it would be irresponsible not to plan now for ways to prevent runaway pollution.

A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 3

Died on the House Floor: March 18, 2008



Actions used for scoring *continued*

HB 2614 renewable energy valuation; expiration extension

(Mason, Miranda, O'Halleran) When large, utility-scale renewable energy developers go to finance their projects, they look for money (often as much as \$1 billion) from banks to install the projects. Further, the cost of installation is quite high, even though the fuel (wind or sun) is free for the next 30 years. Knowing this, the legislature in 2001 reduced the value of renewable energy projects like this by 80 percent for taxing purposes. That law sunsets in 2011. The aforementioned banks, however, will not finance such large projects unless they know that the tax benefit not likely to be taken away. This bill moved the sunset date out to 2040. As a result more \$2 billion worth of new projects will go forward in Arizona in the next year alone.

A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 5

Passed House, Third Read: March 11, 2008

Passed Senate, Third Read: June 23, 2008

Final Read: June 27, 2008

Signed by Governor: July 7, 2008

HB 2615 solar construction permits

(Mason, Ableser, Reagan) Solar panel installers in Arizona are confronted by a mish-mash of fees and regulations. One city may charge \$100 for a permit to install solar panels. Another may charge \$1,000. The high fees and the inconsistency only hinder the installation of solar energy in Arizona. This bill creates a commission to try to unify those fees. Unfortunately, the earlier version of the bill was watered down. It capped fees at \$200. While disappointing, the bill is still good. And, hopefully, the coordination of municipalities may increase awareness about other hindrances to wide-spread installation of solar panels.

A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 3

Passed House, Third Read: March 20, 2008

Passed Senate, Third Read: April 29, 2008

Final Read: May 20, 2008

Signed by Governor: May 23, 2008

HB 2621 standards; biofuel

(Boone) Makes several changes to statute relating to biofuel standards, including requiring the director of the Department of Weights and Measures (DOWM) to adopt rules for biofuels to take the place of statutory rules, which are deleted and repealed. Modifies definitions relating to the DOWM statutes by changing the definitions of "biodiesel" and "diesel fuel" and adding definitions of "biodiesel blend," "biofuel," "biofuel blend" and "misfuel." Representative Boone has had a long and positive interest in bio-fuels, and we believe that this change moves us further toward safe, broad use of these recycled fuels.

A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 3

Passed House, Third Read: February 25, 2008

Passed Senate, Third Read: April 21, 2008

Final Read: June 2, 2008

Signed by Governor: June 3, 2008

HB 2666 aggregate mine reclamation law; exemption

(Biggs) Aggregate mining units that are used intermittently for specific governmental projects that do not exceed certain size restrictions and that satisfy other stated requirements are exempt from aggregate mining regulatory and reclamation laws. Owners of exempt units must pay a fee and file an administrative notice with the State Mine Inspector, including an assurance that at the conclusion of the project the unit will be reclaimed as prescribed by law. We believe that it is never wise to exempt mining operations, regardless of who owns them, from reclamation laws.

A “NO” vote is a green vote. Weight: 3

Passed House, Third Read: March 24, 2008

Retained on Senate Calendar:
June 26, 2008.

HB 2766 omnibus energy act of 2008

(Mason, Campbell Ch, McClure, et al.) Despite being watered down through the process, the Omnibus Energy Act of 2008 would have been a comprehensive and important addition to state statute. It covered subjects such as more efficient appliance standards, better home construction and the installation of renewable energy systems. All along, it became a political football for those who fight progress on energy and conservation. Sadly, in the end, it fell victim to the political fights on the very last day of session. We were particularly disappointed in the lack of leadership from the Senate President.

A “YES” vote is a green vote. Weight: 5

Passed House, Third Read: March 27, 2008

Died in Senate:
June 27, 2008

HCR 2037 constitutional rights; game and fish

(Weiers J) This bill would have referred to the ballot in the 2008 general election the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to state that hunting and fishing are the preferred means of managing non-threatened wildlife and that the rights of citizens to hunt and fish on public and private property, consistent with the laws of trespass, shall not be impaired. We believe that hunting and fishing, especially in a populated state, should be managed wisely. This referendum, were it to pass, would have opened hunting and fishing to a chaotic frenzy of unregulated slaughter. Arizona’s game and fish would suffer the worst.

A “NO” vote is a green vote. Weight: 5

Failed in the House

HCR 2044 voter protection; temporary budget suspension

(Pearce, Barnes, Biggs, et al.) This bill would have put a referendum on the 2008 general election ballot. It would seek to amend the state Constitution to state the Legislature may ignore voter approved requirements to appropriate or divert monies for specific purposes if both the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budgeting “issue a written finding” that the fiscal year is projected to have a deficit. This would severely undermine the wishes of voters and put at peril everything from conservation to Clean Elections.

A “NO” vote is a green vote. Weight: 5

Passed House, Third Read: March 24, 2008

Died in Senate



Mason



Biggs



Konopniki



Barnes

Conservation Hero

Representative Lucy Mason (R-1) ran five very important bills this session promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency. Like she did in the previous session around water issues, she made a point to bring all parties to the table from the beginning. She may not have agreed with all of them, but she was realistic enough to know that everybody had a part in the process. Unfortunately, this meant that some of her ideas were watered down to an almost unrecognizable point. HB2766 became a political football, as some members and special interests decried her for going too far in the areas of renewable energy and energy efficiency. She is becoming quite accustomed to bucking leadership and her party to support common sense solutions. Her leadership and perseverance helped pave the way for major renewable energy development and investment in Arizona and took another step in helping home owners and businesses take full advantage of Arizona's solar energy abundance. Her efforts are worthy of applause.

Conservation Opponents

Representative Andy Biggs (R-22) pushed HB2666 and HCR2044. The first would have made mine reclamation an unnecessary afterthought in many cases. The second, on which he was a sponsor, but not the prime sponsor, would have gutted voter-protected laws, which the public put in place via the initiative process.

Representative Bill Konopniki (R-5), while supportive on many other important energy bills, disappointed us by his support of HB2017, which would have prevented the Governor from acting to curb greenhouse gas emissions, in concert with the Western Climate Initiative. He allowed this needless, spiteful amendment to his bill, which previously had nothing to do with carbon emissions, at the urging of the automobile manufacturers, home builders and utilities — all of whom have a narrow financial

interest (they believe) in not curbing carbon emissions.

Happy Surprises

House Environment Committee Chairman Ray Barnes (R-7), historically a tepid advocate for conservation, came forward with two bills that were wise and positive: HB2426, waste tire collection sites, and HB2427, air quality, Pinal emissions testing. Both were moderate but necessary steps forward for Arizona. He was also more open than he has been in the past to hearing concerns from advocates for energy efficiency, renewable energy and state land conservation. We hope to see more positive activity from Rep. Barnes.

Senator Linda Gray (R-10), also historically not a strong supporter of conservation, put her neck out with SB1167 user fee, off-highway vehicles. The bill required off-road recreational vehicles to be licensed and plated, the fees from which will go to maintain those areas most often used by those vehicles. While it is yet to be seen whether funds from this new fee will be sufficient to clean up the damage done by too many off-road vehicles, we recognize that it was difficult for Sen. Gray to advocate for a new fee in today's small-government, anti-tax climate.

Unfortunate Failings

Last year, we recognized **Senate President Tim Bee (R-30)** as a Statesman. While he did not do anything in particular that constituted unstatesman-like conduct this year, conservation advocates can point directly to the President for the failure of several important bills this session. Because the President was busy playing politics with other issues, Arizona lost an opportunity to pass the Omnibus Energy Act of 2008. Further, he prevented the Senate from completing business on serious proposals for tax credits for the manufacture of solar energy equipment, something that is critical to attracting high-paying renewable energy jobs to Arizona.



Gray



McClure



Ableser



Clark



Garcia



Campbell



Sinema



Farley

We were also particularly disappointed by **Representative Jonathan Paton's (R-30)** HB2221, county subdivisions, notification. This bill would have limited local government's ability to require higher green building standards. In a time when energy costs are increasing and the need for new green building standards is crucial, Arizona would be going in the wrong direction to prevent new locally set guidelines. Luckily, the bill died in the Senate.

Good Ideas Left Behind

In this year's *Scorecard*, you may notice that some of our best advocates have slightly lower scores than they have in the past. This is not because they are any less supportive of conservation. It has more to do with scoring techniques. Not only were there fewer remarkable bills to score this year, but we also decided not to score some bills, which were good ideas, but did not make it past their original committee of reference.

However, the Good Ideas Left Behind deserve to be highlighted:

HB2126 tax credit; dual flush toilets.

Representative Marion McClure (R-30) wanted to encourage a very basic technology that seems ubiquitous in other countries such as England and Australia. Dual flush toilets can save millions of gallons of water every year, but are prohibitively expensive in America. While we recognize that tax credits were not likely to pass this year, we need to help build the market for these water-saving fixtures here. The bill was never heard in its first committee.

HB2141 home sales; water supply disclosure and HB2142 property; disclosure; water.

These were both sponsored by **Representative Ed Ableser (D-17)**. They attempted to share more information with consumers about water supplies and water rights. These bills were not left behind, so much as they were amended on to **Representative**

Doug Clark's (R-6) HB2270, of the same topic area. Both Ableser and Clark should be commended for their work in this area.

HB2416 recycling; multi-family dwellings.

Representative Martha Garcia (D-13) recognizes that we produce as much waste from commercial buildings and apartments, which goes directly to landfills, as we do from single-family dwellings. She attempted to at least address the issue of multi-family dwellings. This bill requires cities with populations over 75,000 to pick up recyclable materials from apartment buildings, but gives them until 2010 to find ways to do it.

HB2460 littering; state trust lands; civil penalty.

It is high time to charge the true cost of clean-up from littering on state trust land in Arizona. **Representative Chad Campbell's (D-14)** bill increased penalties for littering from between \$500 to \$1,500, the proceeds of which would go directly back to clean-up.

HB2543 air quality; cumulative modeling.

Some polluting businesses are just small enough that they don't have to register with AZDEQ. However, when located together, as they are in some light industrial zones, they can have a cumulative impact on air quality. This leads to higher rates of breathing problems for local residents, especially children. This bill seeks to find ways to control these emissions.

Representative Kyrsten Sinema (D-15) runs this bill annually. Unfortunately, committee chairs seldom hear the bill.

HB2768 air quality; stage II; tanks.

With this bill, **Representative Steve Farley (D-28)** is trying to get at a problem that have never been fully addressed: Emissions from gas stations. Some parts of the state require vapor recovery systems for fuel pumps, but others do not. Our state is growing far too quickly for us to ignore this significant source of pollution.

Senate voting tally & COMMITTEE SCORES

The AZLCV scores are based on floor votes, and not votes taken in committee. However, it is important that we understand the makeup of the committees to which a majority of bills dealing with our natural environment are sent for consideration. Here are snapshots of three Senate committees that are especially important to conservation.

Senate Natural Resources & Rural Affairs

Member	Party	District	Score
Jake Flake (chair)*	R	5	69%
Amanda Aguirre	D	24	68%
Marsha Arzberger	D	25	76%
Robert Blendu*	R	12	76%
Chuck Gray	R	19	76%
Karen Johnson	R	18	44%
Leah Landrum Taylor	D	16	71%

Committee Average Score: 69%

Senate Transportation

Member	Party	District	Score
Ron Gould (chair)	R	3	21%
Robert Blendu	R	12	76%
Pamela Gorman	R	6	34%
Rebecca Rios	D	23	89%
Victor Soltero	D	29	50%

Committee Average Score: 54%

Senate Government

Member	Party	District	Score
Jack Harper (chair)	R	4	64%
Robert Blendu	R	12	76%
Meg Burton Cahill	D	17	100%
Jake Flake*	R	5	69%
Jorge Luis Garcia	D	27	97%
Linda Gray	R	10	76%
Charlene Pesquiera	D	26	55%

Committee Average Score: 77%

**Jake Flake died June 9, 2008. Robert Blendu replaced him as Chair of the Natural Resources & Rural Affairs Committee June 10-27, and Sylvia Allen replaced him in that committee and the Senate Government Committee June 18-27.*

Scorecard Key

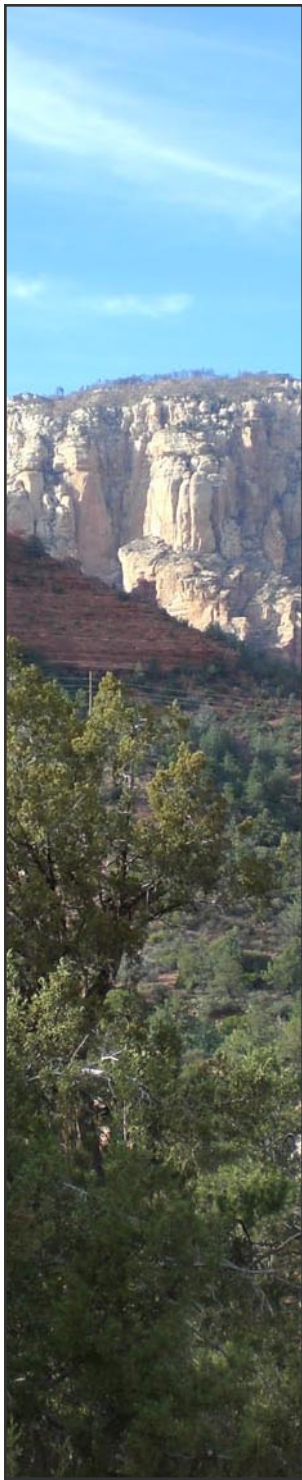
- ✓ = Pro-environment vote
- ✗ = Anti-environment vote
- = Not voting (counts against score)
- EA = Excused absence (does not count against score)

Scorecard Bills Weights

SENATORS	FINAL SCORE	
Paula Aboud	100%	D
Amanda Aguirre	68%	D
Carolyn Allen	66%	R
Marsha Arzberger	76%	D
Tim Bee	76%	R
Robert Blendu	76%	R
Robert Burns	63%	R
Meg Burton Cahill	100%	D
Ken Chevront	87%	D
Jake Flake	69%	R
Jorge Luis Garcia	97%	D
Pamela Gorman	34%	R
Ron Gould	21%	R
Chuck Gray	76%	R
Linda Gray	76%	R
Albert Hale	68%	D
Jack Harper	64%	R
John Huppenthal	76%	R
Karen Johnson	44%	R
Leah Landrum Taylor	71%	D
Barbara Leff	79%	R
Debbie McCune Davis	82%	D
Richard Miranda	76%	D
Tom O'Halleran	87%	R
Charlene Pesquiera	55%	D
Rebecca Rios	89%	D
Victor Soltero	50%	D
Jay Tibshraeny	68%	R
Thayer Verschoor	55%	R
Jim Waring	79%	R
Senate D AVERAGE	78%	
Senate R AVERAGE	64%	

SB 1041 Transportation; HOV lanes; hybrids
 SB 1095 Air quality; Clean burning gas
 SB 1264 Public rights-of-way; Claims
 SB 1288 Local stormwater pollution prevention
 HB 2017 Greenhouse emissions; fuel economy
 HB 2156 Railroad sites; Review
 HB 2270 Water supply; Disclosure
 HB 2426 Waste tire collection sites
 SB 1167 User fee; Off-highway vehicle
 HB 2614 Renewable energy valuation; Extension
 HB 2615 Solar construction permits
 HB 2621 Standards; Biofuel

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House voting tally & COMMITTEE SCORES

The AZLCV scores are based on floor votes, and not votes taken in committee. However, it is important that we understand the makeup of the committees to which a majority of bills dealing with our natural environment are sent for consideration. Here are snapshots of two of five House committees that are especially important to conservation.

House Environment

Member	Party	District	Score
Ray Barnes (chair)	R	7	62%
Ed Ableser	D	17	100%
Mark Anderson	R	18	61%
Sam Crump	R	6	38%
Martha Garcia	D	13	84%
Barbara McGuire	D	24	48%
Michele Reagan	R	8	68%
Bob Robson	R	20	55%
Andrew Tobin	R	1	55%
Theresa Ulmer	D	24	100%

Committee Average Score: 67%

House Natural Resources & Public Safety

Member	Party	District	Score
Jerry Weiers (chair)	R	12	55%
Ray Barnes	R	7	62%
Andy Biggs	R	22	13%
Judy Burges	R	4	25%
John Kavanagh	R	8	36%
Barbara McGuire	D	24	48%
John Nelson	R	12	54%
Lynne Pancrazi	D	24	98%
Kyrsten Sinema	D	15	98%
Theresa Ulmer	D	24	100%

Committee Average Score: 59%

Scorecard Key

- ✓ = Pro-environment vote
- ✗ = Anti-environment vote
- = Not voting (counts against score)
- EA = Excused absence (does not count against score)

Scorecard Bills

Weights

HOUSE	FINAL SCORE
Ed Ableser	100% D
Kirk Adams	30% R
Manuel Alvarez	45% D
Mark Anderson	61% R
Ray Barnes	62% R
Nancy K. Barto	45% R
Andy Biggs	13% R
Tom Boone	64% R
David Bradley	89% D
Jack Brown	82% D
Judy Burges	25% R
Jennifer Burns	70% R
Olivia Cajero Bedford	89% D
Chad Campbell	100% D
Cloves Campbell, Jr.	89% D
Tom Chabin	98% D
Doug Clark	46% R
Rich Crandall	39% R
Sam Crump	38% R
Mark Anthony DeSimone	84% D
Adam Driggs	54% R
Eddie Farnsworth	16% R
Steve Farley	98% D
Steve Gallardo	100% D
Martha Garcia	84% D
Trish Groe	27% R
Pete Hershberger	89% R
John Kavanagh	36% R
Bill Konopnicki	50% R
Phil Lopes	89% D
Linda Lopez	93% D

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House voting tally & COMMITTEE SCORES

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House Water & Agriculture

Member	Party	District	Score
Lucy Mason (chair)	R	1	65%
Manuel Alvarez	D	25	45%
Jack Brown	D	5	82%
Jennifer Burns	R	25	70%
Trish Groe	R	3	27%
John Kavanagh	R	8	36%
Lynne Pancrazi	D	24	98%
Jonathan Paton	R	30	62%
Bob Stump	R	9	29%
Albert Tom	D	2	99%

Committee Average Score: 61%

House Government

Member	Party	District	Score
Kirk Adams (chair)	R	19	30%
Ray Barnes	R	7	62%
Rich Crandall	R	19	39%
Mark Anthony DeSimone	D	11	84%
Steve Farley	D	28	98%
Martha Garcia	D	13	84%
Warde Nichols	R	21	27%
Jonathan Paton	R	30	62%

Committee Average Score: 59%

House Transportation

Member	Party	District	Score
Andy Biggs (chair)	R	22	13%
Ed Ableser	D	17	100%
Sam Crump	R	6	38%
Steve Farley	D	28	98%
Marian McClure	R	30	46%
Nancy McLain	R	3	34%
John Nelson	R	12	54%
Tom Prezelski	D	29	100%
Jackie Thrasher	D	10	100%
Jerry Weiers	R	12	55%

Committee Average Score: 64%

Scorecard Key

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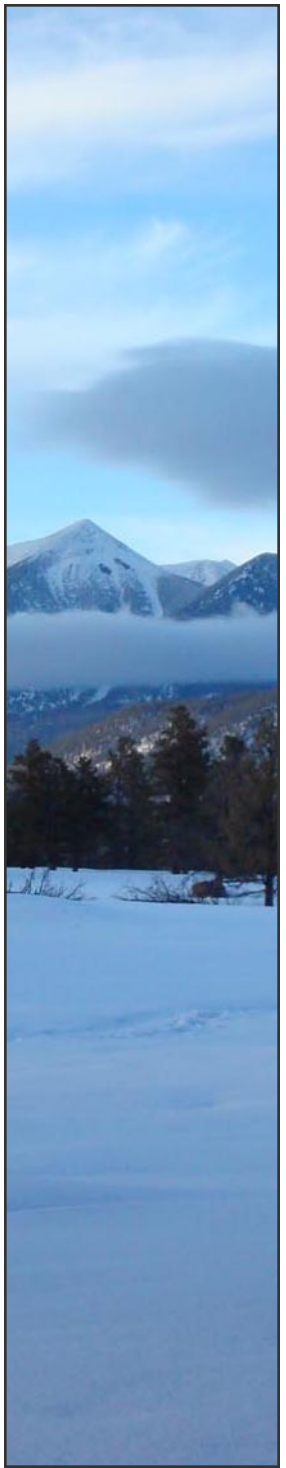
Scorecard Bills

Weights

HOUSE	FINAL SCORE	
David Lujan	100%	D
Lucy Mason	65%	R
Marian McClure	46%	R
John McComish	61%	R
Barbara McGuire	48%	D
Nancy McLain	34%	R
Robert Meza	73%	D
Ben Miranda	100%	D
Rick Murphy	27%	R
John Nelson	54%	R
Warde Nichols	27%	R
Lynne Pancrazi	98%	D
Jonathan Paton	62%	R
Russell Pearce	11%	R
Tom Prezelski	100%	D
Michele Reagan	68%	R
Pete Rios	82%	D
Bob Robson	55%	R
David Schapira	100%	D
Kyrsten Sinema	98%	D
Bob Stump	29%	R
Jackie Thrasher	100%	D
Andrew Tobin	55%	R
Albert Tom	95%	D
Theresa Ulmer	100%	D
James Weiers	55%	R
Jerry Weiers	55%	R
Steven Yarbrough	38%	R
Nancy Young Wright	100%	D
Average Democrat	90%	
Average Republican	46%	

SB 1095 Air quality, Clean burning gas
SB 1264 Public rights-of-way, Claims
SB 1288 Local stormwater pollution prevention
HB 2017 Greenhouse emissions, fuel economy
HB 2156 Railroad sites, Review
HB 2270 Water supply, Disclosure
HB 2426 Waste tire collection sites
HB 2427 Air quality, Pinal emissions testing
HB 2573 / SB 1167 User fee, Off-highway vehicle
HB 2614 Renewable energy valuation, Extension
HB 2615 Solar construction permits
HB 2621 Standards, Biofuel
HB 2666 Aggregate mine reclamation, Exemption
HB 2766 Omnibus energy act of 2008
HCR 2037 Constitutional rights, Game & Fish
HCR 2044 Voter protection, temporary budget suspension

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1. Renew your membership

The AZLCV is almost entirely supported by thousands of small gifts from members like you. This makes for a fantastic model to get folks engaged as well as providing a steady revenue source. However, it is difficult (and resource intensive) to contact 5,000 members every year about renewing their membership. Please help us today by making a contribution, or better yet, please sign up to be a monthly donor to guarantee the League a steady revenue source.

2. Talk to a friend or family member about joining the League... or give a gift membership.

Try as we might there are still many voters in Arizona who are with us on our issues but simply do not know that the League exists. Help us spread the word by sharing the information in our *Scorecard* with fellow voters. Contact the AZLCV for additional copies of the *Scorecard*, or let us know if you would like to host a house party or meeting to discuss the *Scorecard* or the League.

3. Vote Conservation.

Our scorecard has no power if people are not making decisions based on the results. Take the "Vote Conservation Pledge" today to vote for candidates who support our environment and the future of Arizona!

4. Contact your Legislators.

During the Legislative session, the League works to engage its members in the Legislative process. We send out weekly Action Alerts on upcoming legislation and keep our members up to date on the happenings at the Legislature. It makes a big difference if our members call their Legislators and congratulate them or urge them to do better next year. Let them know that their conservation performance makes a difference to voters! You can find your legislators' direct contact information, including email addresses, at www.azleg.gov/MemberRoster.asp



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48th Legislature Members & Scores: 2008

District 1	69%	District 11	72%	District 21	44%
Sen. Tom O'Halleran, R (Sedona)	87%	Sen. Barbara Leff, R (Paradise Valley)	79%	Sen. Jay Tibshraeny, R (Chandler)	68%
Rep. Lucy Mason, R (Prescott)	65%	Rep. Mark Anthony DeSimone, D (Phoenix)	84%	Rep. Warde Nichols, R (Chandler)	27%
Rep. Andrew Tobin R (Paulden)	55%	Rep. Adam Driggs, R (Phoenix)	54%	Rep. Steve Yarbrough, R (Chandler)	38%
District 2	87%	District 12	62%	District 22	28%
Sen. Albert Hale, D (Window Rock)	68%	Sen. Robert Blendu, R (Litchfield Park)	76%	Sen. Thayer Verschoor, R (Gilbert)	55%
Rep. Tom Chabin, D (Flagstaff)	98%	Rep. John Nelson, R (Glendale)	54%	Rep. Andy Biggs, R (Gilbert)	13%
Rep. Albert Tom, D (Chambers)	95%	Rep. Jerry Weiers, R (Glendale)	55%	Rep. Eddie Farnsworth, R (Gilbert)	16%
District 3	27%	District 13	87%	District 23	73%
Sen. Ron Gould, R (Lake Havasu City)	21%	Sen. Richard Miranda, D (Tolleson)	76%	Sen. Rebecca Rios, D (Apache Junction)	89%
Rep. Trish Groe, R (Lake Havasu City)	27%	Rep. Steve Gallardo, D (Phoenix)	100%	Rep. Barbara McGuire, D (Kearny)	48%
Rep. Nancy McLain, R (Bullhead City)	34%	Rep. Martha Garcia, D (Phoenix)	84%	Rep. Pete Rios, D (Hayden)	82%
District 4	51%	District 14	85%	District 24	89%
Sen. Jack Harper, R (Surprise)	64%	Sen. Debbie McCune-Davis, D (Phoenix)	82%	Sen. Amanda Aguirre, D (Yuma)	68%
Rep. Tom Boone, R (Peoria)	64%	Rep. Chad Campbell, D (Phoenix)	100%	Rep. Lynne Pancrazi, D (Yuma)	98%
Rep. Judy Burges, R (Skull Valley)	25%	Rep. Robert Meza, D (Phoenix)	73%	Rep. Theresa Ulmer, D (Yuma)	100%
District 5	67%	District 15	95%	District 25	64%
Sen. Jake Flake, R (Snowflake)	69%	Sen. Ken Chevront, D (Phoenix)	87%	Sen. Marsha Arzberger, D (Willcox)	76%
Rep. Jack Brown, D (St. Johns)	82%	Rep. David Lujan, D (Phoenix)	100%	Rep. Manuel Alvarez, D (Elfrida)	45%
Rep. Bill Konopnicki, R (Safford)	50%	Rep. Kyrsten Sinema, D (Phoenix)	98%	Rep. Jennifer Burns, R (Tucson)	70%
District 6	39%	District 16	87%	District 26	81%
Sen. Pamela Gorman, R (Anthem)	34%	Sen. Leah Landrum Taylor, D (Phoenix)	71%	Sen. Charlene Pesquiera, D (Oro Valley)	55%
Rep. Doug Clark, R (Anthem)	46%	Rep. Cloves Campbell, Jr., D (Phoenix)	89%	Rep. Pete Hershberger, R (Tucson)	89%
Rep. Sam Crump, R (Anthem)	38%	Rep. Ben Miranda, D (Phoenix)	100%	Rep. Nancy Young Wright, D (Tucson)	100%
District 7	62%	District 17	100%	District 27	92%
Sen. Jim Waring, R (Phoenix)	79%	Sen. Meg Burton Cahill, D (Tempe)	100%	Sen. Jorge Luis Garcia, D (Tucson)	97%
Rep. Ray Barnes, R (Phoenix)	62%	Rep. Ed Ableser, D (Tempe)	100%	Rep. Olivia Cajero Bedford, D (Tucson)	89%
Rep. Nancy K. Barto, R (Phoenix)	45%	Rep. David Schapira, D (Tempe)	100%	Rep. Phil Lopes, D (Tucson)	89%
District 8	57%	District 18	39%	District 28	96%
Sen. Carolyn Allen, R (Scottsdale)	66%	Sen. Karen Johnson, R (Mesa)	44%	Sen. Paula Aboud, D (Tucson)	100%
Rep. John Kavanagh, R (Fountain Hills)	36%	Rep. Mark Anderson, R (Mesa)	61%	Rep. David Bradley, D (Tucson)	89%
Rep. Michele Reagan, R (Scottsdale)	68%	Rep. Russell Pearce, R (Mesa)	11%	Rep. Steve Farley, D (Tucson)	98%
District 9	40%	District 19	48%	District 29	81%
Sen. Robert Burns, R (Peoria)	63%	Sen. Chuck Gray, R (Mesa)	76%	Sen. Victor Soltero, D (South Tucson)	50%
Rep. Rick Murphy, R (Glendale)	27%	Rep. Kirk Adams, R (Mesa)	30%	Rep. Linda Lopez, D (Tucson)	93%
Rep. Bob Stump, R (Peoria)	29%	Rep. Rich Crandall, R (Mesa)	39%	Rep. Tom Prezelski, D (Tucson)	100%
District 10	81%	District 20	64%	District 30	61%
Sen. Linda Gray, R (Glendale)	76%	Sen. John Huppenthal, R (Chandler)	76%	Sen. Tim Bee, R (Tucson)	76%
Rep. Jackie Thrasher, D (Glendale)	100%	Rep. John McComish, R (Phoenix)	61%	Rep. Marian McClure, R (Tucson)	46%
Rep. James Weiers, R (Phoenix)	55%	Rep. Robert Robson, R (Chandler)	55%	Rep. Jonathan Paton, R (Tucson)	62%