



# PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD 2007-2008 SESSION



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### INTRODUCTION

This Scorecard reports the votes of Pennsylvania Senate and House members on key environmental issues addressed during the 2007 - 08 session of the General Assembly. Legislative sessions in Pennsylvania run for two years, after which all bills that were not enacted automatically die, and will need to be reintroduced in the next General Assembly, which will convene in January, 2009.

During a typical two-year legislative session, the 203 Representatives introduce more than 4,000 bills and resolutions, and the 50 Senators introduce nearly 2,000. Of these, the vast majority, more than 90% fail to pass at least one of the Chambers and die. Those that see action may have amendments added in Committee or on the floor of one or both Chambers.

### HOW THE VOTES WERE SELECTED

Sierra Club and Clean Water Action believe that the public has the right to know how their elected officials vote on matters related to the environment and public health, and that those officials should be held accountable for their actions. We have reviewed the actions of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, and have identified a number of votes that involved important environmental decisions. We solicited suggestions from a number of environmental and conservation organizations, as well as the bipartisan leadership of the Senate and House Environmental Resources and Energy Committees, which had jurisdiction over the majority of the bills selected. In some cases, we selected votes that were controversial. In some cases, we chose votes that achieved near unanimity to recognize significant legislative action. In some cases, we considered an amendment vote more defining than a final passage vote.

The issues covered in this chart are as far-ranging as the environmental community. They include: alternative energy and energy efficiency, transportation funding, hazardous waste clean up funding, climate change, land use, Appalachian Trail Protection, and confirmation votes for DEP Secretary and Pennsylvania Game Commissioner. While not every environmental or conservation organization may have worked on all of these issues, there was environmental debate on all the controversial votes. In some cases, a bill passed one Chamber, but environmental opposition prevented it from passing the other Chamber. In some of these instances, an acceptable alternative was found, which then passed both Chambers easily.

## **HOW TO READ THIS SCORECARD**

There is a vote description section that lists each vote, including the prime sponsor, the action of each Chamber, the correct environmental position and a narrative briefly explaining the issue/vote. For electronic versions of this scorecard, you can also click on the bill or amendment number, and get linked to the actual text that is in the PA General Assembly website files.

Following the vote description section is the actual chart that show how each member of the General Assembly voted. If a legislator voted in support of the pro-environment position, that vote is recorded on the chart as a PLUS (+). If a legislator voted against the pro-environmental position, it is shown on the chart as a MINUS (-). If a legislator was absent for a vote, it reads ABSENT. The chart contains an overall environmental score, reflected as a percentage (%). If a legislator voted pro-environmental 9 of 10 times, they would get a score of 90%. Absences will reduce the total number of votes that are used to calculate the overall environmental score. If a legislator is absent for 1 of 10 votes, they will get scored based on the 9 votes they cast. If a legislator voted correctly on 8 of 9 votes cast, they would receive a 89% score.



Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
Environmental Voting Score Card  
2007-2008 Session



**1. Transportation Funding: [HB 1590](#)**

- Prime Sponsor: Representative Markosek
- Final House of Representatives Vote: YES = 105, NO = 96, ABSENT = 2
- Approved by the House on 6/27/07 and by the Senate on 7/16/07
- Signed by the Governor, (Act 44) on 7/18/07
- **The environmental vote was “yes”**

HB 1590 provided a much needed dedicated and significantly increased funding source for assistance to public transportation systems in Pennsylvania. In addition, the bill provided considerable funding for the repair of existing bridges and highways in Pennsylvania. The funding source for both public transportation and highways will come from increased tolling on the PA Turnpike and establishing tolls on I-80.

**2. Land Use, Curative Amendment Process: [HB 1787](#)**

- Prime Sponsor: Representative McIlvaine Smith
- Final House of Representatives Vote: YES = 166, NO = 26, ABSENT = 11
- Approved by the House on 12/12/07 and referred to the Senate Local Government Committee on 12/20/07
- **The environmental vote was “yes”**

Often when townships have their local zoning ordinances legally challenged by developers, the court system requires ‘curative amendments’. HB 1787 establishes a process for municipalities that will provide townships with additional tools for dealing with curative amendments, which often threaten local communities’ ability to control development and preserve open space.

**3. Energy Efficiency: [HB2200](#)**

- Prime Sponsor: Representative George
- Final House of Representatives Vote: YES = 152, NO = 45, ABSENT = 6
- Approved by the House on 2/12/08 and referred to the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee on 2/20/08
- **The environmental vote was “yes”**

HB 2200 establishes a statewide energy efficiency program which requires overall energy-use reductions. Goals set in the bill are a 2.5% reduction by 2013 and a 4.0% reduction in peak energy usage by May 2012. This bill also establishes the installation of ‘smart meters’ to help consumers reduce peak energy usage. Less energy use results in less pollution.

#### 4. Energy Efficiency: [Smart Meter Amendment \(Amendment A05807\)](#) to HB 2200

- Prime Sponsor: Representative Freeman
- Final House of Representatives Vote: YES = 128, NO = 73, ABSENT = 2
- Adopted on 2/11/08
- **The environmental vote was “yes”**

This amendment requires electricity distribution companies to provide smart meters to all customers. Smart meters will give customers access to the price of electricity at the time of consumption and will give them the option of choosing a price plan based on real-time usage. The goal of this amendment is to reduce peak-hour consumption. This can lower electricity prices and reduce the need to bring additional power plants online, which are generally older and emit more pollution than the primary plants.

#### 5. Alternative Energy Funding: [Special Session HB1](#)

- Prime Sponsor: Representative DePasquale
- Final House of Representatives Vote: YES = 126, NO = 74, ABSENT = 3
- Approved by the House on 3/11/08 and by the Senate on 7/4/08
- Signed by the Governor, (Act 1) on 7/9/08
- **The environmental vote was “yes”**

This bill provides \$650 million for alternative energy. Breakdown of funding categories: \$165 million for alternative energy loans and grants, \$100 million for consumer solar energy projects, \$80 million for solar energy production, \$40 million for early-stage research into renewable and alternative energy technologies, \$40 million for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance program, \$25 million for small scale renewable energy projects, including wind and geo-thermal technologies, \$25 million for high performance buildings, \$25 million for pollution control technology grants for coal-fired power plants, \$92.5 million for consumer energy conservation projects, \$5 million for a revolving loan program for home energy efficient projects, \$2.5 million for virtual server technology for energy efficient purposes and \$50 million for alternative energy production tax credits.

#### 6. Alternative Energy Funding SSHB1: [Turzai Amendment \(Amendment A05836\)](#)

- Final House of Representatives Vote: YES = 70, NO = 130, ABSENT = 3
- Failed on floor, 2/13/08
- **Environmental vote was “no”**

Would have replaced the majority of the text of the bill with significantly weaker language, funding mechanisms and amounts. This amendment would have replaced the funding breakdown described in the Special Session House Bill 1 with the following funding: \$4 million to the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority, \$5 million/year for grants for the purchase of energy efficient homes, \$5 million/year for the Small Business Energy Savings Loan Fund, \$9 million/annually to the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program, \$2 million/annually to improve energy efficiency in agricultural operations and an authorization for the governor to transfer up to \$25 million/year for 10 years to the Energy Savings Fund.

**7. Alternative Energy Funding SSHB1: [George Amendment \(Amendment A05841\)](#)**

- Adopted by House 12/13/08
- Final House of Representatives Vote: YES = 185, NO = 15, ABSENT = 3
- **The environmental vote was “no”**

Inserts “Pollution control technology project” as an entity in the act and allows \$25 million of funds to be diverted from the Energy Development Fund for pollution control technology projects at coal power plants. This is seen as an inappropriate subsidy for private companies to help them meet existing clean air regulations.

**8. Climate Change Act: [SB266](#)**

- Prime Sponsor: Senator Erickson
- Final House of Representatives Vote: YES = 176, NO = 24, ABSENT = 3
- Approved by the Senate on 11/20/07 and by the House on 7/03/08
- Signed by the Governor, (Act 70) on 7/09/08
- **The environmental vote was “yes”**

SB 266 requires the state to develop a climate action plan. In addition, an advisory committee will be established to provide input into the state’s plan. The state will inventory greenhouse gas sources as part of this legislation. PA currently emits 1% of the world’s greenhouse gases.

**9. Appalachian Trail Protection: [HB1281](#)**

- Prime Sponsor: Representative Freeman
- Final House of Representatives Vote: YES = 169, NO = 22, ABSENT = 12
- Approved by the House on 12/12/07 and by the Senate on 5/14/08
- Signed by the Governor, (Act 24) on 6/11/08.
- **The environmental vote was “yes”**

Municipalities are required to implement zoning ordinances to preserve the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the Appalachian Trail. The Department of Community and Economic Development will provide technical assistance to affected municipalities and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) will work with municipalities to identify appropriate conservation measures and grant funding. Land owned by DCNR or operated by a nonprofit as a game preserve will not be affected.

**10. Hazardous Site Cleanup Funding: [SB1100](#)**

- Prime Sponsor: Senator Pileggi
- Final House of Representatives Vote: YES = 192, NO = 0, ABSENT = 11
- Approved by the Senate on 10/30/07 and by the House on 12/12/07
- Signed by the Governor, (Act 77) on 12/18/07
- **The environmental vote was “yes”**

SB 1100 extends existing funding for the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act (HSCA) from January 2008 to July 2011. Without passage of SB 1100, the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund would have been bankrupt at the end of December 2007. SB 1100 was an acceptable alternative to SB913, which passed the Senate, but which died in the House. While it's positive that HSCA was refunded for three and a half years using its current funding source, the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax, this tax will be phased out by 2011, and a new funding source for HSCA will need to be found.



## Pennsylvania House of Representatives Environmental Voting Score Card 2007-2008 Session



+ = supported the environmental view    - = opposed the environmental view

Overall Environmental score	1. Transportation Funding HB1590	2. Land Use, Curative Amendment Process HB1787	3. Energy Efficiency HB2200	4. Energy Efficiency Smart Meter Amendment to HB	5. Alternative Energy Funding SSHB1	6. Alternative Energy Funding SSHB1, Turzai Amendment	7. Alternative Energy Funding SSHB1, George Amendment	8. Climate Change Act SB266	9. Appalachian Trail Protection HB1281	10. Hazardous Site Cleanup Funding SB1100
Adolph, Jr., William (R)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Argall, David (R)	60%	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+
Baker, Matthew (R)	30%	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+
Barrar, Stephen (R)	50%	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+
Bastian, Bob (R)	0%	-	absent	absent	-	-	absent	absent	-	absent
Bear, John (R)	30%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+
Belfanti, Jr., Robert (D)	89%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	absent	+
Benninghoff, Kerry (R)	22%	-	-	+	-	-	-	absent	-	+
Bennington, Lisa (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Beyer, Karen (R)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Biancucci, Vince (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Bishop, Louise (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Blackwell, Thomas (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Boback, Karen (R)	50%	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+
Boyd, Scott (R)	40%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+
Brennan, Joseph (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Brooks, Michele (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Buxton, Ron (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Caltagirone, Thomas (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Cappelli, Steven (R)	50%	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Carroll Mike (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Casorio, James (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Causer, Martin (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Civera, Jr., Mario (R)	70%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Clymer, Paul (R)	40%	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+



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Cohen, Mark (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Conklin, H. Scott (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Costa, Paul (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Cox, Jim (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Creighton, Tom (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+
Cruz, Angel (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Curry, Lawrence (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Cutler, Bryan (R)	40%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
Daley, Peter (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Dally, Craig (R)	60%	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+
DeLuca, Anthony (D)	86%	+	absent	+	+	+	+	-	+	absent	absent
Denlinger, Gordon (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
DePasquale, Eugene (D)	86%	+	absent	+	+	+	+	-	+	absent	absent
Dermody, Frank (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
DeWeese, H. William (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
DiGirolamo, Gene (R)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Donatucci, Robert (D)	89%	+	+	absent	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Eachus, Todd (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Ellis, Brian (R)	20%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Evans, Dwight (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Evans, John (R)	50%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Everett, Garth (R)	30%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+
Fabrizio, Florindo (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Fairchild, Russell (R)	70%	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
Fleck, Mike (R)	40%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Frankel, Dan (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Freeman, Robert (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Gabig, Will (R)	40%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+
Galloway, John (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Geist, Richard (R)	40%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
George, Camille Bud (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Gerber, Michael (D)	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	absent	+
Gergely, Marc (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Gibbons, Jaret (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Gillespie, Keith (R)	30%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+

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Gingrich, Mauree (R)	50%	-	+	-	-	-	absent	absent	+	+	+
Godshall, Robert (R)	50%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+
Goodman, Neal (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Grell, Glen (R)	40%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Grucela, Richard (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Haluska, Gary (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Hanna, Michael (D)	100%	+	+	absent	+	+	absent	absent	+	+	+
Harhai, R. (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Harhart, Julie (R)	40%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Harkins, Patrick (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Harper, Kate (R)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Harris, C. Adam (R)	40%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Helm, Susan (R)	50%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Hennessey, Tim (R)	50%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Hershey, Art (R)	44%	-	+	-	-	absent	-	-	+	+	+
Hess, Dick (R)	40%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Hickernell, David (R)	40%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
Hornaman, John (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Hutchinson, Scott (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
James, Harold (D)	86%	+	absent	+	+	+	+	-	+	absent	absent
Josephs, Babette (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kauffman, Rob (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+
Keller, Mark (R)	44%	-	+	absent	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Keller, William (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Kenney, Jr., George (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Kessler, David (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Killion, Thomas (R)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
King, Chris (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Kirkland, Thaddeus (D)	86%	+	absent	+	+	+	+	-	+	absent	absent
Kortz, III, William (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Kotik, Nick (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Kula, Deberah (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Leach, Daylin (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lentz, Bryan (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Levdansky, David (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+

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Longietti, Mark (D)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Mackereth, Beverly (R)	30%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Maher, John (R)	50%	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+
Mahoney, Tim (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Major, Sandra (R)	50%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Manderino, Kathy (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Mann, Jennifer (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Mantz, Carl (R)	60%	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+
Markosek, Joseph (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Marshall, Jim (R)	50%	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+
Marsico, Ron (R)	50%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
McCall, Keith (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
McGeehan, Michael (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
McIlhattan, Fred (R)	30%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
McIlvaine Smith, Barbara (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Melio, Anthony (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Mensch, Bob (R)	60%	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+
Metcalfe, Daryl (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Micozzie, Nicholas (R)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Millard, David (R)	30%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Miller, Ron (R)	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	absent	+
Milne, Duane (R)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Moul, Dan (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
Moyer, Jay (R)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Mundy, Phyllis (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Murt Thomas (R)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Mustio, T. Mark (R)	50%	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+
Myers, John (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Nailor, Jerry (R)	50%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Nickol, Steven (R)	40%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
O'Brien, Dennis (R)	86%	+	absent	+	+	+	+	-	+	absent	absent
O'Brien, Michael (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Oliver, Frank (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
O'Neill, Bernie (R)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Pallone, John (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+

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Parker, Chelle (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Pashinski, Eddie (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Payne, John (R)	50%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Payton, Jr., Tony (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Peifer, Michael (R)	40%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Perry, Scott (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Perzel, John (R)	20%	-	absent	absent	absent	-	-	-	+	absent	absent
Petrarca, Joseph (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Petri, Scott (R)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Petrone, Thomas (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Phillips, Merle (R)	57%	-	absent	+	-	+	+	-	+	absent	absent
Pickett, Tina (R)	40%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Preston, Jr., Joseph (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Pyle, Jeffrey (R)	20%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Quigley, Thomas (R)	50%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Quinn, Marguerite (R)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Ramaley, Sean (D)	86%	+	absent	+	+	+	+	-	+	absent	absent
Rapp, Kathy (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Raymond, Ron (R)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Readshaw, Harry (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Reed, Dave (R)	50%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Reichley, Douglas (R)	40%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Roae, Brad (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Rock, Todd (R)	30%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Roebuck, Jr., James (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rohrer, Sam (R)	11%	-	-	absent	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Ross, Chris (R)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Ruble, Carole (R)	89%	absent	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Sabatina, Jr., John (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Sainato, Chris (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Samuelson, Steve (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Santoni, Jr., Dante (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Saylor, Stan (R)	30%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Scavello, Mario (R)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Schroder, Curt (R)	56%	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	absent	+	+

	Overall Environmental score	1. Transportation Funding HB1590	2. Land Use, Curative Amendment Process HB1787	3. Energy Efficiency HB2200	4. Energy Efficiency Smart Meter Amendment to HB	5. Alternative Energy Funding SSHB1	6. Alternative Energy Funding SSHB1, Turzai Amendment	7. Alternative Energy Funding SSHB1, George Amendment	8. Climate Change Act SB266	9. Appalachian Trail Protection HB1281	10. Hazardous Site Cleanup Funding SB1100
Seip, Tim (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Shapiro, Josh (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Shimkus, Frank (D)	89%	+	+	+	absent	+	+	-	+	+	+
Siptroth, John (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Smith, Ken (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Smith, Matthew (D)	89%	absent	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Smith, Samuel (R)	30%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Solobay, Timothy (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Sonney, Curtis (R)	30%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Staback, Edward (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Stairs, Jess (R)	56%	-	+	+	-	absent	-	-	+	+	+
Steil, David (R)	80%	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
Stern, Jerry (R)	30%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
Stevenson, Richard (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Sturla, P. Michael (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Surra, Dan (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Swanger, RoseMarie (R)	20%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Tangretti, Thomas (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Taylor, John (R)	89%	+	+	+	+	absent	+	-	+	+	+
Taylor, Rick (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Thomas, W. Curtis (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
True, Katie (R)	40%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
Turzai, Mike (R)	30%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
Vereb, Mike (R)	78%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	absent	+	+
Vitali, Greg (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Vulakovich, Randy (R)	40%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Wagner, Chelsa (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Walko, Don (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wansacz, James (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Waters, Ronald (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Watson, Katharine (R)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Wheatley, Jake (D)	88%	+	absent	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	absent
White, Jesse (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Williams, Jewell (D)	88%	+	absent	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	absent
Wojnaroski, Sr., Edward (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+

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Overall	Environmental	Transportation	Use, Curative	Amendment	Energy	Energy	Energy	Alternative	Alternative	Change	Appalac	Hazardous
score		Funding	Amendment	Process	Efficiency	Efficiency	Funding	Energy	Energy	Act	hian	Site
		HB1590	Process	HB1787	HB2200	Smart	SSHB1	Funding	Funding	SB266	Trail	Cleanup
			HB1787			Meter		SSHB1,	SSHB1,		Protecti	Funding
						Amendme		Turzai	George		on	SB1100
						nt to HB		Amendmen	Amendment		HB1281	
Yewcic, Tom (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Youngblood, Rosita (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Yudichak, John (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+



**Pennsylvania Senate  
Environmental Voting Score Card  
2007-2008 Session**

**1. Transportation Funding: [HB 1590](#)**

- Prime Sponsor: Representative Markosek
- Final Senate Vote: YES = 30, NO = 19, ABSENT = 1
- Approved by the House on 6/27/07 and by the Senate on 7/16/07
- Signed by the Governor, (Act 44) on 7/18/07
- **The environmental vote was “yes”**

HB 1590 provided a much needed dedicated and significantly increased funding source for assistance to public transportation systems in Pennsylvania. In addition, the bill provided considerable funding for the repair of existing bridges and highways in Pennsylvania. The funding source for both public transportation and highways will come from increased tolling on the PA Turnpike and establishing tolls on I-80.

**2. Alternative Energy Funding: [Special Session HB1](#)**

- Prime Sponsor: Representative DePasquale
- Final Senate Vote: YES = 47, NO = 3, ABSENT = 0
- Adopted by the House on 3/11/08 and by the Senate on 7/4/08
- Signed by the Governor, (Act 1) on 7/9/08
- **The environmental vote was “yes”**

This bill provides \$650 million for alternative energy. Breakdown of funding categories: \$165 million for alternative energy loans and grants, \$100 million for consumer solar energy projects, \$80 million for solar energy production, \$40 million for early-stage research into renewable and alternative energy technologies, \$40 million for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance program, \$25 million for small scale renewable energy projects, including wind and geo-thermal technologies, \$25 million for high performance buildings, \$25 million for pollution control technology grants for coal-fired power plants, \$92.5 million for consumer energy conservation projects, \$5 million for a revolving loan program for home energy efficient projects, \$2.5 million for virtual server technology for energy efficient purposes and \$50 million for alternative energy production tax credits.

### **3. Divert Conservation Funds for HSCA: [SB913](#)**

- Final Senate Vote: YES = 36, NO = 14, ABSENT = 0
- Prime Sponsor: Senator Mary Jo White
- Approved by the Senate on 6/27/07, referred to the House Appropriations Committee on 1/30/08
- **The environmental vote was “no”.**

SB 913 provides for funding the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act (HSCA) by diverting funding from the Keystone Recreation, Park, and Conservation Fund (or Keystone Fund). Environmental groups opposed this funding mechanism for HSCA as the Keystone Fund plays an important role in supporting open space, conservation and parks programs throughout the state. Ultimately, an acceptable alternative to SB913 was approved with passage of SB1100.

### **4. Climate Change Act: [SB266](#)**

- Prime Sponsor: Senator Erickson
- Final Senate Vote: YES = 47, NO = 3, ABSENT = 0
- Approved by the Senate on 11/20/07 and by the House on 7/03/08
- Signed by the Governor, (Act 70) on 7/09/08
- **The environmental vote was “yes”**

SB 266 requires the state to develop a climate action plan. In addition, an advisory committee will be established to provide input into the state’s plan. The state will inventory greenhouse gas sources as part of this legislation. PA currently emits 1% of the world’s greenhouse gases.

### **5. Appalachian Trail Protection: [HB1281](#)**

- Prime Sponsor: Representative Freeman
- Final Senate Vote: YES = 48, NO = 2, ABSENT = 0
- Approved by the House on 12/12/07 and by the Senate on 5/14/08
- Signed by the Governor, (Act 24) on 6/11/08.
- **The environmental vote was “yes”**

Municipalities are required to implement zoning ordinances to preserve the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the Appalachian Trail. The Department of Community and Economic Development will provide technical assistance to affected municipalities and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) will work with municipalities to identify appropriate conservation measures and grant funding. Land owned by DCNR or operated by a nonprofit as a game preserve will not be affected.



**6. Alternative Energy Funding SSSB1: [Fontana Amendment \(Amendment A05195\)](#)**

- Final Senate Vote: YES = 12, NO = 37, ABSENT = 1
- Failed on floor, 12/11/07
- **The environmental vote was “yes”**

This amendment removes the pollution control technology project section, which allocates \$25 million over 5 years, to help coal-fired power plants to meet the requirements of existing federal and state air pollution regulations. The pollution control technology project section is seen as an inappropriate subsidy for fossil fuel power plants. This amendment transfers the money from coal-fired power plant subsidies to the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority for investments to support the research, development and expansion of alternative and renewable energy technologies.

**7. Hazardous Site Cleanup Funding: [SB1100](#)**

- Prime Sponsor: Senator Pileggi
- Final Senate Vote: YES = 46, NO = 0, ABSENT = 4
- Approved by the Senate on 10/30/07 and by the House on 12/12/07
- Signed by the Governor, (Act 77) on 12/18/07
- **The environmental vote was “yes”**

SB 1100 extends existing funding for the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act (HSCA) from January 2008 to July 2011. Without passage of SB 1100, the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund would have been bankrupt at the end of December 2007. SB 1100 was an acceptable alternative to SB913, which passed the Senate, but which died in the House. While it's positive that HSCA was refunded for three and a half years using its current funding source, the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax, this tax will be phased out by 2011, and a new funding source for HSCA will need to be found.

**8. [Reconfirmation of DEP Secretary McGinty](#)**

- Final Senate Vote: YES = 42, NO = 6, ABSENT = 2
- Re-confirmed as DEP Secretary on 5/8/07
- **The environmental vote was “yes”**

During her first term as DEP secretary, McGinty was a strong advocate in the fight against global warming and was an advocate of strong for auto-emission standards, for renewable energy solutions and to reduce toxic mercury emissions.

## 9. Renewable Energy: [SSSB25](#)

- Prime Sponsor: Senator Waugh
- Final Senate Vote: YES = 36, NO = 13, ABSENT = 1
- Adopted by the Senate on 12/5/07, referred to the House Appropriations Committee on 6/28/08
- **The environmental vote was “no”**

This bill is intended to allow several specific companies to qualify as renewable energy generators in the Alternative Portfolio Standards Act (AEPS). In one case, it would allow a large hydropower dam to be exempt from the national definition of Low-Impact Hydropower. In another case, it would allow several wood processing or pulping companies to have their waste product qualify as a fuel for Tier 1, as long as the electric generation occurred in Pennsylvania. If added to AEPS, the PA-only rule would jeopardize the entire AEPS law, since it could be struck down as unconstitutional. The "piecemeal" addition of specific companies to AEPS is the renewable energy equivalent of unworthy porkbarrel projects inserted into a larger law. Rather than adding individual, special interest amendments to AEPS, a more comprehensive update should be developed in a more thoughtful process.

## 10. [Confirmation of Josh First to PGC](#)

- Final Senate Vote: Yes=9, No=39, Absent=2
- First was not confirmed, 10/17/07
- **The environmental vote was “yes”**

Josh First is an advocate for open spaces. In 2000 he opened the Pennsylvania office for The Conservation fund, serving as its state director for 3 and a half years. He served on Governor Rendell's Transition Team for Conservation and Natural Resources and starting in October 2003, served as the volunteer interim executive director for the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy. He started the Appalachian Land & Conservation Services Co., LLC. He is a member of several environmental groups, including the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Trout Unlimited, the Pennsylvania Wildlife Federation, Republicans for Environmental Protection, 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association. (Biographical information from: <http://www.appalachianland.us>)



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+ = supported the environmental view    - = opposed the environmental view

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Armstrong, Gibson (R)	60%	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Baker, Lisa (R)	44%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	absent	-	-
Boscola, Lisa (D)	56%	-	+	-	+	+	+	absent	+	-	-
Browne, Patrick (R)	50%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Brubaker, Michael (R)	50%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Corman, Jake (R)	50%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Costa, Jay (D)	70%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Dinniman, Andrew (D)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Earll, Jane (R)	50%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Eichelberger, John (R)	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
Erickson, Edwin (R)	60%	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Ferlo, Jim (D)	90%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Folmer, Mike (R)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Fontana, Wayne (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Fumo, Vincent (D)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Gordner, John (R)	50%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Greenleaf, Stewart (R)	80%	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Hughes, Vincent (D)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kasunic, Richard (D)	60%	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Kitchen, Shirley (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
LaValle, Gerald (D)	70%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Logan, Sean (D)	78%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	absent	-	-
Madigan, Roger (R)	60%	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-

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McIlhinney, Jr., Charles (R)	70%	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-
Mellow, Robert (D)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Musto, Raphael (D)	70%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
O'Pake, Michael (D)	70%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Orie, Jane (R)	50%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Piccola, Jeffrey (R)	50%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+
Pileggi, Dominic (R)	60%	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Pippy, John (R)	63%	-	+	-	+	+	absent	+	+	absent	-
Punt, Terry (R)	50%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Rafferty, Jr. John (R)	70%	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-
Regola, Bob (R)	30%	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-
Rhoades, James (R)	50%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Robbins, Robert (R)	50%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Scarnati, III., Joseph (R)	56%	+	+	-	+	+	-	absent	+	-	-
Stack, Michael (D)	100%	absent	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	absent
Stout, J. Barry (D)	60%	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Tartaglione, Christine (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Tomlinson, Robert (R)	56%	+	+	-	+	+	-	absent	+	-	-
Vance, Patricia (R)	60%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Washington, Leanna (D)	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	absent	-	+	+
Waugh, Michael (R)	50%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
White, Donald (R)	60%	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
White, Mary Jo (R)	40%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-
Williams, Anthony (D)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Williams, Constance (D)	78%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	absent
Wonderling, Robert (R)	60%	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Wozniak, John (D)	60%	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-