Conservation Voting Record California Legislature



About This Chart

The following chart has been prepared by the California League of Conservation Voters, the campaign arm of California Conservationists. This chart evaluates members of the legislature on 31 key bills voted on during the 1975-6 legislative session. It lists all votes cast, both on the floor and in commuttee.

A voting chart such as this cannot measure all the ways legislators help or hinder efforts to conserve and preserve California's environmental heritage. It cannot show the thankless, often tedious work of planning legislation and strategy, investigating background information, drafting precise legislative language, and other lasmaking chores critical to the present and future quality of life in California.

This chart does, however, list the sponsors of the listed bills. These sponsors are key actors, and are among the workhorses who deserve special praise and support from conservationists.

The percentage scores listed at the end of the chart were computed by dividing the total number of correct conservation votes a legislator cast by the total number of opportunities he or she had to vote for the environment. Official absences (A) on the day of a vote were not counted as opportunities. When legislation failed, abstentions helped to contribute to the defeat, and such abstentions were counted as votes against the bill. When the bill passed anyway, abstentions (a) were not scored, since the legislators not recorded may simply have been out of the room when the vote was recorded.

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Introduction

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We have three major tools to help conservation candidates win elections:

1. Information: endorsements of outstanding candidates; this voting chart; profiles of key candidates and races.
2. Volunteers: Grassroots conservationists mobilized to

conservationists mobilized to work in critical campaigns. 3. Money: small campaign contributions solicited from a large number of ordinary citizens who want to participate in the political process, channelled to conservation candidates in need of funds.

The League depends on California conservationists to carry out its program. Annual membership is \$6 a year. Donations or offers of assistance should be sent to:

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1976 General Election Endorsements

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PRESIDENT: JIMMY CARTER

VATE: JOHN TUNNEY

6th District: PHIL BURTON
7th District: GE MILLER
8th District: GELLUIS
9th District: FORTNEY STARK
10th District: FORTNEY STARK
11th District: LEOR PANETTA
13th District: NORM MINETTA
16th District: JOHN KREBS
18th District: DEAN CLOSE
23rd District: TONY BELLENSON
24th District: TONY BELLENSON

2d District: OSCAR KLEE

25th District: ED ROYBAL 27th District: GARY FAMILIAN 28th District: YVONNE BURKE 36th District: GEORGE BROWN 37th District: SHIRLEY PETTIS 39th District: BILL FERRIS 40th District: VIVIAN HALL

State Senate:

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SAN MATEO: FRED LYON
SANTAE BARDARA: LEO MARTINEZ, BOB HEDLUNDS
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CLCV does not endorse in every contest; particularly at the local level, the absence of an endorsement does not necessarily mean the absence of a good candidate. Further information on legislature or congressional races with no endorsements can be found from the voting chart and that prepared on Congress by the national LCV, 317 Pennsylvania ave, SE Washington, DC 20003.

AB 400 (McCarthy, originally Z'berg) An omnibus appropriation measure which provides \$6 million for the construction of low-cost visitor facilities at state parks, \$24 million for state parks acquisitions, and \$1.5 million to fund the operation of the Coastal Commission from January 1 to July 1, Signed, but with only \$10million in acquisitions. AB 3402 (Cullen) A compromise coastal measure. Would have relied for implementation on a Coastal Compliance Council within the Governor's Office; would have required compensation to property owners suffering a loss in value as a result of state decisions. OPPOSED BY CONSERVATIONISTS. Killed in Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife.

AB 3544 (Worrum) Establishes the Coastal Conservancy with ability to acquire and institute lease-back programs on coastal lands. Signed.

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AB 3875 (Keene) Another compromise coastal measure. Required compensation of property owners for certain types of zoning. Established a coastal zone of 1,000 yards plus certain wetlands. OPPOSED BY CONSERVATIONISTS. Killed in Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife.

SB 1277 (Smith) Enacts some recommendations of the Coastal Plan; establishes a permanent statewide Coastal Commission and two-year Regional Commission. Coastal Zone is 1,000 yards plus 19 "bulges." Signed.

SB 1321 (Nejedly, Hart) Places the "Nejedly-Hart State, Urban, and Coastal Bond Act of 1976" on the November ballot (Proposition Two). If authorized by the voters, \$280 million will be made available for parks acquisition, coastal lands, wildlife habitat areas, and the Coastal Conservancy established by AB 3544 (Worrum). Signed.

SB 1579 (Beilenson) The first coastal bill of the session, similar in content to SB 1277. Killed in Senate Firance.

Energy

AB 759 (Wormum) To require manufacturers of passenger vehicles to indicate vehicle's fuel consumption in miles per gallon. Killed in Senate.

AB 2820, AB 2820 (Goggin), AB 2822 (Nestande, 17 en) Nuclear safety measures eracted immediately betthe Proposition 15 vote. The require certain indings by the Energy Commission relating to undergrounding, fuel reprocessing, and spent fuel storage before certification of nuclear power plants. Signed June 3, 1976.

SB 1524 (Smith) Authorizes the Energy Commission to make loans to finance residential installations of energy insulation of solar heating systems and provides for a \$25 million bond act on the November ballot of finance such loans (Proposition Three). Signed June 25, 1976.

SB 1748 (Behr) To required attic insulation according to standards established by the Energy Commission in all houses sold after January 1, 1978. Killed in Assembly Ways and Means.

Air

AB 250 (Lewis) Establishes the South Coast Air Quality Management District, consisting of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties. The District is required to prepare an air quality management plan, including deadlines for compliance with state ambient air quality stardards at the earliest possible date. Signed July 2, 1976.

SB 1324 (Alquist) Would have removed rom the Air Resources Board the authority to regulate the lead content of gasoline. Dropped. OPFOSED BY CON-SERVATIONISTS.

AB 1725 (Vasconcellos) To place a three-year moratorium on the manufacture and sale of aerosol cannisters utilizing flourocarbon propellants. Dropped.

Environmental Quality

SB 502 (Berryhill) Would have limited EIR's to "significant environmental impacts" and removed EIR requirement entirely in some instances. Dropped. OPPOSED BY CONSERVATIONISTS.

SB 707 (Nejedly) Exempts from EIR requirements programs containing the furctional equivalent of the CECA process, including assessment of mitigation and alternatives. Signed September 30, 1975.

AB 2679 (Knox) Makes certain changes in the California Environmental Quality Act, strengthening and streamlining the environmental impact process. Conservationists supported the bill only after amendments were adopted in Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife, so only Senate votes are listed. Signed.

Land Use, Parks, and Resources

AB 15 (Warren) Would have mandated protection of prime agricultural lands, with certain allowances for urban growth needs. Died in Senate Finance.

AB 163 (Berman) Establishes the Santa Monica Mountain Comprehensive Planning Commission to prepare a long-range land-use plan for the area of the Santa Monica Mountains not within the coastal zone. The Commission will submit its report and recommendations to the Legislature after two years. Signed.

AB 1258 (Warren) Changes method of timber and timberland taxation; establishes timberland preserve zoning of 10-year minimum duration for land now primarily devoted to timber-growing. Exempts timber from annual ad valorem property taxation; imposes a 6% yield tax on harvested timber instead. Signed May 23, 1976.

AB 2023 (Boatwright) To ban the use of poist for control of credators where rare or endangered lies might be killed, to prohibit the use of certain predator poisons with secondary effects. Vetoed.

AB 2133 (Keene) Appropriates \$5 million for the acquisition of wetland areas throughout the state. Among the acquisitions are Stone Lake, Hunter Lagoon, Gualala River Marsh, Madrona Marsh, Signed August 16, 1076

AB 2210 (Warren) Continues the authority of the Department of Fish and Game to require mitigative measures in projects affecting fish or streamside wildlife habitat. Signed August 26, 1976.

AB 4160 (Gualco) Makes certain improvements in the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency compact. Signed.

SB 174 (Roberti) Establishes the Roberti-Z'berg Urban Open-Space and Recreation Program to acquire and develop parks in urban areas. Financed by a \$25 million item in the budget. The Program will make matching grants to qualifying local governments. Signed.

SB 620 (Way) A Chamber of Commerce land use planning bill. Would have required compensation to land-owners suffering a loss in speculative value. OPPOSED BY CONSERVATIONISTS. Held for interim study in Assembly Resources, Land Use and Energy.

SB 1343 (Nejedly) Requires the Department of Pish and Game to review projects and impose mitigation measures where fish or wildlife would be adversely affected in any stream, river, lake, bay, lagoon, sea, or ocean. Sierra Club Support. Pailed, Senate Finance Committee.

SB 1482 (Behr) To place within the Wild and Scenic ? Rivers System the Stanislaus River from Camp Nine to Parrot's Ferry Bridge. The bill would not have stopped the construction of the New Melones Dam, but it would and prevented the resevoir from being filled to capacity. Killed in Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife.

AB 2329 (Z'berg-Priolo) Appropriates \$16 million for state parks acquisition, including San Bruno Mountain. Signed, July 8, 1976.

SB 1384 (Rains) Would have encouraged the return and re-use of beverage containers by imposing a deposit on all soft-drink and beer containers. Killed in Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife.

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