

Conservation Voting Record 1975 California Legislature



About This Chart

The following chart has been prepared jointly by Legislative Birdwatchers and the California League of Conservation Voters. In past years, both organizations have prepared rating charts. With the publication of this combined chart, the League assumes the statewide functions of Birdwatchers, which will continue a local Sacramento area group.

This chart evaluates members for the first half of the 1975-6 session of the legislature. It lists votes cast, both in committees and on the floor, on 25 key bills.

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

This chart does, however, name the sponsors of the listed bills, a relatively small group of legislators who sponsor and carry key conservation legislation. These workhorses (and others whose efforts do not show here) deserve special praise and support.

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 from the legislature on a given day (A) were not counted as opportunities. When bills supported by conservationists were defeated, abstentions helped contribute to those defeats; they were therefore scored as wrong votes. But when conservationists prevailed, abstentions were not scored, since many may have been legislators out of the room when the vote was cast and not recalled since they were not needed.

CALIFORNIA LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS & LEGISLATIVE BIRDWATCHERS

Introduction

The California League of Conservation Voters is the campaign arm of California conservationists. The League works to elect responsive public officials who will stand up and fight for the environment.

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 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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SENATORS--BY SCORES HIGHEST FIRST

Beilenson
Behr
Petrис
Smith
Rodda
Dunlap
Gregorio
Millis
Garcia
Ayala
Alquist
Rains
Robbins
Moscone
Song
Nejedly
Greene
Kennick
Marks
Holden
Roberti
Presley
Zenovich
Stevens
Wedworth
Holmdahl
Schrade
Dills
Grunsky
Collier
Deukmejian
Stiern
Way
Russel
Berryhill
Whetmore
Carpenter
Stull
Cusanovich
Richardson

ASSEMBLY--BY SCORES HIGHEST FIRST

Wornum
Meade
Calvo
Berman
Hart
Kapiloff
Lockyer
Sieglar
Ingalls
Foran
Goggin
Gualco
McCarthy
Egeland
Hayden
Sieroty
Miller
Vasconcellos
Z'berg
Brown
Rosenthal
Deddeh
Bane
MacDonald
Dixon
Boatwright
Warren
Keyser
Mori
Knox
Ralph
Tucker
Fenton
Greene, L.
Papan
Vicencia
McAlister
Alatorre
Montoya
Torres
Chacon
Keene
Thurman
Wilson
Garamendi
Perino
Maddy
Cullen
Lewis
Chel
McVittie
Suitt
Thomas, V.
Beverly
Robinson
Carpenter
Nestande
Chimbole
Arnett
Duffy
Murphy
Priolo
Craven
Nimmo
Chappie
Briggs
Barnai
Cline
Davis
Lancaster
Campbell
Lanterman
Collier
Thomas, W.
Mobley
Antonovich
Badham
Burke
McLennan

Conservation Voting Record

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KEY

+ = conservation vote
- = anti-conservation vote
a = abstention
A = absence

Committee votes are listed before the floor vote for the bill in question; policy committee first, fiscal second.

G.O. = Government Organization
Trans. = Transportation

W&M = Ways and Means

R&LU = Resources and Land Use

Educ. = Education

Rev&Tax = Revenue and Taxation

E&DM = Energy and Diminishing Materials

L.G. = Local Government

Fin. = Finance

Elections = Elections and Reapportionment

NR&W = Natural Resources and Wildlife

PUTE = Public Utilities

H&E = Health and Welfare

	Floor Committee	%
I.G.	56 83	Alquist
Fin.	80 83	Agala
AB 250	88 100	Behr
Trans.	91 100	Beilenson
Fin.	40 31	Berryhill
SB 41	43 30	Carpenter
G.O.	36 50	Collier
Fin.	25 23	Cusanovich
SB 502	43 43	Deukmejian
G.O.	55 55	Dills
Fin.	100 92	Dunlap
SB 620	89 80	Garcia
N.R. & W.	80 92	Greene
Fin.	33 54	Gregorio
SB 707	100 92	Grunsky
Educ.	83 79	Holden
Fin.	67 58	Holmdahl
SB 159	80 80	Kennick
N.R. & W.	80 92	Marks
Fin.	92 92	Mills
Rev&Tax	82 82	Moscone
AB 177	78 80	Nejedly
Trans.	90 93	Petrис
AB 180	73 73	Presley
P.U.T.E.	83 83	Rains
Fin.	60 79	Richardson
AB 759	84 93	Robbins
Elections	84 93	Robertи
Rev&Tax	36 36	Rodda
SB 281	36 36	Russel
Trans.	57 57	Schrade
AB 476	90 93	Smith
N.R. & W.	82 82	Song
Fin.	71 71	Stevens
AB 997	33 38	Stiern
N.R. & W.	27 27	Stull
AB 163	36 36	Way
G.O.	43 60	Wedworth
Fin.	31 31	Whetmore
SB 174	73 73	Zenovich
N.R. & W.		
Fin.		
AB 368		
G.O.		
Fin.		
AB 997		
N.R. & W.		
Fin.		
SB 368		
G.O.		
Fin.		
AB 174		
N.R. & W.		
Fin.		
AB 163		
G.O.		
Fin.		
AB 997		
N.R. & W.		
Fin.		
SB 395		
G.O.		
Fin.		
SB 756		
N.R. & W.		
Fin.		
AB 1246		
P.U.T.E.		
Fin.		
AB 918		
N.R. & W.		
Fin.		
AB 2023		
P.U.T.E.		
Fin.		
AB 1246		
N.R. & W.		
Fin.		
Derrick Confirmation		

LEGISLATIVE BIRDWATCHERS



CALIFORNIA LEAGUE OF
CONSERVATION VOTERS

Assembly

%

	FLOOR Committee	75 20 47 17 82	Alatorre Antonovich Arnett Badham Bane
Trans. R&M	+	- + - +	- + + + -
AB 250		a - + - +	+ a +
Trans. W&M	-	- + + -	+ a -
SB 41	-	- + + -	+ a -
R&I.U. W&M	+	+ + + -	+ a +
SB 707	+	+ + + -	+ a +
Educ. W&M	+	- a + a +	a +
SB 159	-	- a + a +	a +
Rev&Tax AB 177	+	+ + + -	a + +
E&DM AB 180	+	+ + + + -	a + + +
E&DM AB 757	a	a	a
E&DM Rev&Tax AB 759	a	+ + + + +	+ + + + +
Elections Rev&Tax	+	+ + + + +	+ + + + +
SB 281	a	+ + + + +	+ + + + +
R&IU W&M AB 328	-	- a -	a -
R&IU W&M AB 997	-	- a -	a -
R&IU AB 1722	-	- a -	a -
R&IU W&M AB 15	+	-	-
R&IU W&M AB 163	+	-	-
R&IU W&M AB 368	+	-	-
R&IU W&M SB 756	+	-	-
Trans. W&M AB 918	a - + - +	- + + a -	a - + + -
Health SB 395	+	- + a +	a + + -
Trans. W&M AB 1246	a - + - +	- + + a -	a - + + -
R&IU Rev&Tax AB 2023	a + + a a +	- + a + +	a a + + +
Bannai Berman Beverly Boatwright Briggs			Bannai Berman Beverly Boatwright Briggs
Brown Burke Calvo Campbell Carpenter			Brown Burke Calvo Campbell Carpenter
Chacon Chappie Chel Chimbole Cline			Chacon Chappie Chel Chimbole Cline
Collier Craven Cullen Davis Deddeh			Collier Craven Cullen Davis Deddeh
Dixon Duffy Egeland Fenton Foran			Dixon Duffy Egeland Fenton Foran
Garamendi Goggin Greene, B. Greene, L. Gualco			Garamendi Goggin Greene, B. Greene, L. Gualco
Hart Hayden Hughes Ingalls Kapiloff			Hart Hayden Hughes Ingalls Kapiloff
Keene Keyser Knox Lancaster Lanterman			Keene Keyser Knox Lancaster Lanterman
Lewis Lockyer MacDonald Maddy McAlister			Lewis Lockyer MacDonald Maddy McAlister
McCarthy McLennan McVittie Meade Miller			McCarthy McLennan McVittie Meade Miller

Natural Resources



Bills

AB 997 (Z'berg) To appropriate \$25 million from off-shore oil revenues for urban park acquisition. Pending Senate.

SB 159 (Behr) To authorize state payments to school districts with K-8 outdoor environmental education programs. Defeated in Assembly.

AB 1722 (Z'berg) To authorize \$490 million in park bonds. Pending Assembly.

AB 2329 (Z'berg) To appropriate \$14 million remaining in Prop 1 Park Bond Funds for such projects as: Anza Borrego, Big Basin Redwoods, Forest of Nisene Marks, Pt. Dume State Beach, Sacramento River Boat Trail, Petaluma Adobe and Marina Beach. Pending Assembly.

SB 174 (Robert) Urban Parks bill essentially the same as AB 997. Pending Assembly.

SB 368 (Carpenter) Appropriates \$3,500,000 from the General Fund to the Fish and Game Department for acquisition of Wetlands in Upper Newport Bay. Signed by Governor.

SB 756 (Nejedly) Established a comprehensive strip mining and reclamation policy, with a requirement that mined lands be reclaimed to a usable condition readily adaptable for alternate land uses. Signed by Governor.

AB 395 (Beilenson) To permit birth control to be prescribed for minors without parental consent. Top priority legislation for population activists. Signed by Governor.

AB 918 (Warren) Required state agencies to assist employees in establishing carpools. Also required CALTRANS to establish preferential carpool lanes on major freeways in metropolitan areas. Signed by Governor.

AB 1246 (Ingalls) To establish locally elected County Transportation Commissions in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties to make decisions regarding the use of all state and federal transit and highway funds. Pending Senate.

AB 2023 (Boatwright) To ban the use of poisons for control of predators where rare or endangered species might be killed; to prohibit the use of certain predator poisons with secondary effects. Vetoed by the Governor.

Dedrick Confirmation (Submitted by the Governor) To confirm Claire Dedrick as Secretary of Resources. Opposition to this confirmation revolved around hostility to conservationists. Dedrick was confirmed.

ED Z'BERG: MR. CONSERVATION

THE CAUSE OF CONSERVATION IN CALIFORNIA SUFFERED A HEAVY BLOW WITH THE DEATH OF ASSEMBLYMAN ED Z'BERG, DEMOCRAT OF SACRAMENTO, IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR. FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS Z'BERG HAD BEEN THE DEVOTED FRIEND AND ALLY OF CALIFORNIA CONSERVATIONISTS. AS CHAIRMAN FIRST OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, AND THEN OF A UNIFIED RESOURCES AND LAND USE COMMITTEE, HE HAD LABORED TIRELESSLY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN ITS MATCHLESS NATURAL HERITAGE. THE CHALLENGE TO THE CONSERVATION MOVEMENT AND TO THE LEGISLATURE IS TO CARRY ON HIS PIONEERING EFFORTS.

Energy & Pollution



AB 250 (Lewis) To create a South Coast Air Quality Management District to assume responsibility for air pollution control and air quality planning in the South Coast Air Basin. Conference report defeated in Senate; will be reconsidered in January.

SB 41 (Rains) To repeal the mandatory program to retrofit vehicles with control devices for oxides of nitrogen in the South Coast Air Basin. Signed by the Governor. OPPOSED BY CONSERVATIONISTS.

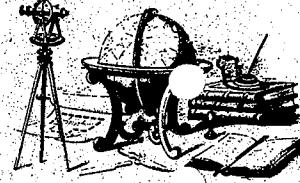
AB 177 (Lockyer) Eliminated the oil depletion allowance for major producers, leaving a limited allowance for small producers and royalty holders. Signed by the Governor.

AB 180 (Goggan) Prohibits construction or exploration of new oil or gas lines on shore for transporting oil from offshore wells until the Coastal Plan is ready. Signed by the Governor.

AB 757 (Wormum) To impose a sliding fee or credit on auto registration on the basis of gasoline consumption. Killed in Assembly.

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

CEQA, Planning & Land Use



SB 281 (Petris) Established district elections for the Board of the East Bay Municipal Utilities District, in place of the present at-large system. The at-large system has enabled development oriented candidates to dominate EBMUD for years.

SB 476 (Collier) Provided a moratorium on EIR's for logging plans. Timber operators did not have to file impact reports for cutting plans approved in 1975 covering operations through June 30, 1976. Signed by the Governor, OPPOSED BY CONSERVATIONISTS.

AB 163 (Berman) To establish a Santa Monica Mountains Commission to develop a land use plan for the preservation of the Santa Monica Mountains area. Pending Senate.

AB 15 (Warren) To provide a moratorium on the conversion of prime agricultural lands to other uses. Pending Assembly.

AB 328 (Z'berg) Would exempt logging operations from requirements of CEQA, and limit the discretion of the state forester to reject environmentally unsound timber plans. Pending Senate. OPPOSED BY CONSERVATIONISTS.

SB 502 (Berryhill) To eliminate the requirement for Environmental Impact Reviews. Pending in Senate. OPPOSED BY CONSERVATIONISTS.

SB 707 (Nejedly) Provides a limited exemption from EIR requirements for programs with a functional equivalent, including assessment of mitigation and alternatives. Signed by the Governor.

SB 620 (Way) A Chamber of Commerce version of land use planning. Pending Senate. OPPOSED BY CONSERVATIONISTS.