



2015/2016  
PENNSYLVANIA  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
SCORECARD



2015/2016

# PENNSYLVANIA ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD

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The Pennsylvania Environmental Scorecard is a joint project of Conservation Voters of PA, PennEnvironment, Sierra Club Pennsylvania Chapter, and Clean Water Action.

**Our organizations believe that democracy works best when the electorate is informed about crucial votes that affect them and our environment—and can use the information to engage their elected leaders and hold them accountable.**

Towards these goals, our organizations collaborate regularly on a Pennsylvania Environmental Scorecard which compiles a list of the most crucial environmental votes that have taken place in the Pennsylvania General Assembly during the current session. Our organizations reached out to other environmental advocates and non-profit leaders to make sure we're reviewing and scoring the most important and highly-watched environmental votes. Prior to these votes, our organizations worked together to make sure our elected officials had the resources and information to know how to cast a vote for the environment. This includes direct advocacy with legislators and their staff; online advocacy from our organizations and our members; position papers explaining the legislation in question; and other modes of communication.

As this scorecard shows, our elected officials in Harrisburg too often cast their vote with polluters and their well-heeled lobbyists instead of protecting our health and environment. The continued influence of unlimited campaign contributions from the fossil fuel industry and other anti-environmental interests has led to an increase in the number of legislators—both Democrats and Republicans—who regularly cast anti-environmental votes. These votes put our air, water, and natural heritage at risk by undermining, preventing, and rolling back both existing and newly proposed environmental protections.

The 2015-2016 session included bills designed to derail efforts to update protections from fracking as well as traditional oil and gas drilling; bills creating additional hurdles for policies meant to address climate change; and even legislation promoting commercial development like hotels and golf courses in our state parks.

We will remember the 2015-2016 legislative session largely for its environmental attacks and legislative rollbacks. We encourage readers to look up how their Representatives and Senators voted, and to use this document to arm themselves with a better understanding of the environmental state of our Commonwealth.

**FIND YOUR LEGISLATOR:**  
**[ConservationPA.org/Legislator](http://ConservationPA.org/Legislator)**

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- **Andrew Williams**  
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# SCORECARD FACTS & FIGURES

## HOUSE AVERAGES

**72%**  
DEMOCRATS

**9%**  
REPUBLICANS

**35%**  
ENTIRE STATE HOUSE

## SENATE AVERAGES

**66%**  
DEMOCRATS

**20%**  
REPUBLICANS

**38%**  
ENTIRE STATE SENATE

**100%**

### HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPIONS

- Kevin Boyle (D-172)
- Matt Bradford (D-70)
- Tim Briggs (D-149)
- Donna Bullock (D-195)
- Mike Carroll (D-118)
- Scott Conklin (D-77)
- Mary-Jo Daley (D-148)
- Margo Davidson (D-164)
- Tina Davis (D-141)
- Madeleine Dean (D-153)
- Pamela DeLissio (D-194)
- Dan Frankel (D-23)
- Robert Freeman (D-136)
- Ed Gainey (D-24)
- Patrick Harkins (D-1)
- Patty Kim (D-103)
- Stephen Kinsey (D-201)
- Thaddeus Kirkland (D-159)
- Leanne Krueger-Braneky (D-161)
- Stephen McCarter (D-154)
- Joanna McClinton (D-191)
- Dan Miller (D-42)
- Gerald Mullery (D-119)
- Michael O'Brien (D-175)
- Steve Samuelson (D-135)
- Steven Santarsiero (D-31)
- Kevin Schreiber (D-95)
- Greg Vitali (D-166)
- Rosita Youngblood (D-198)

### SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPIONS

- Andrew Dinniman (D-19)
- Art Haywood (D-4)
- Vincent Hughes (D-7)
- Shirley Kitchen (D-3)
- Judith Schwank (D-11)
- Rob Teplitz (D-15)
- Sean Wiley (D-49)

**0%**

### HOUSE LOW SCORES

- William Adolph (R-165)
- Kerry Benninghoff (R-171)
- Stephen Bloom (R-199)
- Martin Causer (R-67)
- Jim Christiana (R-15)
- Bryan Cutler (R-100)
- Cris Dush (R-66)
- Brian Ellis (R-11)
- Eli Evankovich (R-54)
- Garth Everett (R-84)
- Mindy Fee (R-37)
- Matt Gabler (R-75)
- Mauree Gingrich (R-101)
- Robert Godshall (R-53)
- Seth Grove (R-196)
- Adam Harris (R-82)
- Doyle Heffley (R-122)
- Tim Hennessey (R-26)
- David Hickernell (R-98)
- Kristin Hill (R-93)
- Rich Irvin (R-81)
- Warren Kampf (R-157)
- Robert Kauffman (R-89)
- Kate Klunk (R-169)
- John Lawrence (R-13)
- John Maher (R-40)
- Sandra Major (R-111)
- Ron Marsico (R-105)
- Steven Mentzer (R-97)
- Daryl Metcalfe (R-12)
- Dan Moul (R-91)
- Mark Mustio (R-44)
- Ted Nesbit (R-8)
- Donna Oberlander (R-63)
- Jason Ortitay (R-46)
- John Payne (R-106)
- Kathy Rapp (R-65)
- Dave Reed (R-62)
- Mike Regan (R-92)
- Brad Rose (R-6)
- Tommy Sankey (R-73)
- Stan Saylor (R-94)
- Curtis Sonney (R-4)
- Todd Stephens (R-151)
- Will Tallman (R-193)
- Mike Tobash (R-125)
- Tarah Toohil (R-116)
- Jesse Topper (R-78)
- Mike Turzai (R-28)
- Mike Vereb (R-150)
- Judy Ward (R-80)
- Ryan Warner (R-52)
- Parke Wentling (R-17)

### SENATE LOW SCORES

- Ryan Aument (R-36)
- Camera Bartolotta (R-46)
- Michele Brooks (R-50)
- Scott Hutchinson (R-21)
- Guy Reschenthaler (R-37)

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**REGULATORY INTERFERENCE (House Bill 965—Vitali Amendment A 2556)**  
10/19/2015

Representative Vitali's amendment failed by a 115-80 vote.

House Bill 965 would grant a handful of legislators in the General Assembly extraordinary new powers to block or delay, perhaps indefinitely, any new regulations including those that protect the environment, public health, and safety. Amendment A 2556 would have limited this ability to delay regulations. **The Pro-Environment vote is "Yes".**

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**REGULATORY INTERFERENCE (House Bill 965—Final Passage)** 10/20/2015

Passed in the House by a 113-84 vote. The Senate has yet to take action.

House Bill 965 would grant a handful of legislators in the General Assembly extraordinary new powers to block or delay, perhaps indefinitely, any new regulations including those that protect the environment, public health, and safety. **The Pro-Environment Vote is "No".**

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**BACKDOOR ATTACK ON OIL AND GAS SAFEGUARDS (Fiscal Code) (House Bill 1327—Concurrence in Senate amendments)** 1/12/2016

House concurred by a 111 to 81 vote. Governor Wolf vetoed the bill on March 25, 2016.

The Fiscal Code bill that accompanies the passage of the state budget is designed to implement many of the details of the annual state spending plan. However, House Bill 1327 was amended by the Senate to become a backdoor and constitutionally dubious attempt to override conventional oil and gas safeguards that protect the environment and public health. These safeguards, known as Chapter 78, were approved after years of development, 12 public hearings, and over 24,000 public comments. **The Pro-Environment Vote is "No".**

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**PRIVATIZATION OF STATE PARKS (House Bill 2013—Vitali motion to recommit the bill to the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee)** 6/27/2016

Representative Vitali's motion failed by a 112-82 vote.

House Bill 2013 would have opened the door for the construction of hotels, golf courses, amusement parks, office parks, and other detrimental commercial projects in Pennsylvania's beloved state parks. If allowed, this would favor private commercial developments over traditional construction like cabins and trails, and would do lasting damage to our pristine public lands. Representative Greg Vitali made a floor motion to refer the bill to the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, which has jurisdiction over state parks—yet the committee had not reviewed the bill prior to it being fast-tracked through the legislature. **The Pro-Environment vote is "Yes".**

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**PRIVATIZATION OF STATE PARKS (House Bill 2013—Final Passage)**  
6/28/2016

Defeated in the House by a 112 to 77 vote.

While House Bill 2013 was amended on the floor to remove several of its most noxious elements, the bill still posed the threat of harmful commercial development to our state parks and was strongly opposed by the environmental community. **The Pro-Environment Vote is "No".**

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**REGULATORY INTERFERENCE (Senate Bill 562—Vitali Amendment A 2096)**  
6/7/2016

Representative Vitali's amendment failed by a 119-67 vote. Senate Bill 562 is in the House Appropriations Committee after passing the Senate.

Senate Bill 562 would grant a handful of legislators in the General Assembly extraordinary new powers to block or delay, perhaps indefinitely, any new regulations including those that protect the environment, public health, and safety. Amendment A 2097 would have limited this ability to delay regulations. **The Pro-Environment vote is "Yes".**



# HOUSE VOTES

# BILL DESCRIPTIONS

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## **ENSURING REPRESENTATION ON DRILLING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**(Senate Bill 279—Vitali Amendment A 8194)** 6/14/2016

Representative Vitali's amendment failed by a 130 to 65 vote. Senate Bill 279 was signed into law by Governor Wolf as Act 52 of 2016 on June 23, 2016.

Senate Bill 279 created an advisory council on conventional oil and gas development known as the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Development Council—an advisory council that was loaded with representatives from the gas drilling industry, and lacked representation from the public, as well as environmental and public health groups. Amendment A 8194 would have added representation on the board to include: a person with expertise on the effects of conventional oil and gas drilling on public health; a resident of a county where this drilling is occurring; and a representative from an environmental non-profit with a mission that includes the promotion of responsible oil and gas drilling.

**The Pro-Environment vote is "Yes".**

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## **BLOCKING OIL AND GAS REGULATIONS (Senate Bill 279—Vitali**

**Amendment A 8193)** 6/14/2016

Representative Vitali's amendment failed by a 140 to 55 vote. Senate Bill 279 was signed into law by Governor Wolf as Act 52 of 2016 on June 23, 2016.

New regulations protecting the environment and public health from both unconventional (fracking) and conventional (shallow) oil and gas operations received final approval in April 2016. These new protections were met with a flurry of attacks in the State Legislature aimed at stopping them from going into effect. Senate Bill 279 was amended in a House committee and used as a vehicle to block the conventional oil and gas regulations from going into effect despite years of developing the new laws with strong input from experts, environmental regulators, and the public. Amendment A 8193 would have removed the language blocking the conventional oil and gas regulations. **The Pro-Environment vote is "Yes".**

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## **BLOCKING OIL AND GAS REGULATIONS (Senate Bill 279—Final Passage)**

6/15/2016  
The House approved Senate Bill 279 by a 141-46 vote. Senate Bill 279 was signed into law by Governor Wolf as Act 52 of 2016 on June 23, 2016.

New regulations protecting the environment and public health from both unconventional (fracking) and conventional (shallow) oil and gas operations received final approval in April. However, Senate Bill 279 was amended in a House committee to block the conventional oil and gas regulations from going into effect despite years of developing the new laws with strong public input. **The Pro-Environment Vote is "No".**

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## **DELAYING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (Senate Bill 1195—Vitali**

**Amendment A 8303)** 6/14/2016

Representative Vitali's amendment failed by a 137 to 58 vote. Senate Bill 1195 was signed into law by Governor Wolf as Act 57 of 2016 on June 23, 2016.

The EPA's bold Clean Power Plan will cut carbon emissions from Pennsylvania power plants by 32 percent from 2012 levels—an important step in reducing global warming. Pennsylvania has considerable flexibility in developing its state implementation of the Clean Power Plan, and this flexibility gives us great opportunities to boost renewable energy production and cut pollution. Yet instead of working to promote and implement solutions to climate change, the legislature approved Senate Bill 1195, which delays the development and submission of Pennsylvania's state implementation plan. A 8303 would have reduced this delay. **The Pro-Environment vote is "Yes".**

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## **DELAYING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (Senate Bill 1195—Final Passage)**

6/15/2016

The House approved Senate Bill 1195 by a 147-41 vote. Senate Bill 1195 was signed into law by Governor Wolf as Act 57 of 2016 on June 23, 2016.

The EPA's bold Clean Power Plan will cut carbon emissions from Pennsylvania power plants by 32 percent from 2012 levels—an important step in reducing global warming. Pennsylvania has considerable flexibility in developing its state implementation of the Clean Power Plan, and this flexibility gives us great opportunities to boost renewable energy production and cut pollution. Yet instead of working to promote and implement solutions to climate change, the legislature approved Senate Bill 1195, which delays the development and submission of Pennsylvania's state implementation plan. **The Pro-Environment Vote is "No".**



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## 2015/2016 SCORE

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Dawkins, Jason	179	D	73%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Day, Gary	187	R	9%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Dean, Madeleine	153	D	100%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Deasy, Daniel	27	D	73%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
DeLissio, Pamela	194	D	100%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Delozier, Sheryl	88	R	9%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
DeLuca, Anthony	32	D	27%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Dermody, Frank	33	D	36%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Diamond, Russ	102	R	9%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
DiGirolamo, Gene	18	R	73%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Donatucci, Maria	185	D	73%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Driscoll, Michael	173	D	91%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Dunbar, George	56	D	9%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Dush, Cris	66	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Ellis, Brian	11	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Emrick, Joe	137	R	9%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
English, Harold	30	R	18%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Evankovich, Eli	54	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Evans, Dwight	203	D	64%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Everett, Garth	84	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Fabrizio, Florindo	2	D	73%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Farina, Frank	112	D	45%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Farry, Frank	142	R	18%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Fee, Mindy	37	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Flynn, Marty	113	D	45%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Frankel, Dan	23	D	100%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Freeman, Robert	136	D	100%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Gabler, Matt	75	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Gainey, Ed	24	D	100%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Galloway, John	140	D	91%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Gergely, Marc	35	D	36%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Gibbons, Jaret	10	D	18%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Gillen, Mark	128	R	27%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Gillespie, Keith	47	R	9%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲

**KEY**

- Pro-Environment Vote (Green Leaf)
- Anti-Environment Vote (Red Triangle)
- NS Excused Absence\* (not scored)
- Unexcused/Unexplained Absence\* (scored as negative) (Black Dash)

\* We attempted to contact every legislator with a recorded absence and give them the opportunity to provide an explanation. We granted an excused absence for extreme extenuating circumstances, if the legislator or their staff did not reply to our request, it remains an unexcused absence.





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## 2015/2016 SCORE

NAME	DISTRICT	PARTY	2015/2016 SCORE	HB95-Regulatory Inference Vital: Amendment A 2556 Final Passage	HB1327-Backdoor Attack on Oil & Gas Regulations (Fiscal Code) 7/12 Concurrence	HB9013-Privatization of State Parks Vital: Recombinant	HB9013-Privatization of State Parks Final Passage	SB862-Regulatory Inference Vital: Amendment A 2096	SB 279-Ensuring Representation on Drilling Advisory Council Vital: Amendment A 8194	SB279-Blocking Oil and Gas Regulations Vital: Amendment A 8193 Final Passage	SB279-Blocking Oil and Gas Regulations Vital: Amendment A 8193 Final Passage	SB195-Delaying Action on Climate Change Vital: Amendment A 8303 Final Passage	SB195-Delaying Action on Climate Change Vital: Amendment A 8303 Final Passage
Kotik, Nick	45	D	18%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Krueger-Braneky, Leanne	161	D	100%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Lawrence, John	13	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Lewis, Harry	74	R	9%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Longletti, Mark	7	D	55%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Mackenzie, Ryan	134	R	18%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Maher, John	40	R	0%	NS	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Mahoney, Tim	51	D	45%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Major, Sandra	111	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Maloney, David	130	R	18%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Markosek, Joseph	25	D	82%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Marshall, Jim	14	R	18%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Marsico, Ron	105	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Masser, Kurt	107	R	9%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Matzie, Robert	16	D	55%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
McCarter, Stephen	154	D	100%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
McClinton, Joanna	191	D	100%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
McGinnis, John	79	R	9%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
McNeill, Daniel	133	D	55%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Mentzer, Steven	97	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Metcalfe, Daryl	12	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Metzgar, Carl	69	R	9%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Miccarelli, Nick	162	R	18%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Millard, David	109	R	9%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Miller, Brett	41	R	9%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Miller, Dan	42	D	100%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Milne, Duane	167	R	27%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Moul, Dan	91	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Mullery, Gerald	119	D	100%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Murt, Thomas	152	R	55%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Mustio, Mark	44	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Neilson, Ed	174	D	50%	▲	NS	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Neilson, Eric	57	R	9%	N/A	N/A	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Nesbit, Tedd	8	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲

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Saylor, Stan	94	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Schemel, Paul	90	R	9%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Schlossberg, Michael	132	D	91%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Schreiber, Kevin	95	D	100%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Schweyer, Peter	22	D	82%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Simmons, Justin	131	R	9%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sims, Brian	182	D	73%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Snyder, Pam	50	D	36%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sonney, Curtis	4	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Staats, Craig	145	R	9%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Stephens, Todd	151	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sturla, Michael	96	D	91%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Tallman, Will	193	D	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Taylor, John	177	R	18%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Thomas, W. Curtis	181	D	36%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Tobash, Mike	125	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Toepel, Marcy	147	R	27%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Toohil, Tarah	116	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Topper, Jesse	78	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Truitt, Dan	156	R	64%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Turzai, Mike	28	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Vereb, Mike	150	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Vitali, Greg	166	D	100%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Ward, Judy	80	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Warner, Ryan	52	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Watson, Katharine	144	R	18%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Wentling, Parke	17	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Wheatley, Jake	19	D	73%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Wheeland, Jeff	83	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
White, Martina	170	R	9%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Youngblood, Rosita	198	D	100%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Zimmerman, David	99	R	9%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲

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# SENATE VOTES

## BILL DESCRIPTIONS

### **BACKDOOR ATTACK ON OIL AND GAS SAFEGUARDS (House Bill 1327—Concurrence in House amendments to Senate amendments) 3/16/2016**

*Senate concurred by a 30 to 19 vote. Governor Wolf vetoed the bill on March 25, 2016.*

The Fiscal Code bill that accompanies the passage of the state budget is designed to implement many of the details of the annual state spending plan. However, House Bill 1327 was amended by the Senate to become a backdoor and constitutionally dubious attempt to override conventional oil and gas safeguards that protect the environment and public health. These safeguards, known as Chapter 78, were approved after years of development, 12 public hearings, and over 24,000 public comments. **The Pro-Environment Vote is "No".**

### **CONFIRMATION OF JOHN QUIGLEY AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 6/3/2015**

*The Senate confirmed John Quigley by a 44-4 vote.*

The environmental community strongly supported the nomination of John Quigley to serve as Secretary of Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection, given his impressive experience including previously serving as Secretary of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), and his commitment to strong action on climate change, clean energy, clean air and water, and stronger regulation of the natural gas industry. **The Pro-Environment vote is "Yes".**

### **BLOCKING OIL AND GAS REGULATIONS (Senate Bill 279—concurrence in House amendments) 6/15/2016**

*The Senate concurred in House amendments by a 37-12 vote. Senate Bill 279 was signed into law by Governor Wolf as Act 52 of 2016 on June 23, 2016.*

New regulations protecting the environment and public health from both unconventional (fracking) and conventional (shallow) oil and gas operations received final approval in April. However, Senate Bill 279 was amended in a House committee to block the conventional oil and gas regulations from going into effect despite years of developing the new laws with strong public input. **The Pro-Environment vote is "No".**

### **DELAYING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (Senate Bill 1195—Senate concurrence in House amendments) 6/15/2016**

*The Senate concurred in House amendments to Senate Bill 1195 by a 37-11 vote. Senate Bill 1195 was signed into law by Governor Wolf as Act 57 of 2016 on June 23, 2016.*

The EPA's bold Clean Power Plan will cut carbon emissions from Pennsylvania power plants by 32 percent from 2012 levels—an important step in reducing global warming. Pennsylvania has considerable flexibility in developing its state implementation of the Clean Power Plan, and this flexibility gives us great opportunities to boost renewable energy production and cut pollution. Yet instead of working to promote and implement solutions to climate change, the legislature approved Senate Bill 1195, which delays the development and submission of Pennsylvania's state implementation plan. **The Pro-Environment Vote is "No".**

### **DELAYING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (Senate Bill 1195—Final Passage reconsidered) 6/8/2016**

*The Senate initially approved Senate Bill 1195 by a 42-8 vote, then approved it 41-9 on a reconsideration vote. A later version of Senate Bill 1195 was signed into law by Governor Wolf as Act 57 of 2016 on June 23, 2016.*

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## 2015/2016 SCORE

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Alloway, Richard	33	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
Argall, David	29	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
Aument, Ryan	36	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Baker, Lisa	20	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
Bartolotta, Camera	46	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Blake, John	22	D	60%	●	●	●	▲	▲
Boscola, Lisa	18	D	60%	●	●	●	▲	▲
Brewster, James	45	D	40%	●	●	▲	▲	▲
Brooks, Michele	50	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Browne, Patrick	16	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
Corman, Jake	34	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
Costa, Jay	43	D	40%	●	●	▲	▲	▲
Dinniman, Andrew	19	D	100%	●	●	●	●	●
Eichelberger, John	30	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
Farnese, Lawrence	1	D	80%	●	●	●	▲	▲
Folmer, Mike	48	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
Fontana, Wayne	42	D	40%	●	●	▲	▲	▲
Gordner, John	27	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
Greenleaf, Stewart	12	R	60%	●	●	●	▲	▲
Haywood, Art	4	D	100%	●	●	●	●	●
Hughes, Vincent	7	D	100%	●	●	●	●	●
Hutchinson, Scott	21	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Killion, Thomas†	9	R	40%	▲	N/A	▲	▲	▲
Kitchen, Shirley	3	D	100%	●	●	●	●	●
Leach, Daylin	17	D	40%	●	—	—	—	—
McCarrigle, Thomas	26	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
McIlhinney, Charles	10	R	60%	▲	●	●	●	●
Mensch, Bob	24	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
Rafferty, John	44	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
Reschenthaler, Guy	37	R	0%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sabatina, John	5	D	40%	●	N/A	▲	▲	▲
Scarnati, Joseph	25	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲

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† Senator Thomas Killion (formerly a State Representative) was elected to the Senate in an April 26th special election. His votes as a State Representative have been combined with his votes as a State Senator to generate his 2015/2016 score.

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Schwank, Judith	11	D	100%	●	●	●	●	●
Smucker, Lloyd	13	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
Stefano, Patrick	32	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
Tartaglione, Christine	2	D	40%	●	●	▲	▲	▲
Teplitz, Rob	15	D	100%	●	●	●	●	●
Tomlinson, Robert	6	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
Vance, Patricia	31	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
Vogel, Elder	47	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
Vulakovich, Randy	38	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
Wagner, Scott	28	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
Ward, Kim	39	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
White, Donald	41	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
Wiley, Sean	49	D	100%	●	●	●	●	●
Williams, Anthony	8	D	40%	●	●	▲	▲	▲
Wozniak, John	35	D	40%	●	●	▲	▲	▲
Yaw, Gene	23	R	20%	▲	●	▲	▲	▲
Yudichak, John	14	D	40%	●	●	▲	▲	▲

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