



 **Maine Conservation Voters**  
**2017 Environmental Scorecard**  
for Members of the 128<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature



## Maine Conservation Voters

Maine Conservation Voters plays a critical role in turning public support for conservation into new laws to protect our air, land, water and wildlife. As a result of successful campaign strategies, a focused policy agenda, and sharp accountability tools, we are building Maine's environmental movement into a powerful political force.

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### Clockwise from top:

MCV Political Director Beth Ahearn energizes the crowd at a rally in advance of a committee hearing on solar legislation.

Over 2,000 people from across Maine came to Augusta for the Maine People's Climate March.

People from across the state of Maine came to Augusta to participate in the second annual Conservation Lobby Day at the State House.

A young attendee at the Maine People's Climate March poses with her sign.

Former MCV Board President Lucas St. Clair poses with MCV staff (left to right) Sophie Halpin, Rani Sheaffer, and Melissa Mann.

# Welcome

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Dear Friend of Maine's Environment,

In Maine, we know how to defend what is important. For the past seven years, we've gone head-to-head with Governor LePage to protect the laws and programs that conserve our natural heritage, health, and way of life.

So when an anti-environment president puts a crony of polluters, Scott Pruitt, in charge of the Environmental Protection Agency, we know how to apply the lessons we've learned here in Maine to defend the federal laws that have protected our public lands, clean air, and clean water for generations.

But playing defense will only get us so far. We also need to move forward, especially by taking action on climate change. "All eyes are on the states" is something we hear often from our national colleagues these days – because progress will only be possible at the state and local levels.

So how do we move Maine ahead during this time of national inertia and make our state a place where we can turn innovative, forward-thinking ideas into reality? How can we create clean energy jobs, grow our workforce, tackle pollution, and protect people?

The answer is: we build.

The 128th will be the last Maine Legislature to work with Governor LePage. Now is the time to lay the groundwork for a brighter future where our elected officials and our policies demonstrate that a clean environment and a healthy economy go hand-in-hand.

This year, several victories have started us down a new path to prosperity. From strengthening mining rules to safeguard clean water to protecting firefighters and families from dangerous chemicals in furniture, the legislature rejected the argument that the health of people and our environment need to be sacrificed in order to make a profit.

But too many of Maine's political leaders stood with large utilities and against their own constituents being able to access solar power for their homes. While other states build their clean energy economies, Maine continues to fall behind.

Maine Conservation Voters' annual Environmental Scorecard shares the story of this year's legislative successes and disappointments, as well as tracking the most significant votes of the session. We want you to use it to find out who acts to protect Maine's environment and who just talks a good game.

You can also find the scorecard, along with an easy way to contact your legislators, on our website at [www.maineconservation.org/scores](http://www.maineconservation.org/scores). Thank your legislators if they showed courage and took leadership when our environmental protections were most at risk – or express your disappointment if they didn't.

Our environment and climate can't wait for a new president. Together, we'll ensure Maine is part of the solution to advance clean energy, protect our health, and ensure our natural legacy is protected for future generations.

Thank you for standing with us –



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maureen Drouin".

Maureen Drouin  
Executive Director



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger Berle".

Roger Berle  
Board Chairman

# 2017 Senate Scorecard

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| DISTRICT                               | 2017 Score | Mining<br>LD 820 | Flame<br>Retardants<br>LD 182 | Solar<br>LD 1504 | Public Lands<br>LD 586 | Arsenic<br>LD 454 | MUBEC<br>LD 1392 | Bottle Bill<br>LD 56 |
|--|------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 14 <b>Bellows</b> (D - MANCHESTER)     | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 20 <b>Brakey</b> (R - AUBURN)          | 2/7        | ✓                | ✗                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 25 <b>Breen</b> (D - FALMOUTH)         | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 2 <b>Carpenter</b> (D - HOULTON)       | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 24 <b>Carson</b> (D - HARPSWELL)       | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 31 <b>Chenette</b> (D - SACO)          | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 27 <b>Chipman</b> (D - PORTLAND)       | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 34 <b>Collins</b> (R - WELLS)          | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 10 <b>Cushing</b> (R - HAMPDEN)        | 3/6        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✗                | E                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 16 <b>Cyrway</b> (R - BENTON)          | 5/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 4 <b>Davis</b> (R - SANGERVILLE)       | 5/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 32 <b>Deschambault</b> (D - BIDDEFORD) | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 26 <b>Diamond</b> (D - WINDHAM)        | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 5 <b>Dill</b> (D - OLD TOWN)           | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 28 <b>Dion</b> (D - PORTLAND)          | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 13 <b>Dow</b> (R - WALDOBORO)          | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 9 <b>Gratwick</b> (D - BANGOR)         | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 19 <b>Hamper</b> (R - OXFORD)          | 4/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✗                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 35 <b>Hill</b> (D - CAPE NEDDICK)      | 6/6        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | E                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 1 <b>Jackson</b> (D - ALLAGASH)        | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 15 <b>Katz</b> (R - AUGUSTA)           | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 18 <b>Keim</b> (R - DIXFIELD)          | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 7 <b>Langley</b> (R - ELLSWORTH)       | 5/6        | ✓                | E                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 21 <b>Libby</b> (D - LEWISTON)         | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✗                    |
| 6 <b>Maker</b> (R - CALAIS)            | 5/6        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | E                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 22 <b>Mason</b> (R - LISBON FALLS)     | 4/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 29 <b>Millett</b> (D - SOUTH PORTLAND) | 6/6        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | E                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 12 <b>Miramant</b> (D - CAMDEN)        | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 8 <b>Rosen</b> (R - BUCKSPORT)         | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 17 <b>Saviello</b> (R - WILTON)        | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 11 <b>Thibodeau</b> (R - WINTERPORT)   | 5/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 23 <b>Vitelli</b> (D - ARROWSIC)       | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 30 <b>Volk</b> (R - SCARBOROUGH)       | 4/5        | ✓                | E                             | E                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 3 <b>Whittemore</b> (R - SKOWHEGAN)    | 4/6        | ✓                | E                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 33 <b>Woodsome</b> (R - N. WATERBORO)  | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |

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| 82       | <b>Ackley</b> (C - MONMOUTH)        | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 138      | <b>Alley</b> (D - BEALS)            | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 107      | <b>Austin</b> (D - SKOWHEGAN)       | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 67       | <b>Austin</b> (R - GRAY)            | 3/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✗                | ▲                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 8        | <b>Babbidge</b> (D - KENNEBUNK)     | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 14       | <b>Bailey</b> (D - SACO)            | 6/7        | ✗                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 35       | <b>Bates</b> (D - WESTBROOK)        | 6/7        | ▲                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 33       | <b>Battle</b> (I - SOUTH PORTLAND)  | 6/7        | ✗                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 93       | <b>Beebe-Center</b> (D - ROCKLAND)  | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ▲                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 55       | <b>Berry</b> (D - BOWDOINHAM)       | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 63       | <b>Bickford</b> (R - AUBURN)        | 5/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ▲                      | ✗                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 114      | <b>Black</b> (R - WILTON)           | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 3        | <b>Blume</b> (D - YORK)             | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ▲                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 80       | <b>Bradstreet</b> (R - VASSALBORO)  | 4/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 61       | <b>Brooks</b> (D - LEWISTON)        | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 24       | <b>Bryant</b> (D - WINDHAM)         | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 130      | <b>Campbell</b> (R - ORRINGTON)     | 3/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 127      | <b>Cardone</b> (D - BANGOR)         | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 94       | <b>Casás</b> (I - ROCKPORT)         | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 68       | <b>Cebra</b> (R - NAPLES)           | 4/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✗                | ▲                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 46       | <b>Chace</b> (R - DURHAM)           | 3/7        | ✓                | ▲                             | ▲                | ✗                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 133      | <b>Chapman</b> (U - BROOKSVILLE)    | 6/7        | ✗                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 42       | <b>Collings</b> (D - PORTLAND)      | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 47       | <b>Cooper</b> (D - YARMOUTH)        | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 25       | <b>Corey</b> (R - WINDHAM)          | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 128      | <b>Craig</b> (R - BREWER)           | 3/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 49       | <b>Daughtry</b> (D - BRUNSWICK)     | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 52       | <b>DeChant</b> (D - BATH)           | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ▲                    |
| 45       | <b>Denno</b> (D - CUMBERLAND)       | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 90       | <b>Devin</b> (D - NEWCASTLE)        | 1/1        | ■                | ■                             | ■                | ■                      | ✓                 | ■                | ■                    |
| 72       | <b>Dillingham</b> (R - OXFORD)      | 5/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ▲                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 85       | <b>Doore</b> (D - AUGUSTA)          | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 121      | <b>Duchesne</b> (D - HUDSON)        | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 122      | <b>Dunphy</b> (D - OLD TOWN)        | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 65       | <b>Espling</b> (R - NEW GLOUCESTER) | 0/7        | ✗                | ✗                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 37       | <b>Farnsworth</b> (D - PORTLAND)    | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 111      | <b>Farrin</b> (R - NORRIDGEWOCK)    | 5/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✗                    |

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| 66 <b>Fay</b> (D - RAYMOND)             | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 11 <b>Fecteau</b> (D - BIDDEFORD)       | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 7 <b>Foley</b> (R - WELLS)              | 5/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✗                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 100 <b>Fredette</b> (R - NEWPORT)       | 0/7        | ✗                | ✗                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 124 <b>Frey</b> (D - BANGOR)            | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 59 <b>Fuller</b> (D - LEWISTON)         | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 34 <b>Gattine</b> (D - WESTBROOK)       | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 20 <b>Gerrish</b> (R - LEBANON)         | 3/7        | ▲                | ✓                             | ✗                | ▲                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 48 <b>Gideon</b> (D - FREEPORT)         | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ▲                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 98 <b>Gillway</b> (R - SEARSPORT)       | 4/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✗                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 69 <b>Ginzler</b> (R - BRIDGTON)        | 3/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 60 <b>Golden</b> (D - LEWISTON)         | 4/7        | ✓                | ▲                             | ▲                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ▲                    |
| 83 <b>Grant</b> (D - GARDINER)          | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 118 <b>Grignon</b> (R - ATHENS)         | 3/7        | ▲                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ▲                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 12 <b>Grohman</b> (D - BIDDEFORD)       | 6/7        | ✓                | ✗                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 102 <b>Guerin</b> (R - GLENBURN)        | 2/7        | ✓                | ▲                             | ▲                | ✗                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 101 <b>Haggan</b> (R - HAMPDEN)         | 2/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 32 <b>Hamann</b> (D - SOUTH PORTLAND)   | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 58 <b>Handy</b> (D - LEWISTON)          | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 142 <b>Hanington</b> (R - LINCOLN)      | 2/7        | ✓                | ✗                             | ✗                | ✓                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 87 <b>Hanley</b> (R - PITTSTON)         | 2/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 36 <b>Harlow</b> (I - PORTLAND)         | 6/7        | ✗                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 19 <b>Harrington</b> (R - SANFORD)      | 5/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ▲                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 113 <b>Harvell</b> (R - FARMINGTON)     | 4/7        | ✓                | ▲                             | ▲                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 89 <b>Hawke</b> (R - BOOTHBAY HARBOR)   | 1/7        | ▲                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 117 <b>Head</b> (R - BETHEL)            | 1/7        | ▲                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 97 <b>Herbig</b> (D - BELFAST)          | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 73 <b>Herrick</b> (R - PARIS)           | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 81 <b>Hickman</b> (D - WINTHROP)        | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 120 <b>Higgins</b> (R - DOVER-FOXCROFT) | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 76 <b>Hilliard</b> (R - BELGRADE)       | 4/7        | ✓                | ▲                             | ▲                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 13 <b>Hogan</b> (D - OLD ORCHARD BEACH) | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 135 <b>Hubbell</b> (D - BAR HARBOR)     | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 4 <b>Hymanson</b> (D - YORK)            | 5/7        | ✓                | ▲                             | ▲                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 145 <b>Johansen</b> (R - MONTICELLO)    | 1/7        | ✓                | ✗                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 41 <b>Jorgensen</b> (D - PORTLAND)      | 5/7        | ✓                | ▲                             | ▲                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 22 <b>Kinney</b> (R - LIMINGTON)        | 3/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✗                | ▲                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 99 <b>Kinney</b> (R - KNOX)             | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |

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| 125 <b>Kornfield</b> (D - BANGOR)       | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 134 <b>Kumiega</b> (D - DEER ISLE)      | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 2 <b>Lawrence</b> (D - ELIOT)           | 5/7        | ✓                | ⚠                             | ⚠                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 137 <b>Lockman</b> (R - AMHERST)        | 1/7        | ✓                | ✗                             | ✗                | ⚠                      | ✗                 | ⚠                | ⚠                    |
| 109 <b>Longstaff</b> (D - WATERVILLE)   | 6/7        | ⚠                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 132 <b>Luchini</b> (D - ELLSWORTH)      | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 129 <b>Lyford</b> (R - EDDINGTON)       | 2/7        | ✗                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✓                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 110 <b>Madigan</b> (D - WATERVILLE)     | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 115 <b>Madigan</b> (D - RUMFORD)        | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 136 <b>Malaby</b> (R - HANCOCK)         | 2/7        | ⚠                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ⚠                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 16 <b>Marean</b> (R - HOLLIS)           | 4/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ⚠                      | ⚠                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 151 <b>Martin</b> (D - EAGLE LAKE)      | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 150 <b>Martin</b> (D - SINCLAIR)        | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 56 <b>Mason</b> (R - LISBON)            | 2/7        | ✗                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 18 <b>Mastraccio</b> (D - SANFORD)      | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 148 <b>McCrea</b> (D - FORT FAIRFIELD)  | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 51 <b>McCraith</b> (D - HARPSWELL)      | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 149 <b>McElwee</b> (R - CARIBOU)        | 4/7        | ✓                | ✗                             | ✗                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 27 <b>McLean</b> (D - GORHAM)           | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ⚠                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 62 <b>Melaragno</b> (D - AUBURN)        | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 30 <b>Monaghan</b> (D - CAPE ELIZABETH) | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ⚠                    |
| 38 <b>Moonen</b> (D - PORTLAND)         | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 78 <b>Nadeau</b> (D - WINSLOW)          | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 5 <b>O'Connor</b> (R - BERWICK)         | 1/7        | ✗                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 15 <b>O'Neil</b> (D - SACO)             | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 23 <b>Ordway</b> (R - STANDISH)         | 3/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 6 <b>Parker</b> (D - SOUTH BERWICK)     | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 10 <b>Parry</b> (R - ARUNDEL)           | 3/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 77 <b>Perkins</b> (R - OAKLAND)         | 1/7        | ✗                | ✓                             | ✗                | ⚠                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 140 <b>Perry</b> (D - CALAIS)           | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 108 <b>Picchiotti</b> (R - FAIRFIELD)   | 3/7        | ✗                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 116 <b>Pickett</b> (R - DIXFIELD)       | 4/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 53 <b>Pierce</b> (R - DRESDEN)          | 1/7        | ✓                | ⚠                             | ⚠                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 44 <b>Pierce</b> (D - FALMOUTH)         | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 86 <b>Pouliot</b> (R - AUGUSTA)         | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✗                    |
| 17 <b>Prescott</b> (R - WATERBORO)      | 2/7        | ✓                | ✓                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 31 <b>Reckitt</b> (D - SOUTH PORTLAND)  | 5/7        | ✓                | ⚠                             | ⚠                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 103 <b>Reed</b> (R - CARMEL)            | 0/7        | ✗                | ✗                             | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |

# 2017 House Scorecard (continued)

- ✓ pro-environment vote
- ✗ anti-environment vote
- A unexcused absence
- E excused absence

| DISTRICT                       | 2017 Score | Mining<br>LD 820 | Flame Retardants<br>LD 182 | Solar<br>LD 1504 | Public Lands<br>LD 586 | Arsenic<br>LD 454 | MUBEC<br>LD 1392 | Bottle Bill<br>LD 56 |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 74 Riley (D - JAY)             | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 1 Rykerson (D - KITTERY)       | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 21 Sampson (R - ALFRED)        | 4/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✗                | ✗                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 43 Sanborn (D - PORTLAND)      | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 88 Sanderson (R - CHELSEA)     | 0/7        | ✗                | ✗                          | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | A                | A                    |
| 126 Schneck (D - BANGOR)       | 5/7        | ✓                | A                          | A                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 9 Seavey (R - KENNEBUNKPORT)   | 4/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✗                | ✗                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 64 Sheats (D - AUBURN)         | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 144 Sherman (R - HODGDON)      | 4/7        | ✗                | ✓                          | ✗                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 91 Simmons (R - WALDOBORO)     | 3/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | A                | ✗                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 28 Sirocki (R - SCARBOROUGH)   | 0/7        | ✗                | ✗                          | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 112 Skolfield (R - WELD)       | 5/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✗                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 92 Spear (D - SOUTH THOMASTON) | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 143 Stanley (D - MEDWAY)       | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 119 Stearns (R - GUILFORD)     | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 105 Stetkis (R - CANAAN)       | 0/7        | ✗                | ✗                          | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 147 Stewart (R - PRESQUE ISLE) | 4/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✗                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 106 Strom (R - PITTSFIELD)     | 2/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 95 Sutton (R - WARREN)         | 1/7        | ✓                | ✗                          | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 39 Sylvester (D - PORTLAND)    | 6/7        | ✗                | ✓                          | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 40 Talbot Ross (D - PORTLAND)  | 6/7        | ✗                | ✓                          | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 54 Tepler (D - TOPSHAM)        | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 26 Terry (D - GORHAM)          | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 79 Theriault (R - CHINA)       | 3/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 75 Timberlake (R - TURNER)     | 1/7        | ✗                | ✓                          | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 123 Tipping (D - ORONO)        | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 50 Tucker (D - BRUNSWICK)      | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 139 Tuell (R - EAST MACHIAS)   | 6/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 141 Turner (R - BURLINGTON)    | 0/7        | ✗                | A                          | A                | A                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✗                    |
| 29 Vachon (R - SCARBOROUGH)    | 5/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✓                | ✗                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 70 Wadsworth (R - HIRAM)       | 4/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✗                | ✓                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 104 Wallace (R - DEXTER)       | 3/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 131 Ward (R - DEDHAM)          | 4/7        | ✓                | A                          | A                | ✗                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 84 Warren (D - HALLOWELL)      | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |
| 146 White (R - WASHBURN)       | 2/7        | ✗                | ✗                          | ✗                | ✗                      | ✓                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 71 Winsor (R - NORWAY)         | 1/7        | ✓                | ✗                          | ✗                | ✗                      | ✗                 | A                | ✗                    |
| 57 Wood (R - GREENE)           | 4/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✗                | ✓                      | ✗                 | ✗                | ✓                    |
| 96 Zeigler (D - MONTVILLE)     | 7/7        | ✓                | ✓                          | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓                    |



# Scorecard

## Bill Descriptions

### Precedent-Setting Mining Protections Approved

#### LD 820: An Act to Protect Maine's Clean Water and Taxpayers from Mining Pollution

*Sponsored by Sen. Brownie Carson*

Pollution from metallic mineral mining poses a significant threat to Maine's waters and to the taxpayers who are frequently left paying the cleanup cost. After several years of rejecting too-weak mining rules, the legislature enacted LD 820, a strong set of regulations that will protect clean water and taxpayers from the impacts of metallic mineral mining pollution. The bill prohibits mining on public lands and under lakes, rivers, streams, brooks, and wetlands. The bill also prohibits open pit mines and tailings impoundments (ponds that hold mining waste). LD 820 requires any mining company to provide financial assurance to cover a 'worst case' mining failure scenario as determined by an independent third party. The governor vetoed the bill and the legislature overrode the veto. The veto override votes are scored here.

YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE

|                       |              | Yes | No | Absent | Excused |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----|----|--------|---------|
| House Roll Call #269  | June 7, 2017 | 122 | 21 | 7      | 1       |
| Senate Roll Call #234 | June 7, 2017 | 35  | 0  | 0      | 0       |



Swift Gulch, 2004. Dean Stiffarm Photo.

**FINAL OUTCOME:**  
**Bill vetoed by governor;**  
**veto override successful.**

### Toxic Upholstery Chemicals Banned

#### LD 182: An Act to Protect Firefighters by Establishing a Prohibition on the Sale and Distribution of New Upholstered Furniture Containing Certain Flame-Retardant Chemicals

*Sponsored by Rep. Walter Kumiega*

Flame-retardant chemicals used in upholstered furniture are linked to cancer, birth defects, and learning disabilities in children. While fighting fires, firefighters are exposed to these chemicals. Cancer is now the leading cause of death among firefighters. Scientists find that these chemicals do not even slow down fires. This bill passed with large margins in the House and Senate and was vetoed. The legislature overrode the veto and the override votes are scored here.

YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE

|                       |                | Yes | No | Absent | Excused |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----|----|--------|---------|
| House Roll Call #443  | August 2, 2017 | 123 | 14 | 13     | 1       |
| Senate Roll Call #430 | August 2, 2017 | 31  | 1  | 0      | 3       |



**FINAL OUTCOME:**  
**Bill vetoed by governor;**  
**veto override successful.**

# Bill Descriptions (continued)

## Solar Power Suffers Setback

### LD 1504: An Act to Modernize Rates for Small-scale Distributed Generation

*Sponsored by Sen. Tom Saviello*

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) issued a rule, effective January 1, 2018, that will charge people for the solar they produce to power their own homes. The rule will require Central Maine Power (CMP) to install new meters on solar homes, which are to be paid for by all ratepayers, not CMP. The rule will also eliminate net-metering, the current reimbursement mechanism to solar producers for the power they sell back to the grid, in 2018. LD 1504, which was amended, would have superseded the rule and required the PUC to develop an alternative to net-metering by 2019, and to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of it. Additionally, the bill would have increased the number of people who can participate in a solar farm to 100 from the current limit of 10. The bill passed the legislature by more than a two-thirds majority in both bodies and was vetoed by the governor. While the Senate overrode the veto, the House sustained it. The veto override votes are scored here.

YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE

|                       |                | Yes | No | Absent | Excused |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----|----|--------|---------|
| House Roll Call #459  | August 2, 2017 | 88  | 48 | 14     | 1       |
| Senate Roll Call #428 | August 2, 2017 | 28  | 6  | 0      | 1       |



**FINAL OUTCOME:**  
Bill vetoed by governor;  
veto sustained.

## Public Reserved Lands Commission Recommendations Become Law

### LD 586: An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund

*Sponsored by Sen. Tom Saviello*

Public Reserved Lands are managed for a variety of resources including outdoor recreation, wildlife habitat conservation, and commercial timber harvesting. In 2015, a study commission developed a set of recommendations for improving access, prioritizing recreation infrastructure projects, and clarifying that timber harvest revenue should be used by the Bureau of Parks and Lands for stewardship and management. The bill was enacted, vetoed, and failed on the override vote in 2016. Sen. Saviello introduced the bill again in 2017. Once again, the bill passed the legislature with large margins and was vetoed by the governor. But this year, the legislature voted to override the veto. The veto override votes are scored here.

YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE

|                       |               | Yes | No | Absent | Excused |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----|----|--------|---------|
| House Roll Call #431  | July 20, 2017 | 97  | 40 | 13     | 1       |
| Senate Roll Call #401 | July 20, 2017 | 29  | 2  | 0      | 4       |



**FINAL OUTCOME:**  
Bill vetoed by governor;  
veto override successful.

# Bill Descriptions (continued)

## Arsenic in Well Water Addressed

### LD 454: An Act to Ensure Safe Drinking Water for All Maine Families

*Sponsored by Rep. Karen Vachon*

One in eight Maine drinking water wells contain hidden toxic chemicals like arsenic, which can elevate the risk of cancer and cause learning disabilities. Arsenic has no smell, taste, or color, and many Mainers do not know that they should test their wells for it. LD 454 will raise awareness about the need to test for arsenic and will establish the Private Well Safe Drinking Water Fund. The Fund will help low-income Mainers purchase well water test kits. The bill also requires the creation of one simplified, state-recommended water test for contaminants. The bill was enacted by the legislature, vetoed by the governor, and failed on the override vote in 2016. Rep. Vachon reintroduced the bill in 2017. Once again, the bill passed the legislature with large margins and was vetoed. However, this time the legislature voted to override the veto. The veto override votes are scored here.

YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE

|                       |               | Yes | No | Absent | Excused |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----|----|--------|---------|
| House Roll Call #335  | June 19, 2017 | 113 | 33 | 5      | 0       |
| Senate Roll Call #344 | June 19, 2017 | 35  | 0  | 0      | 0       |



**FINAL OUTCOME:**  
**Bill vetoed by governor;**  
**veto override successful.**

## Energy Efficiency Code Remains Intact

### LD 1392: An Act to Allow Municipalities to Opt Not to Enforce the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC)

*Sponsored by Rep. Ellie Espling*

MUBEC is a minimum energy efficiency code required for towns with populations over 4,000; towns with less than 4,000 are exempt from the code. LD 1392 would have weakened the code by allowing any town to opt out, which would have resulted in the building of energy inefficient homes that are more expensive to heat and burn more fossil fuels. The bill failed to get a majority in either the Senate or the House and died.

YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE IN THE HOUSE

NO IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE IN THE SENATE

|                       |              | Yes | No | Absent | Excused |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----|----|--------|---------|
| House Roll Call #248  | June 6, 2017 | 84  | 63 | 3      | 1       |
| Senate Roll Call #243 | June 7, 2017 | 17  | 18 | 0      | 0       |



**FINAL OUTCOME:**  
**Bill defeated.**

## Bill Descriptions (continued)

### Bottle Bill Strengthened

#### LD 56: An Act to Include 50 Milliliter and Smaller Liquor Bottles in the Laws Governing Returnable Containers

Sponsored by Rep. Anne-Marie Mastraccio

Maine has one of the strongest bottle bills in the country, and as a result of LD 56, it is even stronger. On January 1, 2019, a deposit of five cents will be charged for every 'nip' liquor bottle in an effort to reduce litter. The bill passed the legislature by large margins and was vetoed by the governor. The legislature overrode the veto, and the override votes are scored here.

YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE

|                       |              | Yes | No | Absent | Excused |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----|----|--------|---------|
| House Roll Call #235  | June 6, 2017 | 114 | 31 | 5      | 1       |
| Senate Roll Call #238 | June 7, 2017 | 29  | 6  | 0      | 0       |



**FINAL OUTCOME:**  
**Bill vetoed by governor;**  
**veto override successful.**

## These Four Legislators Consistently Flipped Their Votes to Support Governor LePage

In 2017, the legislature held Governor LePage accountable by overriding 54 of his 128 vetoes. Even though the legislature overrode LePage's vetoes of multiple environmental bills, many representatives who initially voted for conservation measures caved to the governor's pressure when voting on veto overrides. The four representatives listed below flipped their votes to sustain the governor's veto on three of the five override votes scored here.



Rep. Sheldon Hanington  
(Lincoln)



Rep. Frances Head  
(Bethel)



Rep. Roger Reed  
(Carmel)



Rep. Deborah Sanderson  
(Chelsea)

# Beyond the Roll Calls

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Legislative scores only tell part of the story. Here, we report the individual actions not reflected in the scores that legislators took on the 2017 scored bills.

## LD 820 MINING

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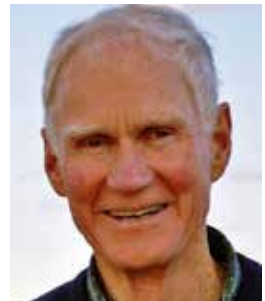
Environment and Natural Resources Committee chairs **Sen. Saviello** and **Rep. Tucker** worked with the bill sponsor, **Sen. Carson**, to improve and strengthen the bill throughout the committee process. **Reps. Foley** and **Marean** testified in favor of the bill at the committee hearing, as did 145 other Maine people and organizations. **Rep. Pierce** (Dresden)



*Sen. Tom Saviello*

also pushed for a strong bill, which was approved 12-1 by the committee. The committee chairs expertly guided the committee through deliberation on the seven different mining bills that were introduced.

**Reps. Duchesne, Foley, Marean, Pierce** (Dresden), and **Tucker** advocated for LD 820 on the House floor. **Reps. Chapman** and **Harlow** spoke against the bill on the floor on the grounds that it was not strong enough. **Reps. Lyford, Mason, Picchiotti, Reed, Sanderson, Sherman, Stetkis, Timberlake,** and **White** voted for the bill upon enactment but flipped to side with the governor once he vetoed the bill.



*Sen. Brownie Carson*

## LD 182 FLAME RETARDANTS

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**Sens. Davis** and **Dow** and **Reps. Stearns** and **Battle** testified in favor of the bill to ban flame retardants at the public hearing before the Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee. **Davis** and **Stearns** represent Guilford, home to Guilford of Maine, Inc., a manufacturer of non-flame retardant upholstery material; they saw the bill as an economic boon for their region. **Sen. Dow** banned flame retardant furniture at his company, Dow Furniture, and is a long time champion of reducing exposure to toxic chemicals. Committee member **Rep. Pierce** (Dresden), whose firefighter father died of cancer related to toxic chemical exposure, was a passionate proponent of the bill. ENR House chair **Tucker** championed the bill in and beyond the committee. The committee voted 11-1 in favor of the bill.



*Rep. Jeff Pierce*

On the House floor, **Reps. Fay, Kumiega, Pierce** (Dresden), **Stearns, Theriault,** and **Vachon** spoke in favor of the bill. **Sen. Saviello** ensured that the bill was adequately funded during the appropriations process. The bill was enacted in the Senate 26-0 and in the House 127-5. The five representatives who opposed the bill throughout were **Espling, Johansen, Sirocki, Sutton,** and **Windsor**. On the veto override vote, the following people flipped their vote to side with the governor: **Reps. Fredette, Grohman, Hanington, Lockman, McElwee, Reed, Sanderson, Stetkis,** and **White**. **Sen. Brakey** was the only member of the Senate who voted to sustain the governor's veto.

## LD 1504

### NET-METERING AND SOLAR

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*Rep. Seth Berry*

Bill sponsor **Sen. Saviello** worked enthusiastically to get this bill passed. On the Energy, Utilities, and Technology (EUT) Committee, chairs **Sen. Woodsome** and **Rep. Berry** made every effort to fashion a bill that a significant majority of the committee would support. The committee vote was 8-5 in support of the bill and the House vote passed 90-54. A week later, **Reps. Harvell** and **Wadsworth** offered an amendment, described on page 8, on the House floor. The amended bill received votes of 105-41 in the House and 29-6 in the Senate, The governor subsequently vetoed the bill.

On the day of the veto override vote, amendment sponsor **Rep. Harvell** and thirteen other representatives were absent. **Rep. O'Connor** worked with the governor's energy advisers and Central Maine Power to kill the bill in committee, in caucus, and on the floor of the House. **Rep. Fredette** applied intense pressure on his caucus members to sustain the veto. **Rep. Wadsworth** abandoned his own amendment and voted to sustain the veto. Seven additional reps. also switched their votes to side with the governor: **Bradstreet, Cebra, Kinney** (Limington), **McElwee, Sampson, Seavey, and Skolfield**.



*Rep. Lance Harvell*



*Sen. David Woodsome*

Republican **Reps. Bickford, Black, Corey, Dillingham, Foley, Gillway, Harrington, Herrick, Higgins, Kinney** (Knox), **Marean, Pouliot, Stearns, Tuell, and Vachon**

remained steadfast and voted to override the veto. **Sens. Brakey, Cushing, and Mason** opposed the bill throughout the process. **Sens. Collins, Hamper, and Whittemore** voted against the bill on the first vote, but then voted to override the governor's veto. Disappointingly, **Sens. Cyrway, Davis, and Thibodeau** voted in support of the amended bill but flipped to support the governor's veto.

## LD 586

### PUBLIC LANDS

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*Rep. Russell Black*

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee (ACF) chairs **Sen. Davis** and **Rep. Dunphy**, along with **Sen. Saviello**, worked diligently on LD 586. The ACF committee voted unanimously to approve the bill. **Reps. Black** and **Skolfield** worked to persuade the House Republican caucus to support the bill despite the governor's opposition. While the House voted to enact the bill 136-8, the override vote was 97-40: twenty-nine Republican House members first voted in support of the bill but flipped their votes to sustain the governor's veto. **Rep. Timberlake** worked with the governor's staff to try to defeat the bill.



*Rep. Michelle Dunphy*

## LD 454

### ARSENIC

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*Rep. Karen Vachon*

**Rep. Vachon** championed the bill to educate Mainers about arsenic in well water for two sessions. This year, the Health and Human Services Committee amended the bill and voted 10-3 in favor of it. In committee, **Sen. Hamper** and **Rep. Sanderson** opposed the bill. **Rep. Parker** did not think the amendment was strong enough and voted against it for that reason.

**Rep. Hilliard** and **Rep. Ackley** spoke in support of the bill. **Rep. Fredette** spoke in opposition to the bill on the House floor. **Reps. Craig, Ginzler, Hanington, Head, Pierce** (Dresden), and **Reed** voted for the bill initially but switched and voted to sustain the governor's veto on the override vote. **Reps. Guerin** and **Sherman** voted against the bill initially but are commended for voting to override the governor's veto.

## LD 1392

### MUBEC

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**Reps. Fecteau, Grignon, Rykerson,** and **Ward** are commended for speaking in opposition to weakening the energy efficiency code on the House floor and voting accordingly. Republican **Reps. Bickford, Black, Corey, Farrin, Higgins,** and **Pouliot** are lauded for voting in opposition to the bill, joining all the Democrats with the exception of **Rep. Stanley**. Independent **Reps. Ackley** and **Casas** also voted to let towns opt out of MUBEC. **Reps. Espling, Pierce** (Dresden), **Stetkis,** and **Tuell** spoke in favor of the bill on the House floor. In the Senate, **Sen. Dow** demonstrated leadership as the only Republican to oppose the weakening of MUBEC.



*Sen. Dana Dow*

## LD 56

### BOTTLE BILL

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*Rep. Anne-Marie  
Mastraccio*

A majority of the ENR Committee supported the bill to add liquor nips to Maine's bottle bill. The committee members spent time considering a fair deposit fee and decided on five cents. On the House floor, **Reps. Austin** (Gray), **Babbidge, Campbell, Duchesne, Handy,** and **Tuell** spoke in favor of the override. **Reps. Espling, Kinney** (Limington), and **O'Connor** rose to speak against the bill and sustain the veto. **Sens. Hamper, Libby,** and **Whitemore** voted for the bill initially but flipped and voted to sustain the veto. Cheers to **Reps. Bickford, Cebra, Chase, Kinney** (Knox), **Malaby, Picchiotti, Sampson,** and **Wallace,** who voted against the bill on the first vote but voted to override the governor's veto. On the other hand, **Reps. Hanington, Head, Lyford, Perkins, Simmons,** and **Stewart** all voted in support of the bill initially but switched to vote with the governor on the override.

# Committee Spotlight

The Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee dealt with a variety of issues this session, in addition to the bills scored and discussed previously (see pages 7-10). Chairs Sen. Saviello and Rep. Tucker served as strong leaders of the committee, which succeeded in preventing bad bills from proceeding and approved pro-environment measures, some of which unfortunately did not survive the governor's veto. Their work is summarized here.

## NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION ACT

**Rep. Picchiotti** sponsored a bill (LD 1040) to severely weaken the Natural Resources Protection Act, Maine's cornerstone law that protects lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands, mountain tops, and significant wildlife habitat. The Department of Environmental Protection testified against the bill. The committee, ably led by chairs **Sen. Saviello** and **Rep. Tucker**, voted unanimously 'Ought Not to Pass,' killing the bill.

## REGULATORY REFORM

**Rep. Pierce** (Dresden) sponsored a bill to create a commission to study and assess Maine's regulatory environment (LD 1194). The criteria to be used by the commission, which lacked any conservation appointments, was biased towards approving permit applications, regardless of environmental impacts. The Department of Environmental Protection testified in opposition to the bill, seeing it as unnecessary. The committee unanimously voted 'Ought Not to Pass,' and the bill did not proceed further.

## PLASTIC AND POLYSTYRENE

**Rep. Devin** introduced a ban on plastic bags (LD 57), which morphed during the committee process into a bill to establish goals for municipal adoption of reusable bag and polystyrene foam food service ordinances. The committee split its votes on the bill, with Chair **Sen. Saviello**, **Rep. Campbell**, and the Democrats on the committee voting for the bill and the remaining Republicans voting against it. The bill passed the legislature, was vetoed by the governor, and the veto was sustained.

## PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

Chair **Sen. Saviello** introduced bills to promote product stewardship for batteries, mattresses, and carpets. The committee gave life to the mattress product stewardship bill (LD 349) by voting 11-2 in favor of it. The bill would have established a new grant program to recycle used mattresses and keep them out of landfills. The House and Senate approved the bill and it was vetoed by the governor. The Senate voted 33-1 to override the veto, but the House fell short of the votes needed to override.

## WATER QUALITY

**Rep. Hilliard** sponsored a bill (LD 559) to require inspection of all septic systems in the shoreland zone prior to the sale of a property. This water quality enhancement measure received unanimous approval by the committee and was enacted unanimously by the legislature. The governor vetoed the bill, and sadly, the veto was sustained.



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# Other Noteworthy Acts of 2017

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*Sen. Paul Davis*

## BILL TO PREEMPT LOCAL PESTICIDE ORDINANCES FAILED

The governor introduced a bill to prohibit a municipality from adopting or continuing to enforce any rule regarding the sale or use of pesticides (LD 1505). The State and Local Committee considered the bill and unanimously rejected it as violating home rule, or the ability for a local government to pass laws stronger than the state's. Because the bill did not receive one supportive vote in committee, it did not go to the full legislature. The chairs of the committee, **Sen. Davis** and **Rep. Martin** (Sinclair) provided strong leadership in helping to kill this bad bill.

## SAFE DISPOSAL OF MARINE FLARES THWARTED

**Rep. McCreight** introduced a bill to establish a program of storage, collection, and disposal of expired marine flares (LD 252). Marine flares are explosive and contain toxic chemicals harmful to marine life. People often do not know how to safely dispose of them and few options exist. The common-sense bill received a 12-1 'Ought to Pass' recommendation from the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. The bill was enacted unanimously in the Senate and by a vote of 85-58 in the House. The governor vetoed the bill and the veto was sustained in the House by a vote of 84-62.



*Sen. Jay McCreight*



*Rep. Jennifer DeChant*

## RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD EXTENDED

**Rep. DeChant** introduced a bill (LD 1147) to extend Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), which specifies how much energy must be generated from renewable sources. The bill requires Maine to maintain the renewable portfolio standard at existing levels through 2028, which is 30% from existing renewable energy sources and 10% from new renewable resources. The Senate overrode the veto 28-2, with **Sens. Brakey** and **Mason** voting to sustain the veto. The House overrode the veto 109-32. Hats off to **Reps. Guerin** and **Pouliot** who initially opposed the bill but voted to override the veto. Conversely, **Reps. Hanington, Hawke, Head,** and **Sanderson** voted for the bill initially but voted to sustain the veto.

## REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE FUNDING RE-ALLOCATED

**Rep. Sanborn** introduced a bill (LD 1313) to increase funding to residential energy efficiency programs through the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). RGGI has successfully reduced pollution, strengthened our economy, and reduced energy costs since 2009. Because RGGI revenues were lower than predicted, a significant portion of the funding ended up going to industrial users and less to residential programs. The bill was amended so that residential programs would remain adequately funded and payments to industrial users would be delayed. The bill passed the legislature and was signed into law by the governor.



*Rep. Heather Sanborn*



*Rep. Patrick Corey*

## SEA LEVEL RISE NOT ADDRESSED

**Rep. Blume** sponsored a bill (LD 540) that would have encouraged municipalities to develop policies and plan for the effects of rising sea level on buildings, transportation infrastructure, and sewage treatment facilities. This common-sense bill was approved unanimously by the State and Local Committee and passed the House and the Senate. It was vetoed by the governor and the veto override failed. **Reps. Bickford** and **Ordway** voted for the bill but once the governor vetoed it, they flipped to sustain the veto. Republican **Reps. Corey, Foley, Gillway, Hanington, Harrington, Pickett,** and **Vachon** held strong and supported the bill on each vote.



*Rep. Lydia Blume*



*Rep. Robert Foley*

## CULVERTS CREATED

**Rep. Fredette** sponsored a \$10 million bond bill (LD 964) to build and replace municipal culverts at stream crossings to allow water and critters to pass through. The bond was reduced to \$5 million and incorporated into the larger transportation bond. The larger transportation bond was enacted and it will appear on the ballot in 2018.



## In Memory of Gina Mason

Rep. Gina Mason of Lisbon passed away suddenly on September 5th, 2017 at the age of 57. Mason was a small business owner and served in a number of elective positions in Lisbon before running for public office in 2016. Mason had just completed the first year of her first term as a representative, serving on the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. She is survived by her husband Rick, daughter Haley, and son Senate Majority Leader Garrett Mason. Mason was a dedicated public servant and we extend our sincere sympathies to her family.





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