The Maine League of Conservation Voters


Including Ratings of All Members of the MAINE STATE SENATE and MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FALL 1994

Description of Votes

**State Energy Policy**

**LD 102 An Act to Amend the Energy Policy of the State**

House Roll Call #12

House Motion: Accept Majority Ought Not to Pass Report

Correct Vote: NO

House Vote: March 9, 1993; Yes 96, No 44, Absent

Description: The bill allowed a fee of $0.002 per gallon for gasoline to be collected to help pay for the cost of developing renewable energy. The Senate roll call, however, failed by a vote of 39-23.

**LD 198 An Act to Exempt Gravel Pits with Less Than 7 Tons Per Acre**

House Roll Call #50

House Motion: Accept Majority Ought to Pass Report to Senate

Correct Vote: NO

House Vote: June 8, 1993; Yes 107, No 25, Absent 11; Motion Prevailed

Description: This bill would have exempted from the law requiring permits for sites where gravel is extracted for use in excess of 3 acres in size what is required by the State Land permit. This bill was passed and signed into law.

**Smoking in Public Places**

**LD 94 An Act to Prohibit Smoking in Buildings, Which the Public is Permitted to Enter and Use**

House Roll Call #711

Senate Roll Call #490

House Motion: Recommender Earlier Vote Against the Bill

Correct Vote: YES

House Vote: June 8, 1993; Yes 79, No 58, Absent 14; Motion Prevailed

Description: The bill prohibits smoking in enclosed areas of buildings in which the public is permitted to enter and use. The bill was passed and signed into law.

**Private Property Rights**

**LD 672 An Act to Protect Private Property**

House Roll Call #166

Senate Roll Call #519

House Motion: Accept Majority Ought to Pass Report

Correct Vote: YES

House Vote: March 9, 1993; Yes 79, No 62, Absent 11; Motion Prevailed

Description: This bill would have amended the Uniform Deed Act to allow a grantee of an unrecorded instrument to record without proof of title, which the Legislature felt was necessary to protect property rights. This bill was passed and signed into law.

**Solid Waste/Aseptic Packaging**

**LD 250 An Act to Allow the Use of Advanced Light-weight, Re-distributable Aseptic Packaging**

House Roll Call #800

Senate Roll Call #850

House Motion: Enactment

Correct Vote: NO

House Vote: March 23, 1994; Yes 92, No 46, Absent 13; Motion Prevailed

Description: The bill would have allowed the use of lightweight, re-distributable aseptic packaging by the Legislature. The bill was passed and signed into law.

**Low Emission Vehicles**

**LD 949 An Act to Allow the Use of Advanced Light-weight, Re-distributable Aseptic Packaging**

House Roll Call #850

Senate Motion: Adoption

Correct Vote: NO

House Vote: June 14, 1993; Yes 79, No 62, Absent 14; Motion Prevailed

Description: The bill would have allowed the use of lightweight, re-distributable aseptic packaging by the Legislature. The bill was passed and signed into law.

**Utility Policy**

**LD 940 An Act to Amend the Electric Utility Act**

House Roll Call #415

Senate Motion: Enactment

Correct Vote: NO

House Vote: June 14, 1993; Yes 79, No 62, Absent 14; Motion Prevailed

Description: This bill would have created a joint committee to review and approve a new comprehensive energy policy. The bill was passed and signed into law.
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+ = pro-environmental vote  
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Rating (1 - 100) The rating is the percentage of pro-environmental votes cast by each legislator. Absentee: Unexcused absentee are counted as anti-environmental votes. Excused absences are not figured into a legislator’s rating.

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**SUMMARY OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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