

# MAINE LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

## 2009 Environmental Scorecard

*Learn how your legislators  
voted this year on bills that affect  
Maine's air, land and water.*



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## Dear Maine Conservationist,

By reading this scorecard, you're taking an important step towards protecting Maine's environment: you're educating yourself on how your state legislators voted on a wide array of environmental legislation this past year.

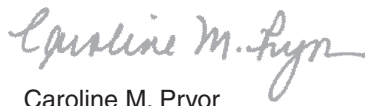
Are they voting for bills that wisely steward our natural resources and protect public health from toxins? Or would they allow Maine's natural resources to be exploited to benefit a few?

Overall, we applaud the majority of members of the Maine House and Senate for protecting our environment and quality of life. Even in a major recession, legislators were committed to protecting the environment because they know it is an integral part of our current and future economy. In 2009, lawmakers passed new laws that constructively deal with mercury pollution, pesticide spray, weatherization and energy efficiency, fish passage, clean water, and land conservation.

After you read the *Environmental Scorecard*, we hope you'll take a moment to call, write or e-mail your legislators and let them know what you think of their work last year on behalf of Maine's extraordinary environment. It's so important for them to hear from you—the voters. You can do this directly from the interactive version of the scorecard at [www.mlcv.org](http://www.mlcv.org).

If you are currently an MLCV member, thank you and congratulations on your role in bringing about these protections! If not, please join us and turn your environmental values into political priorities.

Sincerely,



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## 2009 HOUSE & SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

### ✓ An Act to Change the Classification of Certain Waters of the State

**LD #330 / Sponsored by Representative Jane Eberle**

Every few years, Maine's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) reviews its classifications to determine the legal level of protection for waterways under the Clean Water Act. **LD 330** codifies the DEP's recommendations to increase clean water protections for a number of outstanding waterways in Maine, including the Crooked River, Alder Stream, and the Basin.



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- **House Roll Call #32**  
**Pro Environment Vote:** Yes / Accept  
Report "A" Ought to Pass as Amended  
**House Vote:** April 16, 2009: Yes 84;  
No 51; Absent 16
- **Senate Roll Call #57**  
**Pro Environment Vote:** Yes / Accept  
Report "A" Ought to Pass  
**Senate Vote:** May 5, 2009: Yes 32;  
No 2; Absent 1

- **Final Outcome: Bill Passed**

### X An Act to Reduce Regulatory Costs for Maine Businesses

**LD #347 / Sponsored by Senator Douglas Smith**

**LD 347** would have established a council on private sector regulatory costs composed of individuals from private sector businesses. This narrow council would have had the power to erode Maine's carefully crafted regulatory system in favor of a new regulatory regime for businesses based on broad principles



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rather than specific rules and regulations. Of additional concern, the council would have had the power to force staff from any state agency to work on council issues at the expense of responsibilities within their agencies. As a result, this bill had the potential to undermine the ability of Maine's key environmental agencies—such as the Department of Environmental Protection—to protect our woods, waters, and wildlife.

- **House Roll Call #146**  
**Pro Environment Vote:** Yes / Accept  
Majority Ought Not to Pass Report  
**House Vote:** June 1, 2009: Yes 87;  
No 54; Absent 10
- **Senate Roll Call #120**  
**Pro Environment Vote:** Yes / Accept  
Majority Ought Not to Pass Report  
**Senate Vote:** May 29, 2009:  
Yes 19; No 16

- **Final Outcome: Bill Defeated**

### ✓ An Act to Provide for the Safe Collection and Recycling of Mercury-containing Lighting

**LD #973 / Sponsored by Representative Seth Berry**

Compact florescent light bulbs (CFLs) work well, are energy efficient, and save money. However, they also contain small amounts of mercury, which can pose a threat to people and wildlife. Most CFLs end up in landfills or trash incinerators where the mercury can get released into the environment. **LD 973** creates a first-in-the-nation recycling system for CFLs that will be paid for in part by the bulb manufacturers. The bill also sets a reasonable standard for how much mercury can be contained in light bulbs sold in Maine and improves the state's procurement policy to prefer light bulbs with the lowest possible mercury content.



- **House Roll Call #104**  
**Pro Environment Vote:** Yes / Accept  
Majority Ought to Pass as Amended  
Report  
**House Vote:** May 21, 2009: Yes 130;  
No 13; Absent 8
- **Senate Roll Call #101**  
**Pro Environment Vote:** Yes / Accept  
Majority Ought to Pass Report  
**Senate Vote:** May 5, 2009: Yes 35;  
No 0

- **Final Outcome: Bill Passed**

### X An Act to Allow Barrier Fences to be Erected to Protect Homes from Coastal Storms

**LD #1218 / Sponsored by Senator Richard Nass**

In 1978, Maine banned the construction of new seawalls because the walls increase coastal erosion and worsen storms by preventing sand dunes from naturally protecting beaches and homes. In addition, seawalls and other permanent coastal barriers endanger resident wildlife, such as the endangered piping plover. **LD 1218** at-

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tempted to lift this ban and allow the construction of any permanent barrier to protect a residential property from natural disasters. The bill was defeated because its broad language would have allowed unregulated construction of many seawalls and other barriers along Maine's coast and because the state proposed alternative solutions for protecting residential properties without causing damage to sand dune systems.

- **House Roll Call #123**  
**Pro Environment Vote:** Yes / Accept Majority Ought Not to Pass Report  
**House Vote:** May 27, 2009: Yes 90; No 54; Absent 7
- **Senate Roll Call #100**  
**Pro Environment Vote:** Yes / Accept Majority Ought Not to Pass Report  
**Senate Vote:** May 27, 2009: Yes 27; No 8
- **Final Outcome: Bill Defeated**

## ✓ **An Act to Ensure that Replacement Culverts Permit Fish Passage**

**LD #1333** / Sponsored by **Representative Hannah Pingree**

**LD 1333** was amended so that many of the original parts dealing with energy use and climate change were taken out. A key component to promote the sustainability of our native aquatic species was maintained. The amended bill changes existing standards to require natural stream flow when culverts are



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repaired, maintained, or replaced. This will allow fish to swim up and down stream and provide for aquatic organism passage. In 2010, we look forward to advancing the original components of the bill that would help ensure that public and private development is as energy-efficient as possible and is planned in a manner that minimizes carbon pollution.

- **House Roll Call #226**  
**Pro Environment Vote:** Yes / Accept Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report  
**House Vote:** June 11, 2009: Yes 78; No 64; Absent 9
- **Senate Roll Call #213**  
**Pro Environment Vote:** Yes / Enactment  
**Senate Vote:** June 12, 2009: Yes 34; No 0; Excused 1
- **Final Outcome: Bill Passed**

## X **An Act to Reform the Land Use and Planning Authority within Unorganized Territories in the State**

**LD #1370** / Sponsored by **Representative Henry Joy**

The Maine Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) was created in 1971 to guide land use and planning decisions in Maine's unorganized territories, including 10.4 million acres of Maine's North Woods. This session, numerous bills were introduced which would have significantly eroded LURC's regulatory abilities. The most troubling of these proposals was **LD 1370**, which would have eliminated LURC altogether and instead



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allowed each county within the unorganized territories to regulate land use planning. This failed bill would have significantly weakened Maine's current environmental protections in the unorganized territories because comprehensive planning and enforcement of environmental regulations for much of Maine's North Woods would have been lost.

- **House Roll Call #160**  
**Pro Environment Vote:** Yes / Indefinite Postpone Bill & Papers  
**House Vote:** June 2, 2009: Yes 86; No 59; Absent 6
- **Senate Roll Call #147**  
**Pro Environment Vote:** Yes / Indefinite Postpone Bill & Papers  
**Senate Vote:** June 2, 2009: Yes 20; No 14; Absent 1
- **Final Outcome: Bill Defeated**

## ✓ **An Act Regarding Maine's Energy Future** **LD #1485** / **Emergency Measure**

Heating costs are highly volatile, making Maine families and businesses especially vulnerable to financial calamity when prices next rise. In addition, most Maine buildings are energy inefficient. Weatherization and improved energy efficiency will help residents stay warm while saving money and energy. **LD 1485** establishes the Efficiency Maine Trust to streamline energy efficiency and alternative energy resource programs in the state. In addition, the bill sets ambitious goals to weatherize 100% of Maine's residences and half of Maine's businesses by 2030. The energy efficiency and weatherization programs authorized under this legislation will help homeowners and businesses save millions of dollars on energy bills, reduce global warming pollution, and employ Maine workers in our emerging clean energy economy. Maine will rely on federal stimulus money and a bond to fund the first two years of expanded efficiency programs, and the bill gives the new Trust eighteen months to develop and propose a sustained, dedicated funding mechanism to help achieve these goals over the long run.



- **House Roll Call #231**  
**Pro Environment Vote:** Yes / Insist  
**House Vote:** June 11, 2009: Yes 118; No 27; Absent 6
- **Senate Roll Call #203**  
**Pro Environment Vote:** Yes / Recede and Concur  
**Senate Vote:** June 11, 2009: Yes 27; No 6; Absent 1; Excused 1
- **Final Outcome: Bill Passed**



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*We thank the Legislature for the numerous environmental successes of the 2009 session.*



**KEY:** ✓ — Pro Environment Bill X — Anti Environment Bill

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NAME / PARTY	TOWN	2009	2007-2008	2005-2006	2003-2004	2001-2002	LD 330 Clean Rivers	LD 347 Business Council	LD 973 CFL Recycling	LD 1218 Seawall Construction	LD 1333 Fish Passage	LD 1370 LURC	LD 1485 Energy Efficiency
Adams, Herbert (D)	Portland	7/7	90%	100%	100%	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Austin, Susan (R)	Gray	1/7	80%	33%	7%	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Ayotte, Bernard (R)	Caswell	0/7	30%	*	*	*	-	a	-	-	-	-	-
Beaudette, Stephen (D)	Biddeford	4/7	90%	67%	100%	*	+	+	a	+	a	a	+
Beaudoin, Paulette (D)	Biddeford	7/7	90%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Beaulieu, Michael (R)	Auburn	2/7	90%	*	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Beck, Henry (D)	Waterville	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Berry, Seth (D)	Bowdoinham	7/7	90%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bickford, Bruce (R)	Auburn	1/7	*	*	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Blanchard, Richard (D)	Old Town	6/7	70%	83%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	a	+
Blodgett, Anna (D)	Augusta	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Boland, Andrea (D)	Sanford	6/7	90%	*	*	*	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Bolduc, Brian (D)	Auburn	6/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Briggs, Sheryl (D)	Mexico	7/7	100%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Browne, William (R)	Vassalboro	1/7	80%	33%	7%	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Bryant, Mark (D)	Windham	7/7	100%	75%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Burns, David (R)	Whiting	0/7	*	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Butterfield, Steven (D)	Bangor	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cain, Emily (D)	Orono	6/7	90%	100%	*	*	+	+	+	a	+	+	+
Campbell, James (R)	Newfield	3/7	80%	58%	14%	*	+	-	-	-	+	-	+
Carey, Michael (D)	Lewiston	7/7	100%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Casavant, Alan (D)	Biddeford	7/7	90%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cebra, Richard (R)	Naples	1/7	70%	25%	*	*	-	a	+	-	-	-	-
Celli, Michael (R)	Brewer	1/7	*	*	*	*	a	-	a	a	-	a	+
Chase, Kathleen (R)	Wells	2/7	60%	*	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Clark, Herbert (D)	Millinocket	3/7	60%	58%	*	*	+	-	+	-	-	-	+
Clark, Tyler (R)	Easton	2/7	*	*	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Cleary, Richard (D)	Houlton	6/7	80%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Cohen, Joan (D)	Portland	6/7	*	*	*	*	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Connor, Gary (D)	Kennebunk	5/7	60%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	a	+	a
Cornell du Houx, Alex (D)	Brunswick	6/7	*	*	*	*	a	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cotta, H. David (R)	China	0/7	60%	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crafts, Dale (R)	Lisbon Falls	0/7	*	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cray, Dean (R)	Palmyra	2/7	60%	*	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Crockett, Jarrod (R)	Bethel	1/7	*	*	*	*	-	-	+	a	-	-	-
Crockett, Patsy (D)	Augusta	7/7	90%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Curtis, Philip (R)	Madison	1/7	40%	33%	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Cushing, Andre (R)	Hampden	2/7	*	*	*	*	a	a	+	-	a	a	+
Davis, Paul (R)	Sangerville	1/7	*	18%	25%	29%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Dill, Cynthia (D)	Cape Elizabeth	5/7	60%	*	*	*	a	+	+	+	+	a	+
Dostie, Stacy (D)	Sabbatus	5/7	*	*	*	*	+	a	-	+	+	+	+
Driscoll, Timothy (D)	Westbrook	6/7	100%	83%	*	*	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Duchesne, Robert (D)	Hudson	7/7	100%	92%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Eaton, Robert (D)	Sullivan	6/7	100%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Eberle, Jane (D)	South Portland	7/7	100%	92%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Edgecomb, Peter (R)	Caribou	2/7	70%	33%	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Eves, Mark (D)	North Berwick	6/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	a	+	+
Finch, Edward (D)	Fairfield	5/7	90%	83%	64%	*	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
Fitts, Stacey Allen (R)	Pittsfield	1/7	70%	25%	*	*	-	-	a	-	-	-	+
Flaherty, Sean (D)	Scarborough	5/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	-	+	a
Flemings, Elspeth (D)	Bar Harbor	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Fletcher, Kenneth (R)	Winslow	2/7	80%	33%	7%	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Flood, Patrick (R)	Winthrop	2/7	70%	50%	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Fossel, Leslie (R)	Alna	2/7	*	*	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Gifford, Jeffery (R)	Lincoln	0/7	30%	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gilbert, Paul (D)	Jay	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Giles, Jayne (R)	Belfast	2/7	70%	*	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Goode, Adam (D)	Bangor	6/7	*	*	*	*	a	+	+	+	+	+	+
Greeley, Christian (R)	Levant	2/7	70%	25%	0%	*	-	a	+	-	-	-	+
Hamper, James (R)	Oxford	1/7	70%	25%	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Hanley, Stephen (D)	Gardiner	4/7	90%	67%	*	*	-	+	+	+	a	+	a
Harlow, Charles (D)	Portland	7/7	90%	100%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Harvell, Lance (R)	Farmington	0/7	*	*	*	*	-	-	a	a	-	-	-
Haskell, Anne (D)	Portland	5/7	60%	*	*	*	+	a	+	+	a	+	+
Hayes, Teresea (D)	Buckfield	5/7	90%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	-	+	a
Hill, Dawn (D)	York	7/7	90%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hinck, Jon (D)	Portland	7/7	100%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hogan, George (D)	Old Orchard Bch	7/7	80%	83%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hunt, Robert (D)	Buxton	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Johnson, Peter (R)	Greenville	1/7	40%	*	*	*	a	-	a	-	-	-	+
Jones, Patricia (D)	Mount Vernon	7/7	100%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Joy, Henry (R)	Crystal	0/7	20%	17%	0%	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kaenrath, Bryan (D)	South Portland	7/7	70%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kent, Peter (D)	Woolwich	5/7	*	*	*	*	a	+	+	a	+	+	+
Knapp, Jane (R)	Gorham	2/7	*	*	*	*	a	-	+	+	-	-	-
Knight, L. Gary (R)	Livermore Falls	2/7	60%	*	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	+

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Kruger, Charles (D)	Thomaston	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lajoie, Michel (D)	Lewiston	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Langley, Brian (R)	Ellsworth	2/7	*	*	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Legg, Edward (D)	Kennebunk	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lewin, Sarah (R)	Eliot	1/7	70%	17%	0%	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Lovejoy, Stephen (D)	Portland	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
MacDonald, W. Bruce (D)	Boothbay	7/7	90%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Magnan, Veronica (D)	Stockton Spgs	6/7	*	*	*	*	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Martin, James (D)	Orono	6/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	a	+	+	+	+
Martin, John (D)	Eagle Lake	6/7	100%	73%	75%	83%	a	+	+	+	+	+	+
Mazurek, Edward (D)	Rockland	7/7	80%	75%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
McCabe, Jeff (D)	Skowhegan	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
McFadden, Howard (R)	Dennysville	1/7	30%	33%	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
McKane, Jonathan (R)	Newcastle	2/7	80%	42%	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
McLeod, Everett (R)	Lee	1/7	30%	25%	*	*	-	a	+	-	-	-	-
Miller, Elizabeth (D)	Somerville	7/7	100%	92%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Millett, H. Sawin (R)	Waterford	2/7	80%	33%	14%	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Morrison, Terry (D)	South Portland	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Nass, Joan (R)	Acton	1/7	70%	42%	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Nelson, Mary (D)	Falmouth	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Nutting, Robert (R)	Oakland	1/7	*	42%	7%	18%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
O'Brien, Andrew (D)	Lincolnville	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pendleton, Peggy (D)	Scarborough	6/7	80%	*	75%	33%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Peoples, Ann (D)	Westbrook	6/7	90%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Percy, Leila (D)	Phippsburg	7/7	90%	92%	100%	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Perry, Anne (D)	Calais	6/7	90%	75%	64%	*	+	a	+	+	+	+	+
Peterson, Matthew (D)	Rumford	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pieh, Wendy (D)	Bremen	7/7	90%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pilon, Donald (D)	Saco	6/7	90%	75%	*	*	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Pingree, Hannah (D)	North Haven	7/7	90%	92%	93%	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pinkham, Wright (R)	Lexington Twp	0/7	70%	33%	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Piotti, John (D)	Unity	7/7	100%	83%	79%	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Plummer, Gary (R)	Windham	1/7	80%	42%	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Pratt, Benjamin (D)	Eddington	2/7	60%	*	*	*	+	+	a	a	a	a	a
Prescott, Kerri (R)	Topsham	1/7	80%	*	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Priest, Charles (D)	Brunswick	7/7	100%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rankin, Helen (D)	Hiram	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Richardson, David (R)	Carmel	2/7	90%	42%	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Richardson, Wesley (R)	Warren	3/7	90%	33%	*	*	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Robinson, John (R)	Raymond	1/7	50%	25%	*	*	-	a	+	-	-	-	-
Rosen, Kimberley (R)	Bucksport	1/7	80%	50%	*	*	a	-	+	-	a	-	a
Rotundo, Margaret (D)	Lewiston	7/7	100%	100%	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Russell, Diane (D)	Portland	6/7	*	*	*	*	a	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sanborn, Linda (D)	Gorham	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sarty, Ralph (R)	Denmark	1/7	80%	*	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Saviello, Thomas (U)	Wilton	2/7	78%	58%	64%	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Schatz, James (D)	Blue Hill	3/7	100%	75%	*	*	-	+	+	-	-	-	+
Shaw, Michael (D)	Standish	5/7	*	*	*	*	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Sirois, Lawrence (D)	Turner	7/7	90%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Smith, Nancy (D)	Monmouth	6/7	80%	75%	93%	*	a	+	+	+	+	+	+
Stevens, Sara (D)	Bangor	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Strang Burgess, Meredith (R)	Cumberland	2/7	80%	*	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Stuckey, Peter (D)	Portland	6/7	*	*	*	*	a	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sutherland, Patricia (D)	Chapman	6/7	100%	*	*	*	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Sykes, Richard (R)	Harrison	1/7	80%	33%	0%	*	-	-	+	a	-	-	-
Tardy, Joshua (R)	Newport	2/7	70%	33%	7%	*	-	a	+	-	-	-	+
Theriault, Charles (D)	Madawaska	7/7	80%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Thibodeau, Michael (R)	Winterport	2/7	60%	*	*	*	a	-	+	-	-	-	+
Thomas, Douglas (R)	Ripley	0/7	50%	0%	*	*	-	-	-	-	a	-	-
Tilton, Dianne (R)	Harrington	2/7	*	*	*	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Treat, Sharon (D)	Hallowell	7/7	100%	*	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Trinward, Pamela (D)	Waterville	7/7	80%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tuttle, John (D)	Sanford	6/7	90%	83%	*	45%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Valentino, Linda (D)	Saco	7/7	90%	83%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Van Wie, David (D)	New Gloucester	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wagner, Joe (D)	Lyman	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wagner, Richard (D)	Lewiston	7/7	100%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Walsh Innes, Melissa (D)	Yarmouth	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Watson, Thomas (D)	Bath	6/7	80%	92%	86%	*	a	+	+	+	+	+	+
Weaver, Windol (R)	York	1/7	80%	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Webster, David (D)	Freeport	6/7	90%	92%	*	*	+	+	a	+	+	+	+
Welsh, Joan (D)	Rockport	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wheeler, Walter (D)	Kittery	7/7	90%	83%	79%	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Willette, Michael (D)	Presque Isle	4/7	*	*	*	*	a	-	+	+	-	+	+
Wright, Thomas (D)	Berwick	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

NAME / PARTY	COUNTY	2009	2007-2008	2005-2006	2003-2004	2001-2002	LD 330 Clean Rivers	LD 347 Business Council	LD 973 CFL Recycling	LD 1218 Seawall Construction	LD 1333 Fish Passage	LD 1370 LURC	LD 1485 Energy Efficiency
Alfond, Justin (D)	Cumberland	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bartlett, Philip (D)	Cumberland	7/7	83%	91%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bliss, Lawrence (D)	Cumberland	7/7	90%	83%	86%	82%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bowman, Peter (D)	York	7/7	83%	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Brannigan, Joseph (D)	Cumberland	7/7	67%	75%	79%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bryant, Bruce (D)	Oxford	7/7	83%	73%	75%	82%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Courtney, Jonathan (R)	York	4/7	67%	36%	0%	*	+	-	+	-	+	-	+
Craven, Margaret (D)	Androscoggin	7/7	80%	92%	86%	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Damon, Dennis (D)	Hancock	5/7	83%	80%	88%	*	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Davis, Gerald (R)	Cumberland	3/7	*	75%	71%	55%	+	-	+	-	+	-	a
Diamond, Bill (D)	Cumberland	7/7	83%	64%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Gerzofsky, Stan (D)	Cumberland	7/7	60%	92%	86%	91%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Goodall, Seth (D)	Sagadahoc	7/7	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Gooley, Walter (R)	Franklin	4/7	83%	*	*	18%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-
Hastings, David (R)	Oxford	4/7	67%	36%	*	*	-	-	+	+	+	-	+
Hobbins, Barry (D)	York	7/7	83%	73%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jackson, Troy (D)	Aroostook	7/7	70%	50%	57%	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Marraché, Lisa (D)	Kennebec	7/7	83%	75%	50%	36%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
McCormick, Earle (R)	Kennebec	5/7	83%	42%	21%	*	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Mills, Peter (R)	Somerset	5/7	100%	45%	79%	43%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Mitchell, Elizabeth (D)	Kennebec	7/7	100%	73%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Nass, Richard (R)	York	3/7	67%	36%	25%	45%	+	-	+	-	+	-	-
Nutting, John (D)	Androscoggin	6/7	83%	55%	*	*	a	+	+	+	+	+	+
Perry, Joseph (D)	Penobscot	7/7	83%	73%	43%	64%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Plowman, Debra (R)	Penobscot	4/7	83%	36%	*	*	+	-	+	+	+	-	-
Raye, Kevin (R)	Washington	4/7	83%	36%	*	*	+	-	+	-	+	-	+
Rector, Christopher (R)	Knox	4/7	80%	75%	71%	*	+	-	+	-	+	-	+
Rosen, Richard (R)	Hancock	4/7	67%	27%	21%	27%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-
Schneider, Elizabeth (D)	Penobscot	7/7	83%	73%	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sherman, Roger (R)	Aroostook	1/5	67%	25%	7%	9%	-	-	+	-	E	-	E
Simpson, Deborah (D)	Androscoggin	6/7	90%	75%	86%	91%	+	+	+	+	+	a	+
Smith, Douglas (R)	Piscataquis	4/7	50%	*	*	*	+	-	+	+	+	-	-
Sullivan, Nancy (D)	York	7/7	83%	82%	79%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Trahan, A. David (R)	Lincoln	5/7	*	42%	29%	27%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Weston, Carol (R)	Waldo	4/7	83%	27%	25%	18%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-

(See key below for explanation of symbols.)

2009 NOTEWORTHY ACTIONS

➔ There were many legislative newcomers that stood out in the 124th Legislature. On the Natural Resources Committee, **Reps. Joan Welsh** and **Melissa Walsh Innes** consistently advocated for stronger environmental protections, sponsoring an amendment to the river reclassification bill (LD 330) that would have substantially increased the degree of protection for Maine's waterways. Also on the Natural Resources Committee, **Rep. Jane Knapp** notably cosponsored a bill (LD 973) that creates a first-in-the-nation recycling system for compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) that will be paid for by the bulb manufacturers. On the Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry Committee, stand-out freshmen **Reps. Jeff McCabe, Andrew O'Brien**, and **Peter Kent** became environmental leaders for Maine's North Woods. In particular, **Rep. McCabe** worked tirelessly to defend the Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) from multiple attempts to weaken it. **Rep. Elsie Flemings** introduced and strongly advocated for a bill (LD 1422) that would have provided increased consumer information about the amount of coal used to generate electricity sold in Maine, the environmental and public health impacts of coal, and the dangers of oil extracted from Canadian tar sands.

➔ **Rep. Seth Berry** sponsored pioneering pesticides notification legislation (LD 1293) that was quite controversial at the outset of the session, but that, with amendments from **Rep. Andrew O'Brien**, emerged as model legislation for pesticides control across the



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country. In addition, Berry was the lead co-sponsor of the CFL recycling bill (LD 973).

➔ This session, **Rep. Jane Eberle** demonstrated her consistent commitment to Maine's environment by sponsoring the river reclassification bill (LD 330), working to build support for the comprehensive climate change planning bill (LD 1333), and serving as a member of three key environmental committees: Natural Resources, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Energy Future.

➔ When the full House considered a bill that would have eliminated LURC altogether (LD 1370), **Rep. John Martin** spoke powerfully on the floor in defense of the agency's integral role in protecting remote areas in Maine's North Woods.



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➔ In tough economic times, **Senators Bill Diamond** and **David Trahan**, **Rep. Pat Flood**, **Senate President Libby Mitchell** and **Speaker Hannah Pingree** rallied support for the Land for Maine's Future bond package (LD 913) within their own caucuses and helped the program receive approval for a \$7.5 million package to be considered by voters in November 2010.

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KEY TO SCORECARDS (found above and on pages 4 & 5)

- + Pro Environment Vote
- Anti Environment Vote
- a Absent
- E Excused from voting
- \* Not a legislator during session
- D Democrat
- R Republican
- U Unenrolled

Rating: The rating is the number of Pro Environment votes cast by each legislator out of the bills tracked.

Absences: Unexcused absences are counted as Anti Environment votes. Excused absences and vacancies are not figured into a legislator's rating.



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# LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP EVALUATION

## PARTY LEADERSHIP

### ■ Senate: Democratic Leadership

- **President Libby Mitchell**, D-Kennebec, Score: 7/7
- **Majority Leader Philip Bartlett**, D-Cumberland, Score: 7/7
- **Asst. Majority Leader Lisa Marraché**, D-Kennebec, Score: 7/7

**Average 2009 MLCV Score: 7/7**

Senators Mitchell, Bartlett and Marraché received a perfect 7/7 combined score showing their solid commitment to protecting Maine's environment. Mitchell cosponsored legislation to build a cleaner energy future for Maine (LD 1333) and to renew funding for the Land for Maine's Future program (LD 913). Bartlett deserves recognition for chairing the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Energy Future. He devoted great effort to drafting and building support for *An Act Regarding Maine's Energy Future* (LD 1485).

### ■ Senate: Republican Leadership

- **Minority Leader Kevin Raye**, R-Washington, Score: 4/7
- **Asst. Minority Leader Jon Courtney**, R-York, Score: 4/7

**Average 2009 MLCV Score: 4/7**

Senators Raye and Courtney received a respectable combined score of 4/7 as a leadership team. Each demonstrated a commitment to enacting new legislation to reduce exposure to toxic chemicals (LD 973), to build a clean energy future (LD 1485) and to protect Maine's rivers and fish (LDs 330 & 1333). On the other hand, they supported efforts to weaken environmental laws (LD 347) and supported attempts to erode conservation protections for Maine's North Woods (LD 1370) and coastal wildlife habitat (LD 1218). Raye provided leadership to gain bipartisan support for *An Act to Provide for the Safe Collection and Recycling of Mercury-containing Lighting* (LD 973). Courtney demonstrated courage when he was the only Republican senator to vote in opposition to a measure that would have prevented the Department of Environmental Protection from regulating agricultural composting operations (LD 351).

### ■ House of Representatives: Democratic Leadership

- **Speaker Hannah Pingree**, D-North Haven, Score: 7/7
- **Majority Leader John Piotti**, D-Unity, Score: 7/7
- **Majority Whip Seth Berry**, D-Bowdoinham, Score: 7/7

**Average 2009 MLCV Score: 7/7**

The perfect combined 7/7 score of Representatives Pingree, Piotti and Berry demonstrates the priority they place as a leadership team on policies to protect Maine's air, land and water, to reduce our exposure to dangerous chemicals and to build a clean energy future. Pingree and Berry each sponsored significant legislation to protect human health, promote energy efficiency and advance clean energy jobs (LDs 886, 973, 1293, & 1333).

### ■ House of Representatives: Republican Leadership

- **Minority Leader Joshua Tardy**, R-Newport, Score: 2/7
- **Asst. Minority Leader Phil Curtis**, R-Madison, Score: 1/7

**Average 2009 MLCV Score: 1.5/7**

Representatives Tardy and Curtis earned the lowest combined score among leadership. While their support for reducing our exposure to dangerous chemicals is commendable (LD 973), they led their caucus on numerous occasions to vote against policies to protect Maine's natural resources (LDs 330, 347, 1218, 1333 & 1370).



## COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

### ■ Natural Resources Committee:

- **Senator Seth Goodall**, D-Sagadahoc / *Senate Chair*
- **Representative Bob Duchesne**, D-Hudson / *House Chair*

Chairs Goodall and Duchesne provided effective leadership throughout the session. They led the Natural Resources Committee on several priority bills including ones to improve the water quality of Maine's rivers (LD 330), to reduce mercury pollution by creating a first-in-the nation recycling program for compact fluorescent light bulbs (LD 973), and to maintain the Department of Environmental Protection's regulatory oversight of agricultural composting operations (LD 351). As a freshman legislator, Goodall's leadership was especially noteworthy.

### ■ Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry Committee:

- **Senator John Nutting**, D-Androscoggin / *Senate Chair*
- **Representative Wendy Pieh**, D-Bremen / *House Chair*

The ACF Committee considered numerous bills on the use and notification of pesticide spraying. The committee also addressed several damaging bills that would have eroded the Land Use Regulation Commission's ability to protect Maine's North Woods. Chairs Nutting and Pieh worked well with different constituencies to develop a much-needed pesticide notification program (LD 1293). On the other hand, they supported bills that will make it more difficult for LURC to protect the North Woods and did not support lawmakers on the ACF Committee who were providing strong leadership to defeat those bills (LDs 516, 413, and 1047).

### ■ Joint Select Committee on Maine's Energy Future:

- **Senator Philip Bartlett**, D-Cumberland / *Senate Chair*
- **Representative John Martin**, D-Eagle Lake / *House Chair*

The Joint Select Committee on Maine's Energy Future was formed at the beginning of this session with the sole purpose of crafting comprehensive energy legislation for the state. Chairs Bartlett and Martin worked tirelessly to consolidate energy efficiency and weatherization programs throughout the state and to create a plan for Maine's energy independence (LD 1485).

### ■ State and Local Government Committee:

- **Senator Deborah Simpson**, D-Androscoggin / *Senate Chair*
- **Representative Stephen Beaudette**, D-Biddeford / *House Chair*

This session, the State and Local Government Committee considered two anti-environmental bills: one to annex a portion of Redington township to Carrabassett Valley to avoid LURC oversight (LD 741); and one to bog down the legislative process by creating a Science Advisory Board (LD 1102). Chairs Simpson and Beaudette worked diligently within the committee and on the floor of the House and Senate to defeat both of these measures.



# 2009 NOTEWORTHY ACTIONS

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➔ At different points throughout the session, **Senator Doug Smith** and **Reps. Jane Knapp** and **Jim Campbell** demonstrated their commitment to bipartisan support for environmental protection. Smith and Knapp advocated for



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passage of the river reclassification bill (LD 330). When Knapp was absent for the first full vote in the House on river reclassification, Campbell became the only Republican to vote for stronger protections for Maine's waterways.

➔ **Speaker Hannah Pingree**, **Rep. Bob Duchesne**, and stand-out freshman **Senator Seth Goodall** provided strong leadership to guide the comprehensive climate change planning bill (LD 1333) through the legislature. Although the final bill addressed a small portion of the original leg-



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islation, these leaders ensured that the legislature will address critical issues such as climate change planning in the 2010 session. Before the full vote, **Senator David Trahan** worked hard to earn the support of his caucus for the amended bill, resulting in a 34-0 vote in the Senate. From the first committee discussion to the final vote in the House, **Rep. John Martin** provided strong and consistent support for the bill.

➔ **Rep. Bob Duchesne** gave impassioned testimony at a public hearing in opposition to a bill (LD 347) that would have created a new panel, composed solely of the business community, to provide recommendations on reducing their own regulatory burden.

➔ **Senator Phil Bartlett** played a central role in shepherding through the major energy efficiency bill (LD 1485) passed this session. **Reps. Bruce MacDonald, Stacey Fitts, Jon Hinck, Ken Fletcher, David Van Wie, Sean Flaherty**, and **Michael Thibodeau** all helped craft a community energy bill (LD 1075).



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