



Maine Conservation Voters

2019

ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD

FOR MEMBERS OF THE
129TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

**PLUS A SPECIAL UPDATE:
Governor Mills Acts on Climate Change**





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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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WELCOME

Dear Friend of Maine's Environment,

We are so happy to share this environmental scorecard with you!

The first year of the 129th legislative session was momentous. Together with Governor Janet Mills, the Legislature made groundbreaking progress to tackle climate change and transition Maine to 100% clean energy by 2050.

The Legislature enacted three major climate and energy initiatives including increasing renewable energy to 100% by 2050, reducing carbon pollution by 80% by 2050, and expanding solar power for Maine people and businesses. The Governor's Climate Council will also address the impacts of climate change on marine resources and our communities.

This progress is a welcome change. Mainers are seeing the effects of climate change firsthand and want their leaders to take action.

Thousands of you from across the state urged your legislators to support climate action through phone calls, in person lobbying, events, and online petitions. Your actions made a difference!

Other major successes include banning polystyrene food containers and single use plastic bags, phasing out the dangerous chemicals PFAS and phthalates from food packaging, and cleaning up pollution in Maine rivers.

The many successes of this year's legislative session show the power of people coming together to elect forward-thinking leaders who will act to protect our health and environment, tackle climate change, and build new economic opportunities for our state.

We thank Governor Mills, House Speaker Sara Gideon, Senate President Troy Jackson, and legislators from both political parties who made action on climate change and clean energy a priority this year.

In celebration,



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

Maureen Drouin
Executive Director



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Burns Gray".

Jennifer Burns Gray
Board President



GOVERNOR MILLS CHAMPIONS

Climate Action, Clean Energy, and Maine's Environment

Governor Mills charted a bold new course for protecting Maine's environment after eight years of inaction under the previous Administration. This session she acted decisively, through legislation and executive order, to protect Maine's air, land, and water. Governor Mills stated that addressing climate change would be a major goal of her Administration, and she made good on her promise. Under her leadership, Maine:

- Joined the U.S. Climate Alliance, one of 22 states working to meet the pollution reduction goals set forth in the Paris Climate Accord.
- Ended a moratorium on wind power put in place by the former governor.
- Established a Climate Council to determine how to reduce emissions by at least 80% by 2050, transition to 100% clean energy by 2050, and make Maine communities climate resilient.
- Set the goal and signed legislation to increase the amount of renewable energy sold in Maine to 80% by 2030 and 100% by 2050.
- Directed the Public Utilities Commission to approve a contract with University of Maine's Aqua Ventus project for deep water offshore wind.
- Announced that Maine will not support oil and gas drilling off Maine's coast and will not participate in the Outer Continental Shelf Governors Coalition, which is promoting oil and gas development in the North Atlantic.
- Pledged to install 100,000 heat pumps in Maine homes by 2025.
- Signaled strong support for solar energy by signing legislation to restore net metering and

announcing that solar panels will be installed to provide electricity to the James G. Blaine House (the Governor's official residence) later this year.

- Created an Office of Policy Innovation and the Future with a directive to support the development of the state's economy and energy resources.
- Incentivized electric vehicles (EVs) and EV charging stations with \$5.1 million received as part of a settlement from Volkswagen, which Governor Mills secured when she was Attorney General.
- Included funding for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and land conservation in her bond package, which ultimately failed to receive the two-thirds vote required to pass the legislature.

In addition to action on climate change, Governor Mills acted to protect Maine waters and improve relations with Maine's indigenous people. Her Administration worked with Maine's tribes to increase water quality protections for sustenance fishing in waters identified as important to the tribes, and to increase water quality standards in more than 400 miles of rivers and streams.

She introduced legislation to restore oversight authority of the Department of Environmental Protection to the Board of Environmental Protection. This authority had been removed during the previous administration.

Governor Mills made forward-thinking appointments to lead her natural resource and energy agencies: Senior Policy Advisor Tom Abello; Public Utilities Commissioner Phil Bartlett; Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Commissioner Amanda Beal; Energy Office Director Dan Burgess; Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Commissioner Judy Camuso; Marine Resources Commissioner Patrick Keliher; Policy Innovation and the Future Director Hannah Pingree and Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Jerry Reid.

Governor Mills also signaled Maine's renewed commitment to regional and national collaboration on climate action and was chosen to Chair the Natural Resources Committee of the National Governors' Association, with jurisdiction over issues related to energy, natural resources, agriculture, and the environment.



2019 SENATE SCORECARD

- ✓ pro-environment vote
- ✗ anti-environment vote
- ▲ unexcused absence
- E excused absence
- * not in office

DISTRICT	2019 Score	Renewable Energy	Solar Power	Plastic Bag Ban	Sustenance Fishing	Polystyrene Ban	Land for Maine's Future
		LD 1494	LD 1711	LD 1532	LD 1775	LD 289	LD 1851
14 Bellows (D-KENNEBEC)	6/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17 Black (R-FRANKLIN)	5/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
25 Breen (D-CUMBERLAND)	6/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2 Carpenter (D-AROOSTOOK)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓
24 Carson (D-CUMBERLAND)	6/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
31 Chenette (D-YORK)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓
27 Chipman (D-CUMBERLAND)	6/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20 Claxton (D-ANDROSCOGGIN)	6/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16 Cyrway (R-KENNEBEC)	2/6	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
4 Davis (R-PISCATAQUIS)	5/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
32 Deschambault (D-YORK)	5/5	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓
26 Diamond (D-CUMBERLAND)	5/5	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓
5 Dill (D-PENOBSCOT)	6/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13 Dow (R-LINCOLN)	3/6	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
3 Farrin (R-SOMERSET)	3/6	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
34 Foley (R-YORK)	3/5	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	E
9 Gratwick (D-PENOBSCOT)	6/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10 Guerin (R-PENOBSCOT)	3/6	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
19 Hamper (R-OXFORD)	3/6	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
11 Herbig (D-WALDO)	6/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1 Jackson (D-AROOSTOOK)	5/5	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓
18 Keim (R-OXFORD)	4/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
35 Lawrence (D-YORK)	6/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
21 Libby (D-ANDROSCOGGIN)	6/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7 Luchini (D-HANCOCK)	6/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29 Millett (D-CUMBERLAND)	6/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12 Miramant (D-KNOX)	6/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6 Moore (R-WASHINGTON)	5/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
15 Pouliot (R-KENNEBEC)	3/5	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	E
8 Rosen (R-HANCOCK)	5/5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E
28 Sanborn, H. (D-CUMBERLAND)	6/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30 Sanborn, L. (D-CUMBERLAND)	6/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
22 Timberlake (R-ANDROSCOGGIN)	1/5	E	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
23 Vitelli (D-SAGADAHOC)	6/6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
33 Woodsome (R-YORK)	3/6	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗

2019 HOUSE SCORECARD

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82 Ackley (C-MONMOUTH)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
138 Alley (D-BEALS)	5/7	▲	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲
73 Andrews (R-PARIS)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
65 Arata (R-NEW GLOUCESTER)	3/7	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓
107 Austin (D-SKOWHEGAN)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67 Austin (R-GRAY)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
8 Babbidge (D-KENNEBUNK)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29 Babine (D-SCARBOROUGH)	6/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲
14 Bailey (D-SACO)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
93 Beebe-Center (D-ROCKLAND)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
55 Berry (D-BOWDOINHAM)	6/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲
63 Bickford (R-AUBURN)	2/7	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
22 Blier (R-BUXTON)	2/7	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
3 Blume (D-YORK)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
80 Bradstreet (R-VASSALBORO)	2/7	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
36 Brennan (D-PORTLAND)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
61 Brooks (D-LEWISTON)	3/4	▲	✓	E	E	E	✓	✓
24 Bryant (D-WINDHAM)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28 Caiazzo (D-SCARBOROUGH)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
130 Campbell (R-ORRINGTON)	2/7	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
127 Cardone (D-BANGOR)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30 Carney (D-CAPE ELIZABETH)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
68 Cebra (R-NAPLES)	1/7	▲	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	▲
60 Cloutier (D-LEWISTON)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
42 Collings (D-PORTLAND)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
47 Cooper (D-YARMOUTH)	6/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲
25 Corey (R-WINDHAM)	5/7	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓
100 Costain (R-PLYMOUTH)	2/7	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	▲
59 Craven (D-LEWISTON)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
43 Crockett (D-PORTLAND)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
98 Cuddy (D-WINTERPORT)	6/7	✓	✓	▲	✓	✓	✓	✓
111 Curtis (R-MADISON)	0/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	▲	✗
49 Daughtry (D-BRUNSWICK)	5/7	✓	✓	▲	✓	▲	✓	✓
9 Denk (D-KENNEBUNK)	5/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	▲
149 DeVeau (R-CARIBOU)	0/7	▲	▲	▲	✗	▲	✗	✗
90 Devin (D-NEWCASTLE)	1/1	E	E	E	E	E	E	✓
72 Dillingham (R-OXFORD)	2/7	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	▲	✗

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97 Dodge (D-BELFAST)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
115 Dolloff (R-RUMFORD)	0/7	✗	✗	⬆	✗	⬆	✗	✗
85 Doore (D-AUGUSTA)	6/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	⬆	✓
94 Doudera (D-CAMDEN)	5/7	✓	✓	⬆	✓	⬆	✓	✓
121 Drinkwater (R-MILFORD)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
122 Dunphy (D-OLD TOWN)	6/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	⬆	✓
91 Evangelos (I-FRIENDSHIP)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
37 Farnsworth (D-PORTLAND)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
136 Faulkingham (R-WINTER HARBOR)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
66 Fay (D-RAYMOND)	6/7	✓	⬆	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
86 Fecteau (R-AUGUSTA)	0/7	✗	✗	⬆	✗	⬆	✗	✗
11 Fecteau (D-BIDDEFORD)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12 Foley (D-BIDDEFORD)	6/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	⬆	✓
104 Foster (R-DEXTER)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
34 Gattine (D-WESTBROOK)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
48 Gideon (D-FREEPORT)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13 Gramlich (D-OLD ORCHARD BEACH)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
102 Griffin (R-LEVANT)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	⬆	✓	✗	✗
118 Grignon (R-ATHENS)	0/7	⬆	⬆	⬆	⬆	⬆	✗	⬆
132 Grohoski (D-ELLSWORTH)	6/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	⬆
101 Haggan (R-HAMPDEN)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
114 Hall (R-WILTON)	2/7	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
58 Handy (D-LEWISTON)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
142 Hanington (R-LINCOLN)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
87 Hanley (R-PITTSTON)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	⬆	✓	✗	✗
83 Harnett (D-GARDINER)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19 Harrington (R-SANFORD)	2/7	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
117 Head (R-BETHEL)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	⬆
53 Hepler (D-WOOLWICH)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
81 Hickman (D-WINTHROP)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
120 Higgins (I-DOVER-FOXCROFT)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7 Hobbs (D-WELLS)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
135 Hubbell (D-BAR HARBOR)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
131 Hutchins (R-PENOBSCOT)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
4 Hymanson (D-YORK)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10 Ingwersen (D-ARUNDEL)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
141 Javner (R-CHESTER)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
145 Johansen (R-MONTICELLO)	1/7	⬆	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗

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41 Jorgensen (D-PORTLAND)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76 Keschl (R-BELGRADE)	3/7	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓
32 Kessler (D-SOUTH PORTLAND)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
99 Kinney (R-KNOX)	2/7	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
125 Kornfield (D-BANGOR)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20 Kryzak (R-ACTON)	2/7	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
113 Landry (D-FARMINGTON)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
137 Lockman (R-BRADLEY)	0/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	▲	✗
129 Lyford (R-EDDINGTON)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
110 Madigan (D-WATERVILLE)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16 Marean (I-HOLLIS)	5/7	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	✓
151 Martin (D-EAGLE LAKE)	6/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲
150 Martin (D-SINCLAIR)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
57 Martin (R-GREENE)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	▲	✗
56 Mason (R-LISBON)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
18 Mastraccio (D-SANFORD)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
92 Matlack (D-ST. GEORGE)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88 Maxmin (D-NOBLEBORO)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
148 McCrea (D-FORT FAIRFIELD)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
51 McCreight (D-HARPSWELL)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
134 McDonald (D-STONINGTON)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27 McLean (D-GORHAM)	4/7	✓	▲	▲	✓	▲	✓	✓
62 Melaragno (D-AUBURN)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2 Meyer (D-ELIOT)	6/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲
71 Millett (R-WATERFORD)	2/7	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
38 Moonen (D-PORTLAND)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
33 Morales (D-SOUTH PORTLAND)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45 Moriarty (D-CUMBERLAND)	3/3	✓	✓	*	*	*	*	✓
75 Morris (R-TURNER)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
78 Nadeau (D-WINSLOW)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5 O'Connor (R-BERWICK)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
15 O'Neil (D-SACO)	6/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲
23 Ordway (R-STANDISH)	2/7	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
52 Paulhus (D-BATH)	5/7	✓	✓	✓	▲	✓	✓	▲
133 Pebworth (D-BLUE HILL)	5/7	✓	✓	▲	✓	▲	✓	✓
35 Peoples (D-WESTBROOK)	6/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲
77 Perkins (R-OAKLAND)	2/7	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
140 Perry (D-CALAIS)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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124 Perry (D-BANGOR)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
116 Pickett (R-DIXFIELD)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	▲	✗
44 Pierce (D-FALMOUTH)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
95 Pluecker (I-WARREN)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17 Prescott (R-WATERBORO)	2/7	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
31 Reckitt (D-SOUTH PORTLAND)	6/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲
103 Reed (R-CARMEL)	0/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
74 Riley (D-JAY)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
69 Riseman (U-HARRISON)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6 Roberts-Lovell (D-SOUTH BERWICK)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
108 Rudnicki (R-FAIRFIELD)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
1 Rykerson (D-KITTERY)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
21 Sampson (R-ALFRED)	2/7	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
126 Schneck (D-BANGOR)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
46 Sharpe (D-DURHAM)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
64 Sheats (D-AUBURN)	6/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲
112 Skolfield (R-WELD)	3/7	▲	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓
143 Stanley (D-MEDWAY)	6/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
119 Stearns (R-GUILFORD)	2/7	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
105 Stetkis (R-CANAAN)	0/7	✗	✗	▲	✗	▲	✗	✗
147 Stewart (R-PRESQUE ISLE)	2/7	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
89 Stover (D-BOOTHBAY)	4/7	▲	✓	▲	✓	▲	✓	✓
106 Strom (R-PITTSFIELD)	2/7	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
144 Swallow (R-HOULTON)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
39 Sylvester (D-PORTLAND)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40 Talbot Ross (D-PORTLAND)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
54 Tepler (D-TOPSHAM)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26 Terry (D-GORHAM)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
79 Theriault (R-CHINA)	0/7	▲	✗	✗	▲	✗	▲	▲
123 Tipping (D-ORONO)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
50 Tucker (D-BRUNSWICK)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
139 Tuell (R-EAST MACHIAS)	3/7	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
128 Verow (D-BREWER)	5/7	✓	✓	▲	✓	▲	✓	✓
70 Wadsworth (R-HIRAM)	0/7	✗	▲	✗	✗	▲	✗	✗
84 Warren (D-HALLOWELL)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
109 White (D-WATERVILLE)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
146 White (R-WASHBURN)	1/7	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
96 Zeigler (D-MONTVILLE)	7/7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

SCORECARD BILL DESCRIPTIONS

New Era of Clean Energy Ushered Into Maine

LD 1494: An Act to Reform Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard

Sponsored by Sen. Eloise Vitelli

Climate change threatens our health, our environment, and our economy. Transitioning to a clean energy economy will reduce carbon pollution, mitigate the impacts of climate change, create well-paying jobs, and help make Maine energy independent. Modernizing Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) is key to this transition. Under prior law, the RPS required that 40% of Maine's electricity be derived from renewable resources: 30% from existing renewable resources and 10% from new ones. LD 1494 increases the percentage of new renewables to 50% by 2030, with an overall RPS of 80%. The total RPS goal increases to 100% by 2050, which Maine will achieve with new, grid scale solar and wind power, supplemented by hydropower, biomass and tidal power. The new law requires that the Public Utilities Commission procure long term contracts for this clean energy mix through a competitive bidding process.



YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE		Yes	No	Absent	Excused
House Roll call #293	June 18, 2019	93	48	9	1
Senate Roll call #317	June 18, 2019	34	0	0	1

Solar Power Access Expanded

LD 1711: An Act to Promote Solar Energy Projects and Distributed Generation Resources in Maine

Sponsored by Sen. Dana Dow

Using solar energy makes our air cleaner, stabilizes our climate, fosters energy independence, and strengthens our economy. After years of failed attempts to enact solar policy, Maine finally passed legislation to boost solar energy utilization for Maine schools, municipalities, and residents. LD 1711 calls for at least 375 megawatts of new, distributed generation in Maine, which will primarily come from small solar projects. The bill also removes the cap on community solar farms, requires community projects to serve low and moderate-income customers, and encourages use of closed landfills and brownfields for solar projects.



YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE		Yes	No	Absent	Excused
House Roll call #282	June 17, 2019	93	52	5	1
Senate Roll call #312	June 17, 2019	32	2	0	1

BILL DESCRIPTIONS (continued)

Climate Action Advanced

LD 1679: An Act to Promote Clean Energy Jobs and to Establish the Maine Climate Council

Governor's bill sponsored by Sen. David Woodsome

Governor Mills introduced bold legislation to address the threat climate change poses to Maine's economy, environment, and to the health of Mainers. LD 1679 establishes the Maine Climate Council, charged with reducing Maine's greenhouse gas emissions by 45% below 1990 levels by 2030 and at least 80% by 2050. The Council will develop action plans to meet these goals and ensure economic benefits for Maine people. The bill also supports the climate resiliency and adaptation of Maine's communities. The 39-member Council will be comprised of a broad spectrum of government officials, scientists, and representatives from public health, working lands, marine industries, and other sectors impacted by climate change.



YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE		Yes	No	Absent	Excused
House Roll call #209	June 7, 2019	107	29	12	2

Plastic Pollution Reduced

LD 1532: An Act to Eliminate Single-use Plastic Carry-out Bags

Sponsored by Rep. Holly Stover

Single-use plastic shopping bags litter our lands and pollute our waters, clog storm drains, and damage recycling equipment. Scientists warn that by 2050, there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish and these plastic bags threaten the health of marine mammals, fish, and birds. Globally, stores distribute about one million plastic shopping bags per minute, while consumers recycle only one percent of these. With the enactment of LD 1532, Maine joins a handful of states leading the way in reducing plastic pollution with a ban on single-use plastic bags at the point of sale. This bill will go into effect on Earth Day 2020.



YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE		Yes	No	Absent	Excused
House Roll call #157	May 30, 2019	91	52	5	2
Senate Roll call #217	June 6, 2019	24	9	0	2

BILL DESCRIPTIONS (continued)

Styrofoam Food Containers Banned

LD 289: An Act to Prohibit the Use of Certain Disposable Food Service Containers

Sponsored by Rep. Stanley Paige Zeigler

With the passage of LD 289, Maine became the first state in the country to ban single-use food and drink containers made from polystyrene foam (commonly known by the trade name Styrofoam). These containers are a major source of plastic pollution. Because they are lightweight and non-recyclable, Styrofoam containers are often blown by the wind and end up polluting our lands and waters. They break down into microplastics, which pose a threat to fish and wildlife. More environmentally sound packaging will replace Styrofoam in Maine when the new law takes effect in January of 2021.



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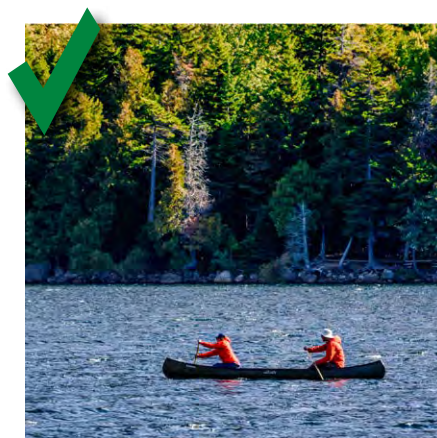
YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE		Yes	No	Absent	Excused
House Roll call #37	April 4, 2019	87	51	11	1
Senate Roll call #57	April 25, 2019	23	10	0	2

Sustenance Fishing Rights Expanded

LD 1775: An Act to Protect Sustenance Fishing

Governor's bill sponsored by Speaker Sara Gideon

LD 1775 creates a new designation of "sustenance fishing" under Maine's water quality classification system. With this designation, the state will upgrade water quality criteria in waterbodies delineated in statute as providing important sources of fish for Maine's tribes. The new legal designation will enable safe consumption of up to 50 ounces per person per week of fish taken from the designated waterbodies, a significant improvement over the current 8 ounces per week standard. This law was the product of an agreement between the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, and the Environmental Protection Agency. The Department of Environmental Protection will adopt the new water quality criteria by March of 2020.



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YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE		Yes	No	Absent	Excused
House Roll call #208	June 7, 2019	132	4	12	2
Senate Roll call #252	June 10, 2019	35	0		

BILL DESCRIPTIONS (continued)

Land for Maine's Future Bond Defeated

LD 1851: An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Land Conservation, Water Access, Outdoor Recreation, Wildlife and Fish Habitats and Farmland and Working Waterfront Preservation

Governor's bill sponsored by Sen. Cathy Breen

Governor Mills introduced a \$20 million bond bill to fund the popular Land for Maine's Future (LMF) program, which is out of money. LMF protects high value recreational and conservation lands, and preserves valuable farmlands and working waterfronts. Since 1987, the program has protected more than 1,200 miles of shoreline and public access, 9,700 acres of farm land and 570,000 acres of conservation and recreation lands. For a bond to make it to the voters, it must pass the legislature by a two-thirds vote. The bond bill failed to meet that threshold in both chambers.



YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE

		Yes	No	Absent	Excused
House Roll call #329	August 26, 2019	86	47	18	0
Senate Roll call #370	August 26, 2019	21	11	0	3



BEYOND THE ROLL CALLS

Legislative scores tell only a part of the story. Here we report legislators' actions that more completely tell the story behind the bills MCV scored in 2019. Overall, this legislative session was transformative in tackling the climate crisis and strengthening environmental protection. This session stood in stark contrast to the lack of action during the previous Administration.

Clean Energy and Climate Change

LD 1494 / RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD

Last year, the Legislature's Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee (EUT) asked stakeholders to work on improving Maine's outdated Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) and to return with proposed legislation. Representatives of environmental organizations and from solar, wind, hydropower, and biomass industries met for nine months, reaching agreement on components of this bill. In the meantime, the November election ushered in a majority of new members to the Legislative EUT Committee. Bill sponsor and champion **Sen. Vitelli** participated in multiple negotiating sessions with other members of the Committee, which ultimately voted 11-1 to approve an amended version of the bill. After **Sen. Vitelli** spoke on the floor in support, the Senate voted UNANIMOUSLY to pass it.

Committee chairs **Sen. Lawrence** and **Rep. Berry** provided strong leadership. Republican **Sens. Black, Foley, Pouliot,** and **Woodsome** urged their caucus to support the bill, while **Sen. Breen** testified in support of the bill during the public hearing. The story was vastly different in the House, where only one Republican member, **Rep. Corey**, courageously voted to pass the bill. **Rep. Foster**, who voted in support of the bill in Committee, changed his position and spoke in opposition on the House floor.

Playing critical roles behind the scenes to secure passage were Dan Burgess, Director of the Governor's Energy Office; Hannah Pingree, Director of the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future; Eric Feigenbaum, Senior Advisor in the Speaker's Office; Tom Abello, Senior Policy Advisor for Governor Mills; and Isabel Mullin, Chief of Staff for the Senate Majority Office.

LD 1711 / SOLAR

Following years of frustrated efforts to overcome gubernatorial vetoes in past sessions, members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology (EUT) Committee diligently worked to create a strong solar bill. In Committee, **Sens. Lawrence, Woodsome** and **Miramant**, and **Reps. Berry, Caiazzo, Doudera, Grohoski, Kessler, Riley,** and **Rykerson** all voted for the bill, while **Reps. Foster** and **Hanley** voted against it. The bill proceeded to receive overwhelming support in the Senate, with only two members, **Sens. Cyrway** and **Timberlake**, voting in opposition. In the House, both **Reps. Foster** and **Hanley** spoke against the bill, while **Reps. Berry** and **Kessler** spoke in favor. On the House floor, **Rep. Foster** offered an undermining amendment to the bill, which failed after **Reps. Berry, Caiazzo,** and **Doudera** spoke in opposition. In stark contrast to the Senate, where the bill received very strong bi-partisan support, only three Republican House members voted in favor of the



Sen. Eloise Vitelli



Sen. David Woodsome



Sen. Russell Black



Rep. Patrick Corey



Speaker Sara Gideon



Sen. Dana Dow

bill: **Reps. Corey, Kinney, and Tuell**. Throughout the process, the bill's sponsor, **Sen. Dow**, as well as EUT Committee chairs **Lawrence** and **Berry**, provided excellent leadership. **House Speaker Gideon**, sponsor of the 2016 solar bill, also offered testimony in support of the bill.

LD 1679 / CLIMATE COUNCIL

Environment and Natural Resources Committee chairs, **Sen. Carson** and **Rep. Tucker**, worked closely with **Sen. Foley** to build consensus in the Committee in support of the Governor's Climate Council bill. The entire Committee worked to improve the bill and voted unanimously in favor. Several legislators submitted bills that were subsumed by this broad legislation and were satisfied with the result: **Rep. Blume** sponsored bills to promote climate resiliency, address coastal risks and hazards, and create a marine commission on climate change; **Sen. Dill** introduced legislation to update Maine's Climate Action Plan; and **Sen. Linda Sanborn** and **Rep. Tucker** each sponsored bills to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

From the Mills' administration, Hannah Pingree, Director of the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future; Jerry Reid, DEP Commissioner; Melanie Loyszam, DEP Deputy Commissioner; and Tom Abello, Senior Policy Advisor, were the architects of the consolidated legislation and helped build broad support for it. While the Senate unanimously passed the bill, 29 Republican House members (over half of that party's caucus of 56) voted against it.

***Of special note:** One disheartening feature of the session was the stark contrast between Senate and House Republicans and their leadership on the major clean energy and climate change bills. Senate Republicans voted overwhelmingly in support of these bills while very few House Republicans did so. Based on polling undertaken by Maine Conservation Voters, 70% of Mainers want to transition to 100% clean energy by 2050 and want action on climate change. Thus, Senate Republicans are much more in tune with Mainers than their House counterparts.*

Waste Reduction

LD 1532 / PLASTIC BAGS

Prior to this legislative session, more than twenty Maine cities and towns had enacted ordinances banning or placing a fee on single-use plastic shopping bags. Because complying with many different local ordinances proved difficult, the Maine Retailers and Maine Grocers Associations collaborated with advocates and legislators to craft a statewide standard. In previous sessions, legislation to ban these bags had failed in part because of the opposition of retailers and grocers.

During this session, **Reps. McCrea, Grohoski, and Stover** all introduced bills on this subject and worked together to create one piece of legislation. The consolidated bill was voted along party lines in the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, with Republicans backing an amendment to allow towns to opt out of the ban. After extensive debate, the House vote was along strict party lines. On the floor, Democratic **Reps. Gramlich, Grohoski, Hobbs, Hymanson, McCrea, Morales, Sheats, Stover, Tepler, and Tucker** all spoke in favor of the bill. Republican **Reps. Campbell, Johansen, Keschl, O'Connor, Skolfield, and Stewart** all spoke in



Rep. Lydia Blume



Rep. Ralph Tucker



Sen. Linda Sanborn



Rep. Nicole Grohoski



Rep. David McCrea



Rep. Holly Stover

opposition to the bill or in support of the Republican amendment to allow an opt-out. In the Senate, the bill received the support of all of the Democrats as well as five Republicans: **Sens. Black, Davis, Keim, Moore, and Rosen**. On the Maine Event TV program that she co-hosts with former senator Roger Katz, **Sen. Herbig** featured the plastic bag issue.

LD 289 / STYROFOAM

Reps. Carney and **Zeigler** introduced similar legislation to ban polystyrene containers, while **Rep. Zeigler's** bill became the legislative vehicle. **Reps. Carney** and **Grohoski** testified in favor of the bill before the Legislature's Environment and Natural Resources Committee. As with the plastic bag bill, this legislation was voted along straight party lines in Committee as well as in the House. **Rep. Doudera** spoke in favor of the bill on the House floor. In the Senate, it received the support of all the Democrats and four Republicans: **Sens. Black, Davis, Moore, and Rosen**.



Rep. Anne Carney



Rep. Stanley Zeigler

Water Quality Protection

LD 1775 / SUSTENANCE FISHING RIGHTS

After many years of strained relations between Maine's Wabanaki people and the State over water quality issues and sustenance fishing rights, Governor Mills and DEP Commissioner Reid took steps to improve relationships and build trust. LD 1775 is one important result. This legislation addresses sustenance fishing rights for Maine's tribes and was designed to settle a long-standing lawsuit pending in federal court. MCV commends the Mills Administration and representatives from Maine's tribes for bringing forward this legislation and **Speaker Gideon** for sponsoring it. The Legislature's Environment and Natural Resources Committee endorsed the bill unanimously. **Rep. Gramlich** testified in support of the bill. Four House Republicans were the sole opponents of the bill: **Reps. Curtis, Lockman, Reed, and Theriault**. The Senate unanimously approved the bill.



Spkr. Sara Gideon



Rep. Lori Gramlich

Land Conservation

LD 1851/LAND FOR MAINE'S FUTURE

Sen. Breen and **Reps. Corey** and **Keschl** were members of a nine month long, 20-member 'Land Conservation Task Force', which held public listening sessions in Bangor and Portland and developed a set of recommendations based on public input. One of the recommendations was to revive funding for land conservation with a \$75 million Land for Maine's Future Bond over the next five years. The Governor's more modest LMF bond—\$20 million for 2 years—was supported by Democrats and Independents but did not gain the support of any Senate Republicans and was supported by only four House Republicans: **Reps. Arata, Corey, Keschl, and Skolfield**. **Sen. Breen** and **Reps. Corey** and **Marean** worked to build the needed support for the bond weeks before the vote. **Sens. Breen** and **Carson** spoke in favor of the bond on the Senate floor. **Reps. Ackley** and **Corey** advocated for its passage on the House floor while **Reps. Dillingham** and **Stetkis** urged their colleagues to vote against the bond.



Sen. Cathy Breen



Rep. Patrick Corey

FOCUS ON CLEAN ENERGY

The 2019 session will go down in history as the most transformative for clean energy and climate action, with more than 80 bills introduced to provide climate solutions and build a clean energy economy for Maine. The Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee is commended for carefully deliberating over many of these bills and working to improve them.

Here are some legislative highlights concerning important bills that were not scored. This list is by no means exhaustive.

Anti-Solar Policy Repealed

LD 91, a bill to eliminate an unfair fee on solar power users, was the first clean energy win of the session. The bill, sponsored by **Rep. Berry**, abolished the Public Utilities Commission rule that placed a fee on solar produced by people to power their homes. The bill also restored net metering, the current reimbursement mechanism for excess solar energy sold to the grid. In the House, all the Democrats and Independents voted in support of the bill along with four House Republicans: **Reps. Cebra, Corey, Kinney, and Tuell**. The bill passed without debate in the Senate.



Rep. Seth Berry

Clean Energy Workforce Training Established

Rep. Maxmin introduced a bill to establish a Green New Deal for Maine. LD 1282 strengthened connections between clean energy development and workforce training by requiring a percentage of construction workers on grid scale energy projects be apprentices. It also requires that new public schools be solar-ready and employ energy conservation measures. The bill was voted along straight party lines in both chambers with Independents splitting their votes. **Rep. Maxmin** was rudely interrupted and challenged several times during her floor speech by **Reps. Hanley, Stetkis, and DeVeu**.



Rep. Chloe Maxmin

Electric Vehicles Boosted

Two pieces of legislation will accelerate Maine's transition to electric vehicles and reduce transportation emissions:

- Maine will now provide rebates for electric vehicles (EVs) with the passage of LD 614, sponsored by **Rep. Ingwersen**. The bill supports \$5.1 million in funding for EVs and EV charging stations paid for by a settlement from Volkswagen in litigation brought by **Governor Mills** when she was Maine's Attorney General.
- The PUC was directed to conduct a transportation electrification pilot program, the result of LD 1464, sponsored by **Rep. Riley**.



Rep. Henry Ingwersen

CHAMPIONS OF THE ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE



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Rep. Christopher
Caiazzo



Rep. Victoria
Doudera



Rep. Nicole
Grohoski



Rep. Christopher
Kessler



Sen. David
Miramant



Rep. Christina
Riley



Rep. Deane
Rykerson



Sen. David
Woodsome

Ambitious Efficient Heating Goal Set

LD 1766 advances electrification in another fossil fuel reliant sector, home heating. This **Governor's** bill, sponsored by **Sen. Lawrence**, sets a goal of installing 100,000 heat pumps in Maine by 2025. Heat pumps are a form of highly efficient electric heating that can displace fossil fuel, even at very low temperatures.



Sen. Mark Lawrence

Energy Storage Commission Created

Under LD 1614, sponsored by **Rep. Riley**, a newly formed commission will study technologies for energy storage to maximize the use of solar and wind power.



Rep. Christina Riley

Offshore Wind Project Revived

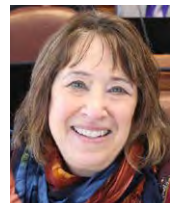
The PUC was directed to approve an offshore wind contract with the University of Maine's Aqua Ventus program with a **Governor's** bill, sponsored by **Sen. Woodsome** (LD 994). This project will deploy innovative, floating turbines developed in partnership with the University of Maine. Initially approved in 2013, the project was abandoned under pressure from former Gov. LePage. The EUT Committee voted 11-1 to approve the bill contract, with only **Rep. Hanley** in opposition. In the House, all the Democrats, except **Reps. Alley** and **McDonald**, voted for the bill. All the Republicans and Independents voted against it. The bill passed "under the hammer" in the Senate, meaning there was no debate or roll call.



Sen. David Woodsome

Energy Efficiency Planning Enhanced

Rep. Cooper introduced legislation (LD 1757) that will clarify and enhance the process and standards for triennial plans by Efficiency Maine. This program will help Maine home owners and businesses maximize their use of energy efficient technologies. LD 1757 will add predictability, consistency, and administrative efficiency to this process.



Rep. Janice Cooper



FOCUS ON CLEAN ENERGY (CONTINUED)

All of the action wasn't just confined to the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. Leadership in other committees led to the following wins for clean and efficient energy.

Tax Equity for Renewable Energy Achieved

Solar, wind, and combined heat and power biomass facilities are now exempt from property and real estate taxes if installed for noncommercial use, with a bill sponsored by **Rep. Tipping**, House Chair of the Taxation Committee (LD 1430). His leadership in the Committee led to the bill's passage. This statewide policy replaces a patchwork of tax laws and enhances predictability and consistency for renewable energy development.



Rep. Ryan Tipping

Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Strengthened

The Criminal Justice and Safety Committee, under leadership from chairs **Sen. Deschambault** and **Rep. Warren**, significantly enhanced Maine's Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) through several pieces of legislation:

- Under LD 855, sponsored by **Rep. Caiazzo**, the Dept. of Public Safety will hire a person to train code enforcement officers and third party inspectors about MUBEC. The position will be paid for by a \$5 fee on municipal permits for new construction or substantial renovations subject to the code.
- Under LD 1509, sponsored by **Rep. Rykerson**, MUBEC is now applicable statewide and must be updated to be consistent with the latest International Energy Conservation Code. The law, however, still does not require municipalities under 4,000 people to enforce the code.
- Under LD 1543, sponsored by **Sen. Chipman**, municipalities may adopt requirements that exceed those of MUBEC.



Rep. Charlotte Warren



Rep. Deane Rykerson

FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES



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Rep. Lori
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Rep. Chris
Johansen



Rep. Peter
Lyford



Rep. Thomas
Skolfield



Rep. Stanley
Paige Zeigler

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee considered many bills this session to strengthen environmental protections, in addition to the bills used to calculate scores.

Toxic Food Packaging Phased Out

Rep. Fay sponsored legislation, LD 1433, to ban food packaging that contains the toxic chemicals perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl, (or PFAS), and phthalates by January 1, 2022. Exposure to these toxic chemicals increases the risk of some cancers and birth defects and harms brain development in children, and will be banned if safer alternatives are available. The goal of these restrictions is to reduce human exposure and environmental contamination.

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee voted 9-2 to approve the bill, with **Reps. Campbell** and **Lyford** voting against it. On the floor of the House, **Reps. Fay, Sheats,** and **Ingwersen** spoke in favor of the bill while **Rep. Campbell** spoke in opposition. The House vote in favor of the bill was 96-54. All of the Democrats and Independents voted in favor, joined by nine Republicans: **Reps. Corey, Fecteau, Harrington, Hutchins, Kryzak, O'Connor, Skolfield, Stearns,** and **Swallow.** The Senate enacted the bill with no debate or roll call. **Sen. Foley** was key to the bill's success in Committee and in the Senate.



Rep. Jessica Fay



Sen. Robert Foley

Coal Tar Sealant Banned

Rep. Daughtry succeeded, after many years of trying, in banning coal tar sealants (LD 906). Coal tar sealants are primarily used to coat parking lots and driveways. These sealants contain polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) which are known to be carcinogenic and pose a danger to human and aquatic health. The Environment and Natural Resources Committee voted along party lines, and the House voted 90-51 to enact the ban. Thank you to **Rep. Hutchins**, the only House Republican to vote in favor of the ban. The Senate rejected the bill on the initial vote, but then voted to enact it by a vote of 19-15. That vote, too, was mostly along party lines, with Democratic **Sens. Diamond** and **Herbig** voting against the ban and **Sen. Moore** the sole Republican voting for it. The law bans the sale of coal tar sealants on October 1, 2023 and prohibits the application of such sealants beginning October 1, 2024.



Rep. Mattie Daughtry



Sen. Marianne Moore

Offshore Drilling Prohibited

Maine prohibited offshore drilling off our coast with LD 955, sponsored by **Rep. Devin.** The bill was voted along mostly party lines in the Environment and Natural Resources Committee with the exception of **Sen. Foley**, who voted with the Democrats on the Committee to support the ban. Bravo to all House Democrats, Independents, and the following seven Republicans who voted for the ban: **Corey, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Keschl, Stearns, Tuell,** and **Wadsworth.** In the Senate, the vote was 31-4 to enact the bill, with **Sens. Farrin, Hamper, Pouliot,** and **Timberlake** voting against the prohibition.



Rep. Will Tuell

Lakes Protected

Reps. Fay and **Keschl** introduced similar bills to protect lakes by requiring inspections of septic systems prior to the sale of a property in the freshwater shoreland zone. **Rep. Fay's** bill, LD 216, became the vehicle for this legislation. The committee voted 10-2 to approve the bill, with **Reps. Johansen** and **Lyford** opposed. Despite leadership from **Reps. Campbell** and **Keschl**, only nine House Republicans voted with all the Democrats and Independents on a 97-45 vote in favor of the bill. They were **Reps. Bickford, Campbell, Cebra, Corey, Keschl, Millett, Ordway, Perkins,** and **Skolfield**. The bill passed under the hammer in the Senate.

Under LD 959, sponsored by **Rep. Keschl**, lake protection received an additional \$75,000 a year to support the LakeSmart program for education and for the Lake Stewards of Maine to conduct lake monitoring work. **Rep. Lyford** was a champion for the bill which assured unanimous Committee support. The bill passed the full Legislature with no roll calls.



Rep. Dennis Keschl



Rep. Richard Campbell

Water Quality Upgraded

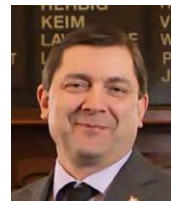
LD 1743, a **Governor's** bill sponsored by **Rep. Zeigler**, will upgrade water quality classifications for sections of the Penobscot River and other rivers, streams, and lakes. This bill complements LD 1775, which protects sustenance fishing rights in designated Maine waters. With this legislation, the Mills' Administration is further signaling its commitment to improving relations with Maine's Wabanaki people.



Rep. Stanley Zeigler

Aerial Spraying Ban Studied

While the legislature accomplished great things this session, an important bill remains unresolved. **Senate President Jackson** introduced legislation to ban aerial spraying of herbicide in forests (LD 1691). The Legislature enacted an amended version of the bill, supported by a majority of the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee, requiring the Board of Pesticide Control to monitor forest aerial spraying and report back to the ACF Committee in 2020.



Senate President Jackson

Democracy Expanded

When more people participate in the democratic process, the environment almost always benefits. LD 1463, sponsored by **Speaker Gideon**, establishes automatic voter registration in Maine. Under this legislation, eligible citizens who visit the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to get a driver's license or ID card will be automatically registered to vote, unless they opt out. Voter information will also be automatically updated, making the system more efficient and secure. In addition to the Speaker, Legal and Veteran's Affairs chairs **Sen. Luchini** and **Rep. Schneck, Rep. Cloutier**, and Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap provided leadership. The Committee vote, as well as votes in both chambers, were along strict party lines, with Democrats voting for and Republicans voting against the bill.



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