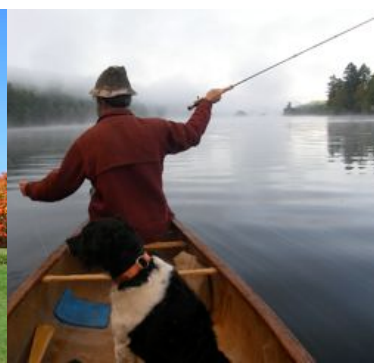




2009-2010 LEGISLATIVE BIENNIUM

# VERMONT environmental scorecard





## KNOW THE SCORE

**T**he Vermont League of Conservation Voters is a nonpartisan political organization working to turn your environmental values into state priorities. We seek to make environmental protection a top priority for elected officials, candidates, and voters.

### HOW THE VOTES WERE SELECTED

**T**his scorecard is based on the legislative priorities of the environmental and conservation organizations that form the Vermont Environmental Collaborative as well as other environmental issues. Determining factors in the decision to list particular votes include whether the vote was substantive or procedural in nature, and which vote had the greatest effect on the outcome of the legislation.

Please note the limitations of this report. Only roll call votes have been included, as voice votes are not recorded by name. A simple numeric score beside a legislator's name cannot convey the depth of discussions about the issues, nor can it clearly indicate which legislators worked to protect the environment and which legislators worked to undermine environmental protections. This is particularly true when it comes to work done in the committee room.

### HOW THE VOTES WERE SCORED

**T**he scores were calculated by dividing the number of pro-environmental votes made by the number of votes the legislator had the opportunity to cast. Absences were counted as a negative vote. Votes during which the Speaker of the House or the President Pro-Tem of the Senate presided over their bodies, were not counted either way.

### HOW TO USE THIS SCORECARD

**VT**LCV has prepared this legislative scorecard to highlight legislators' voting records on environmental issues. If your senators and representatives have supported the environment through their votes in the State House, thank them. If they haven't, ask them why not and share your views on environmental issues with them. Vermont's citizen legislature works best when voters hold their legislators accountable. **And be sure to check to see if the candidates in your area have been endorsed.**



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Each year, Vermont League of Conservation Voters, working closely with our environmental community partners, leads the effort to bring together the Vermont Environmental Collaborative (VEC) to select the Legislative Common Agenda, which represents the VEC's priorities for the upcoming legislative session. With our electoral expertise and deep knowledge of Montpelier politics, we are able to provide strategic input that helps ensure success for our Common Agenda. By providing legislators with a clear roadmap for success, we made significant advancements in environmental protection during the 2009-2010 legislative sessions. In 2009 and 2010 we worked to pass several of our Common Agenda priorities.

### 2009 PLATFORM PRIORITIES

- \* Building Vermont's Clean Energy Future & Retire Vermont Yankee in 2012 as scheduled
- \* Protecting Vermont's Working Landscapes and Natural Areas
- \* Supporting Downtown and Village Center Development
- \* Transportation Solutions for the 21st Century

### 2010 PLATFORM PRIORITIES

- \* Vermont's Clean Energy Future & Retire Vermont Yankee in 2012 as Scheduled
- \* Comply with Statutory Funding Allocation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB)
- \* Economic Development, Conservation, and Smart Growth

*To read the 2009 and 2010 Common Agenda in its entirety, please visit our website at, [www.vtlcv.org](http://www.vtlcv.org)*

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# HOUSE BILL DESCRIPTIONS



VT ENVIRONMENTAL COLLABORATIVE COMMON AGENDA PRIORITY

**H.436**

**Vermont Yankee  
Decommissioning  
Bill**

Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

This bill - if adopted into law - would have required Vermont Yankee's out of state corporate owners to guarantee payment of all costs required to safely dismantle the plant and clean up the site once it stops operating.

**Yeas: 95 Nays: 47 Absent: 7 ~ Bill vetoed by Governor Douglas**

**H.446**

**Developing  
Renewable  
Energy**



Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

Creates a simple, fair "standard offer" for Vermont farms, businesses, and municipalities that want to install renewable energy projects. Thanks to the financial certainty provided by this first in the nation program, Vermont will create hundreds of local green jobs as we begin construction of up to 50 megawatts of clean power.

**Yeas: 91 Nays: 49 Absent: 9**

**H.763**

**River Corridor  
Protection**

Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

Ensures that the state will help cities and towns adopt local river corridor protection regulations in order to keep our rivers and streams clean, stable, and insulated from flood damage. Among the most effective methods for protecting rivers and other waterways is the establishment and maintenance of vegetated buffers along shorelines

**Yeas: 92 Nays: 49 Absent: 8**

**H.485**

**Current Use**



Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

This bill amended the signature current use program, which protects Vermont's working landscapes from development and ensures our farms and forests continue to be an economic engine for our state. This year's changes make the program simpler to use, lower its costs, and helps ensure our forestry and farming legacies are strengthened.

**Yeas: 104 Nays: 34 Absent: 10 ~ Bill vetoed by Governor Douglas**

**S.64**

**Growth  
Centers**



Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

Improves the state designation process for locally planned "growth centers." In 2006, lawmakers passed the Growth Center law. That measure helps steer development toward land in and around our existing downtowns to protect their vibrancy and livability, and reduce pressure to develop Vermont's economically vital working landscapes.

**Yeas: 125 Nays: 1 Absent: 23**

# HOUSE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

**H.781**  
Ensuring Clean  
Energy in Vermont

Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

This bill is another step in the right direction in regards to ensuring more renewable energy resources are brought online in Vermont. H.781 fosters the expansion of renewable projects like farm methane and solar power as well as improving opportunities to net meter.

**Yeas: 129 Nays: 3 Absent: 17**

**S.247**  
BPA



Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

S.247 bans the manufacture, sale, and distribution of infant formula or baby food stored in a plastic container, jar, or can that contains Bisphenol A (BPA) and the manufacture, sale, and distribution of any reusable food or beverage container containing BPA.

**Yeas: 121 Nays: 1 Absent: 21 ~ Passed both the House and Senate ~ Signed by the Governor**

# VTLCV



Vermont League of Conservation Voters

## SCORECARD KEY

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Representative	Town	Party	2009/2010 Score %	Lifetime Score %	H.436 Decommissioning Bill	H.446 Renewable Energy Bill	H.763 River Corridor Protection	H.485 Current Use	S.64 Growth Centers	H.781 Ensuring Clean Energy in VT	S.247 Bisphenol A (BPA)
Acinapura, Joe	Brandon	R	43%	39%	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	A
Adams, Steven C.	Hartland	R	14%	24%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	A	A
Ainsworth, David M	Royalton	R	29%	24%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	A	✓
Ancel, Janet	Calais	D	86%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
Andrews, Margaret	Rutland City	D	86%	88%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aswad, William N.	Burlington	D	72%	80%	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓
Atkins, Kenneth W.	Winooski	D	86%	74%	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Baker, Joseph	West Rutland	R	29%	21%	✗	✗	A	✗	A	✓	✓
Bissonnette, Clement	Winooski	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bohi, Charles S.	Hartford	D	86%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Botzow, Bill	Pownal	D	100%	92%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Branagan, Carolyn Whitney	Georgia	R	43%	30%	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	A
Bray, Christopher A.	New Haven	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brennan, Patrick M.	Colchester	R	29%	18%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	A
Browning, Cynthia M.	Arlington	D	29%	64%	A	✗	✓	✗	A	✗	✓
Burke, Mollie	Brattleboro	P	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Canfield, William	Fair Haven	R	43%	42%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Cheney, Margaret	Norwich	D	86%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
Clark, Gregory S.	Vergennes	D	29%	26%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	A	✓
Clarkson, Alison H.	Woodstock	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Clerkin, John J.	Hartford	R	29%	35%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	A
Condon, Jim	Colchester	D	72%	58%	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
Conquest, Chip	Newbury	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Consejo, Michel	Sheldon	D	100%	90%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Copeland-Hanzas, Sarah	Bradford	D	100%	92%	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	✓

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Corcoran, Timothy R.	Bennington	D	100%	70%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Courcelle, Gale	Rutland City	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Crawford, Howard T.	St. Johnsbury	R	43%	23%	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	A	✓
Davis, Susan	W. Topsham	P	72%	81%	✓	✓	✗	A	✓	✓	✓
Deen, David L.	Putney	D	100%	88%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Devereux, Dennis J.	Belmont	R	0%	20%	✗	✗	✗	✗	A	A	A
Dickinson, Eileen "Lynn"	St. Albans Town	R	29%	29%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	A
Donaghy, Andrew P.	Poultney	R	58%	34%	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Donahue, Anne B.	Northfield	R	29%	53%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Donovan, Johannah Leddy	Burlington	D	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Edwards, Sarah R.	Brattleboro	P	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Emmons, Alice M.	Springfield	D	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Evans, Debbie	Essex Jct.	D	100%	85%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fagan, Peter	Rutland City	R	57%	57%	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fisher, Michael	Lincoln	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Frank, William R.	Underhill	D	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
French, Eldred	Shrewsbury	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
French, Patsy	Randolph	D	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Geier, Frank J.	So. Burlington	D	86%	86%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
Gilbert, Gary	Fairfax	R	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grad, Maxine Jo	Moretown	D	100%	68%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Greshin, Adam	Warren	I	86%	86%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Haas, Sandy	Rochester	P	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Head, Helen	So. Burlington	D	86%	92%	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Heath, Martha P.	Westford	D	86%	94%	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Helm, Robert	Fair Haven	R	43%	19%	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	A
Higley, Mark A.	Lowell	R	57%	57%	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hooper, Mary S.	Montpelier	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Howard, Adam	Cambridge	R	60%	60%	EX	EX	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Howard, Steven J.	Rutland City	D	100%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Howrigan, Richard J.	Fairfield	D	43%	34%	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	A	✓
Hubert, Ronald E.	Milton	R	29%	29%	✗	✗	✗	✗	A	✓	✓
Jerman, Tim	Essex Jct.	D	100%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jewett, Willem	Ripton	D	100%	94%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Johnson, Mitzi	So. Hero	D	86%	86%	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Johnson, William F.	Canaan	R	29%	22%	✗	✗	✗	✓	A	✗	✓
Keenan, Kathleen C.	St. Albans	D	86%	68%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kilmartin, Duncan F	Newport	R	43%	20%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Kitzmiller, Warren F.	Montpelier	D	100%	82%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Klein, Tony	E. Montpelier	D	100%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Koch, Thomas F.	Barre	R	43%	26%	A	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	A
Komline, Patti	Dorset	R	43%	39%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Krawczyk, Joseph L.	Bennington	R	72%	43%	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	A
Krebs, Bob	So. Hero	D	100%	100%	EX	EX	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lanpher, Diane	Vergennes	D	72%	72%	✓	✓	✓	A	A	✓	✓
Larocque, Leigh	St. Johnsbury	R	43%	22%	✗	✗	✗	A	✓	✓	✓
Larson, Mark	Burlington	D	86%	94%	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lawrence, Richard	Lyndonville	R	57%	33%	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lenes, Joan G.	Shelburne	D	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Leriche, Lucy	Hardwick	D	86%	87%	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lewis, Robert W	Derby	R	43%	46%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Lippert, William J.	Hinseburg	D	100%	81%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lorber, Jason P.	Burlington	D	86%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Macaig, Terence	Williston	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maier, Steven	Middlebury	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Malcolm, John W.	Pawlet	D	100%	90%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Manwaring, Ann	Wilmington	D	72%	76%	✓	✓	A	✓	✗	✓	✓
Marcotte, Michael J.	Newport	R	43%	26%	A	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Marek, Richard J.	Newfane	D	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Martin, Cynthia T.	Springfield	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Martin, Linda J.	Wolcott	D	100%	85%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Masland, Jim	Thetford Ctr.	D	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McAllister, Norman H.	Franklin	R	43%	23%	✗	✗	✗	✓	A	✓	✓
McCullough, Jim	Williston	D	86%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
McDonald, Patricia A.	Berlin	R	43%	31%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
McFaun, Francis M.	Barre	R	72%	56%	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McNeil, James L.	Rutland Town	R	43%	21%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Milkey, Virginia A	Brattleboro	D	72%	90%	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓
Miller, Alice	Shaftsbury	D	86%	88%	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Minter, Sue	Waterbury Ctr.	D	100%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mitchell, Mark B.	Barnard	D	86%	93%	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Mook, Anne H.	Bennington	D	100%	92%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Moran, John	Wardsboro	D	86%	88%	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Morley, John	Orleans	D	14%	19%	✗	✗	✗	✗	A	✓	A

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Morrissey, Mary A.	Bennington	R	43%	30%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Mrowicki, Michael	Putney	D	86%	93%	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	A
Myers, Linda K.	Essex Jct.	D	58%	34%	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Nease, Floyd W.	Johnson	D	100%	94%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nuovo, Betty A.	Middlebury	D	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
O'Brien, Anne Theresa	Richmond	D	86%	86%	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
O'Donnell, Pat	Vernon	R	14%	32%	✗	✗	✗	✗	A	A	✓
Obuchowski, Michael J.	Bellows Falls	D	100%	92%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Olsen, Oliver K.	Jamaica	R	60%	60%	EX	EX	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Orr, Scott A.	Charlotte	D	86%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Partridge, Carolyn W.	Windham	D	72%	84%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A
Pearce, Albert "Chuck"	Richford	R	58%	57%	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Peaslee, Janice L.	Guildhall	R	29%	16%	✗	✗	A	✗	✓	A	✓
Pellett, Kathy	Chester	D	72%	85%	✓	P	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
Peltz, Peter	Woodbury	D	72%	76%	✓	✓	✗	A	✓	✓	✓
Perley, Peter E.	Enosburg	R	58%	57%	A	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Potter, Dave	Clarendon	D	72%	79%	✓	✓	✓	AB	✓	✗	✓
Pugh, Ann D.	So. Burlington	D	100%	87%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ram, Kesha	Burlington	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Reis, Gerald, W.	St. Johnsbury	R	29%	29%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	A	✓
Rodgers, John S.	Glover	D	58%	47%	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	A
Savage, Brian	Swanton	R	43%	43%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Scheuermann, Heidi E.	Stowe	R	29%	34%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	A	✓
Shand, Ernest	Windsor	D	72%	86%	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Sharpe, David	Bristol	D	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Shaw, Butch	Pittsford	R	43%	43%	EX	EX	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Smith, Megan M.	Mendon	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Smith, Shap	Morrisville	D	P	85%	P	A	P	P	A	P	P
South, Robert	St. Johnsbury	D	86%	86%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spengler, Kristy	Colchester	D	86%	93%	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Stevens, Tom	Waterbury	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stevens, Will	Shoreham	I	100%	90%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sweaney, Donna G.	Windsor	D	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Taylor, Tess	Barre City	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Till, George	Jericho	D	86%	86%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Toll, Kitty Beattie	Danville	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Townsend, Lawrence	Randolph	R	72%	72%	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	A	✓
Turner, Donald H.	Milton	R	29%	18%	✗	✗	✗	✗	A	✓	✓
Waite-Simpson, Linda J.	Essex	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Webb, Kate	Shelburne	D	86%	86%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Westman, Richard A.	Cambridge	R	0%	35%	A	✗	EX	EX	EX	EX	EX
Weston, Rachel	Burlington	D	100%	90%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wheeler, Scott A.	Newport	R	14%	17%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	A	✗
Wilson, Jeff	Manchester	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Winters, Philip C.	Williamstown	R	58%	28%	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wizowaty, Suzi	Burlington	D	100%	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wright, Kurt	Burlington	R	58%	37%	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Young, Jeff	St. Albans	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zenie, John	Colchester	D	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zuckerman, David	Burlington	P	72%	88%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	A	✓

# SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

**H.436**

**Vermont Yankee  
Decommissioning Bill**



Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

This bill - if adopted into law - would have required Vermont Yankee's out of state corporate owners to guarantee payment of all costs required to safely dismantle the plant and clean up the site once it stops operating.

**Yeas: 22 Nays: 4 Absent: 4 ~ Passed the Senate and House ~ Vetoed by the Governor**

**H.446**

**Developing Renewable  
Energy**



Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

Creates a simple, fair "standard offer" for Vermont farms, businesses, and municipalities that want to install renewable energy projects. Thanks to the financial certainty provided by this first in the nation program, Vermont will create hundreds of local green jobs as we begin construction of up to 50 megawatts of clean power.

**Yeas: 16 Nays: 10 Absent: 4**

**S.77**

**Free Recycling of  
Electronic Waste**

Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

Thanks to this new law, Vermonters can drop off old computers, TVs and other "e-waste" for FREE at a variety of convenient locations. Manufacturers will also pay a small fee that offsets the cost of recycling and re-using these products, which can contain many heavy metals and dangerous chemicals.

**Yeas: 18 Nays: 12 Absent: 0**

**S.109**

**Banning Toxic Flame  
Retardants**

Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

Bans toxic flame retardants in products and require the use of safer and equally effective alternatives. This bill goes a long way towards improving the environmental health for all Vermonters.

**Yeas: 30 Nays: 0 Absent: 0**

**H.781**

**Ensuring Clean Energy in  
Vermont**



Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

This bill is another step in the right direction in regards to ensuring more renewable energy resources are brought online in Vermont. H.781 fosters the expansion of renewable projects like farm methane and solar power as well as improving opportunities to net meter.

**Yeas: 30 Nays: 0 Absent: 0**

**H.485**

**Current Use**



Environmental Position: **Support Bill**

This bill amended the signature current use program, which protects Vermont's working landscapes from development and ensures our farms and forests continue to be an economic engine for our state. This year's changes make the program simpler to use, lower its costs, and helps ensure our forestry and farming legacies are strengthened.

**Yeas: 20 Nays: 9 Absent: 1 ~ Bill vetoed by Governor Douglas**

**S.247**

**Bisphenol A or BPA**

Environmental Position: **Support Bill ~ OPPOSE Amendment which is the scored vote**

S.247 bans the manufacture, sale, and distribution of infant formula or baby food stored in a plastic container, jar, or can that contains Bisphenol A (BPA) and the manufacture, sale, and distribution of any reusable food or beverage container containing BPA.

**Yeas: 12 Nays: 16 Absent: 2 (No is the correct vote)**

# Special Vermont Yankee Section

## 2010 VT LCV Environmental Scorecard

**Environmental Position: Oppose Bill ~ Correct Vote is NO**

On February 24th, 2010, the Vermont State Senate voted overwhelmingly to retire the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant in 2012 as scheduled. Since that time, Entergy has embarked on a public relations campaign to gloss over many of its most glaring deficiencies. Nonetheless, this campaign will not be able to alter the essential public policy consideration that the plant is approaching the end of its original life expectancy.

**Yeas: 4 Nays: 26 Absent: 0**



### A History of Failures...

**April, 2004** – Entergy loses two radioactive spent fuel rods, eventually turns up in the plant’s spent fuel rod storage pool.

**February, 2005** – PSB fines Entergy \$85,000 for failing to obtain all necessary permits before beginning construction work at the plant in 2004. Entergy attorney calls it “inadvertent,” and the company did not contest the fine.

**August, 2006** – Yankee increases power; the Vermont Department of Health finds radiation levels increased. Entergy responds by saying the state’s measurements weren’t correct. The company later purchases surrounding property and moves their fence lines further away from the plant, changing the radiation level readings.

**August, 2007** – Noise from cooling tower fans alerts Entergy to problems in the tower. Days later, part of the tower collapses. A month later, Entergy admits the collapse was due to deficiencies in the inspection and maintenance program. The NRC criticizes Entergy, but takes no other action.

**May, 2009** – Entergy Vice President Thayer testifies, under oath, to PSB, saying he did not believe there are “active piping systems underground containing contaminated fluids today.”

**June, 2009** – Thayer again testifies to PSB, saying Yankee does not have pipes carrying radioactive materials underground .

**June, 2010** – A one-inch relief valve found leaking 1.5 gallons per minute in a ‘heat exchanger’ inside the containment building, the structure that surrounds the reactor.

**September, 2010** - With the history of failures and continued reassurances that “everything is fine” Vermonters have no way of knowing if or when the next accident will occur.

### ... a Path to a Better Future

The state’s sole, aging nuclear power plant is too often the symbol of Vermont’s failure to properly plan for its energy future. The state cannot stay tied for 20 more years to an old, decrepit nuclear plant that is scheduled to be retired in 2012.

Vermont must choose an energy future built on green and clean energy sources like wind, solar, bio-mass, hydro, and geo-thermal. We must also aggressively invest in efficiency while educating every business and individual in our state on the benefits of practicing conservation, which helps to reduce our CO2 emissions and boost all of our bottom lines. Vermont’s next governor will play a huge role in deciding the fate of our energy future.

Vermonters have made clear which path they prefer. The only question remaining is if the next leader of our state will lead the state on that path.



*Solar panels being installed by a Vermont Company in Shelburne, Vermont*



## Senate Scores of 100%

Ann Cummings	100%
Timothy Ashe	100%
Douglas Racine	100%
Virginia "Ginny" Lyons,	100%
Richard McCormack	100%

## House Scores of 100%

Tony Klein	100%	John Malcolm	100%
Bill Botzow	100%	Richard Marek	100%
Joan G. Lenes	100%	Cynthia Martin	100%
Sarah Copeland-Hanzas	100%	Jim Masland	100%
Alison Clarkson	100%	Michael Obuchowski	100%
David Deen	100%	Kesha K. Ram	100%
Johannah Leddy Donovan	100%	David Sharpe	100%
Sarah Edwards	100%	Tom Stevens	100%
Michael Fisher	100%	Floyd Nease	100%
Patsy French	100%	Betty Nuovo	100%
Sandy Haas	100%	Rachel Weston	100%
Helen Head	100%	Jeff Wilson	100%
Linda J. Martin	100%	Suzi Wizowaty	100%
Steven J. Howard	100%	Mary S. Hooper	100%
Tim Jerman	100%	Donna Sweaney	100%
Steven Maier	100%	John Zenie	100%
Sue Minter	100%	Willem Jewett	100%
William J. Lippert	100%	Warren F. Kitzmiller	100%
Linda J. Waite-Simpson	100%	Maxine Jo Grad	100%
Chip Conquest	100%	Anne H. Mook	100%

## Lowest Senate Scores

Peg Flory	25%
Hull Maynard	43%
Philip Scott	25%
Robert Starr	25%
Richard Mazza	38%

**Average score % for each political party during the 2009/2010 biennium**

### VERMONT SENATE

Democratic Party	80%
Republican Party	50%

### VERMONT HOUSE

Democratic Party	91%
Progressive Party	89%
Republican Party	39%

## Lowest House Scores

Steven C. Adams	14%	Joseph Baker	29%
John Morley	14%	Patrick M. Brennan	29%
Pat O'Donnell	14%	Cynthia M. Browning	29%
Scott A. Wheeler	14%	Gregory S. Clark	29%
Eileen Dickinson	29%	John J. Clerkin	29%
David M. Ainsworth	29%	Janice Peaslee	29%
William F. Johnson	29%	Ronald E. Hubert	29%
Gerald W. Reis	29%	Anne B. Donahue	29%
Donald H. Turner	29%	Heidi E. Scheuermann	29%

Now that you know the score... **GET INVOLVED!**

## 1. TELL LEGISLATORS YOU KNOW THE SCORE

One of the best ways to influence our elected officials is by regular communication. If your legislator scored well, thank them. If they scored poorly, let them know you are disappointed and want them to value Vermont's environment. A great way to do this is by writing a Letter to the Editor of your local paper. You can find your legislators' contact information by going to [www.leg.state.vt.us](http://www.leg.state.vt.us)

## 2. SUPPORT CONSERVATION CANDIDATES

Use the scorecard to make informed decisions about which candidates to vote for on November 2nd. Visit the Vermont League of Conservation Voters website at [www.vtlcv.org](http://www.vtlcv.org) for more information on the pro-environment candidates that we've endorsed.



## 3. BECOME A MEMBER OF VT LCV

VT LCV is working to turn *your* environmental values into state priorities by taking on the tough fights in the legislature and by ensuring that the best candidates are elected to Vermont's legislature. Please join other Vermonters by becoming a VT LCV member today. Visit our website for more information, [www.vtlcv.org](http://www.vtlcv.org)

