

Senate HEROES



Senate rules and traditions are conducive to consensus building but discourage roll call voting. We had only one recorded vote on a conservation bill during the 2009-10 session. In lieu of publishing a scorecard for the Senate, Conservation Voters recognizes ten Senate HEROES for their steadfast leadership on conservation issues.

Senator Chip Campsen (R-Charleston)
 Founder of the Conservation Bank and protector of our rivers and coast

Senator John Courson (R-Richland)
 Host of annual "Conversations with Conservationists" and supporter of South Carolina's outdoor traditions

Senator Wes Hayes (R-York)
 Advocate for water and steadfast stewardship of natural resources

Senator Phil Leventis (D-Sumter)
 Guardian of South Carolina's environment and opponent of hazardous and nuclear waste dumps

Senator Gerald Malloy (D-Darlington)
 Champion for citizens' rights to defend their neighborhoods against out-of-state waste

Senator Glenn McConnell (R-Charleston)
 Master of the Senate floor and visionary for South Carolina's brighter, more energy efficient future

Senator Yancey McGill (D-Williamsburg)
 Defender of funding for land conservation and natural resource agencies

Senator Floyd Nicholson (D-Greenwood)
 Protector of clean air, clean water and public health

Senator Vince Sheheen (D-Kershaw)
 Leader of bi-partisan solutions to protect our land and rivers and revive our rural economies

Senator Danny Verdin (R-Laurens)
 Supporter of fair water permitting and DHEC accountability



(top left: protesting Marlboro mega dump, center: lobbying for water permitting, top right: talking with Senator Thomas)

Senate GOOD GREEN Deeds

These Senators demonstrated conservation leadership on a particular bill or on a number of issues.

Senator Paul Campbell guided the negotiations between industry and the conservation community on water permitting.

Senator Hugh Leatherman helped secure the funding to keep the Conservation Bank alive.



Senator Harvey Peeler forced hearings on DHEC reform while **Senator David Thomas** promoted amendments to increase the oversight of DHEC's Board. The bill died in the Senate.

Senator Ronnie Cromer sponsored legislation to protect landowners who use prescribed fire as a land management tool. The bill died in the Senate.

During the contentious fight over a mega-mall in Jasper County, **Senator Tom Davis** worked to protect the impaired Okatie River from the mall's stormwater runoff. The bill eventually failed.

Senators John Matthews, Ralph Anderson and Joel Lourie stood ready to defend the rights of local communities to pass ordinances to protect their clean air and water and special character.

Senators Kevin Bryant, Wes Hayes, Joel Lourie, Shane Martin, Floyd Nicholson and Danny Verdin voted unanimously in subcommittee to kill S. 1325, which would have opened the floodgates for incinerating out of state garbage.

Senator Thomas Alexander co-sponsored legislation to require DHEC to review operations at sewage treatment facilities with repeated violations. The "Three Strikes" bill died in Medical Affairs Committee.

Senators who voted to keep nuclear fuel reprocessing out of the definition of renewable energy sources (S232) were **Ralph Anderson, Chip Campsen, Ray Cleary, Creighton Coleman, John Courson, Ronnie Cromer, Tom Davis, Robert Ford, Wes Hayes, Jake Knotts, John Land, Phil Leventis, Joel Lourie, Gerald Malloy, John Matthews, Yancey McGill, Floyd Nicholson, Billy O'Dell, Clementa Pinckney, Glenn Reese, John Scott, Dave Thomas, and Kent Williams**. The amendment failed 23-20.

House of Representatives

House Member	House District	Lifetime Conservation Score	2009-2010 Score
Agnew, Paul (D - Abbeville)	11	89%	80%
Alexander, Terry (D-Florence)	59	49%	40%
Allen, Karl (D-Greenville)	25	41%	80%
Allison, Rita (R-Spartanburg)	36	80%	80%
Anderson, Carl (D-Williamsburg)	103	79%	80%
Anthony, Michael (D-Union)	42	57%	75%
Bales, Jimmy (D-Richland)	80	55%	80%
Ballentine, Nathan (R-Richland)	71	82%	75%
★ Bannister, Bruce (R-Greenville)	24	75%	100%
Barfield, Liston (R-Horry)	58	27%	60%
Battle, Jim (D-Marion)	57	57%	80%
Bedingfield, Eric (R-Greenville)	28	32%	25%
★ Bingham, Kenny (R-Lexington)	89	62%	100%
Bowen, Don (R-Anderson)	8	76%	80%
Bowers, William (D-Hampton)	120	84%	80%
★ Brady, Joan (R-Richland)	78	96%	100%
Branham, Lester (D-Florence)	61	72%	80%
Brantley, Curtis (D-Jasper)	122	73%	60%
★ Brown, Boyd (D-Fairfield)	41	100%	100%
Brown, Grady (D-Lee)	50	67%	50%
★ Brown, Robert (D-Charleston)	116	88%	100%
Cato, Harry (R-Greenville)	17	39%	67%
Chalk, Richard (R-Beaufort)	123	61%	80%
Clemmons, Alan (R-Horry)	107	38%	50%
Clyburn, Bill (D-Aiken)	82	80%	80%
Cobb-Hunter, Gilda (D-Orangeburg)	66	66%	80%
Cole, Derham (R-Spartanburg)	32	80%	80%
Cooper, Dan (R-Anderson)	10	30%	60%
Crawford, Kris (R-Florence)	63	72%	80%
Daning, Joseph (R-Berkeley)	92	57%	80%
Delleney Jr., Greg (R-Chester)	43	49%	80%
★ Dillard, Chandra (D-Greenville)	23	100%	100%
Duncan, Jeff (R-Laurens)	15	44%	80%
Edge, Tracy (R-Horry)	104	27%	40%
Erickson, Shannon (R-Beaufort)	124	90%	80%
Forrester, Mike (R-Spartanburg)	34	80%	80%

★ Denotes Representative with 100% score

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Frye, Marion (R-Lexington)	39	20%	20%
Funderburk, Laurie (D-Kershaw)	52	100%	100%
Gambrell, Michael (R-Anderson)	7	65%	80%
Gilliard, Wendell (D-Charleston)	111	60%	60%
★ Govan, Jerry (D-Orangeburg)	95	79%	100%
Gunn, Anthony (D-Richland)	79	50%	50%
Haley, Nikki (R-Lexington)	87	57%	40%
Hamilton, Dan (R-Greenville)	20	30%	40%
Hardwick, Nelson (R-Horry)	106	50%	80%
★ Harrell, Bobby (R-Charleston)	114	49%	100%
★ Harrison, Jim (R-Richland)	75	54%	100%
Hart, Christopher (D-Richland)	73	70%	40%
Harvin, Cathy (D-Clarendon)	64	82%	60%
Hayes, Jackie (D-Dillon)	55	48%	60%
★ Hearn, George (R-Horry)	105	100%	100%
Herbkersman, Bill (R-Beaufort)	118	83%	80%
Hiott, David (R-Pickens)	4	74%	80%
Hodges, Kenneth (D-Colleton)	121	64%	60%
Horne, Jenny (R-Dorchester)	94	80%	80%
★ Hosey, Lonnie (D-Barnwell)	91	78%	100%
Howard, Leon (D-Richland)	76	52%	60%
Huggins, Chip (R-Lexington)	85	58%	80%
Hutto, Anne P. (D-Charleston)	115	80%	80%
★ Jefferson, Joe (D-Berkeley)	102	75%	100%
Jennings, Doug (D-Marlboro)	54	65%	50%
Kelly, Keith (R-Spartanburg)	35	84%	80%
Kennedy, Ken (D-Williamsburg)	101	62%	67%
★ King, John (D-York)	49	100%	100%
Kirsh, Herb (D-York)	47	60%	25%
Knight, Patsy (D-Dorchester)	97	60%	33%
★ Limehouse, Chip (R-Charleston)	110	77%	100%
Littlejohn, Lanny (R-Spartanburg)	33	45%	40%
Loftis, Dwight (R-Greenville)	19	24%	25%
★ Long, Deborah (R-Lancaster)	45	100%	100%
★ Lowe, Phillip (R-Florence)	60	86%	100%
★ Lucas, Jay (R-Darlington)	65	69%	100%

Conservation SCORECARD Summary

House Member	House District	Lifetime Conservation Score	2009-2010 Score
Mack, David (D-Charleston)	109	73%	75%
McEachern, Joe (D-Richland)	77	80%	80%
McLeod, Walton (D-Newberry)	40	95%	80%
Merrill, Jim (R-Charleston)	99	58%	80%
Miller, Vida (D-Georgetown)	108	89%	80%
Millwood, Joey (R-Spartanburg)	38	40%	40%
Mitchell, Harold (D-Spartanburg)	31	77%	80%
★ Moss, Dennis (R-Cherokee)	29	82%	100%
★ Moss, Steve (R-Cherokee)	30	100%	100%
Nanney, Wendy (R-Greenville)	22	40%	40%
Neal, Jimmy M. (D-Lancaster)	44	85%	80%
Neal, Joe H. (D-Richland)	70	63%	80%
★ Neilson, Denny (D-Darlington)	56	78%	100%
Norman, Harlow (R-Spartanburg)	48	67%	67%
Ott Jr., Harry (D-Calhoun)	93	51%	60%
Owens, Phil (R-Pickens)	5	43%	80%
Parker, Steve (R-Spartanburg)	37	60%	60%
Parks, J. Anne (D-Greenwood)	12	70%	75%
Pinson, Gene (R-Greenwood)	13	61%	80%
★ Pitts Jr., Ted (R-Lexington)	69	57%	100%
Pitts, Michael (R-Laurens)	14	32%	40%
Rice, Rex (R-Pickens)	26	44%	80%
Rutherford, Todd (D-Richland)	74	35%	20%
Sandifer, Bill (R-Oconee)	2	42%	80%
Scott, Tim (R-Berkeley)	117	80%	80%
Sellers, Bakari (D-Bamberg)	90	90%	80%
Simrill, J. Gary (R-York)	46	61%	75%
Skelton, B. R. (R-Pickens)	3	67%	80%
Smith, Donald (R-Aiken)	83	53%	60%
★ Smith, G. Murrell (R-Sumter)	67	67%	100%
Smith, Garry R. (R-Greenville)	27	48%	60%
Smith, J. Roland (R-Aiken)	84	55%	80%
Smith, James E. (D-Richland)	72	95%	80%
Sottile, Mike (R-Charleston)	112	80%	80%
Spire, Kit (R-Lexington)	96	83%	80%
Stavrinakis, Leon (D-Charleston)	119	90%	80%

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Stewart, Jim (R-Aiken)	86	18%	40%
Stringer, Tommy (R-Greenville)	18	40%	40%
Thompson, Michael (R-Anderson)	9	60%	80%
★ Toole, Mac (R-Lexington)	88	63%	100%
★ Umphlett, David (R-Berkeley)	100	50%	100%
★ Vick, Ted (D-Chesterfield)	53	69%	100%
Viers, Thad (R-Horry)	68	24%	25%
Weeks, David (D-Sumter)	51	74%	40%
Whipper, Seth (D-Charleston)	113	73%	50%
White, Brian (R-Anderson)	6	40%	80%
Whitmire, Bill (R-Oconee)	1	61%	80%
Williams, Robert (D-Darlington)	62	84%	80%
Willis, Mark (R-Greenville)	16	50%	50%
Wylie, Bill (R-Greenville)	21	60%	60%
Young, Annette (R-Dorchester)	98	32%	40%
★ Young, Tom (R-Aiken)	81	100%	100%

Average House Score 73%
Average House Democrat Score 73%
Average House Republican Score 73%



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 To conserve the resources we work so hard to protect, we are asking you to find the complete chart of House votes, vote descriptions and additional links on the CVSC website.
www.conservationvotersofsc.org/scorecard



Welcome to the 2010 edition of the Conservation Scorecard, your guide to those state legislators fighting for our conservation values, and the ones who are not.

Despite the state budget crisis, we achieved a number of victories for our Conservation Common Agenda, including continued funding for the Conservation Bank and our natural resource agencies, water withdrawal permitting, and financing for energy efficiency upgrades. Our advocacy for a moratorium on new mega-dumps led to improved solid waste regulations and we stopped a bill that would have promoted the burning of out-of-state trash.

How did we do it? Thanks to you! Your great volunteer efforts at the State House made the difference.

Our growing strength in the Legislature presents new challenges. With more issues being negotiated in committee, we have had fewer divided floor votes to score for this session. Thus, with the exception of freshmen legislators, we recommend you focus on lifetime scores to get a more accurate picture of your legislator's conservation record.

We invite you to visit www.conservationvotersofsc.org/scorecard to see what bills passed without a floor vote, get the inside scoop on behind-the-scenes committee votes, and learn our priorities for next year.

You can also read about the 2010 campaign season and our endorsements for Governor and the General Assembly at www.scgreengov.com. Thank you for all your support!

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Did they vote responsibly to protect South Carolina's air, land and water for generations to come? Or did they bow to the well-funded pressures of corporate polluters?

It's not enough to know the score.

Please tell your legislators that you expect leadership on conservation issues, not just favorable votes. You can find your legislator through our website.

Join our team.

Please join our visits to legislators during the recess and join our volunteer lobby team, which meets every Tuesday during the session. You are our best hope for a healthy, sustainable future!

Be a Member.

If you want to help us continue to build a bi-partisan conservation majority and elect conservation champions, visit www.conservationvotersofsc.org and make a contribution today. Thank you for all you do!



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Conservation Voters of South Carolina

Creating a
SAFE
and
HEALTHY
future for South Carolina
one vote at a time...

Conservation Voters of South Carolina (CVSC) is the nonpartisan political arm of the conservation community. We:

Educate legislators and the public on critical conservation issues

Lobby on behalf of pro-conservation legislation

Hold elected leaders accountable for decisions that impact our environment

Endorse and help elect pro-conservation candidates to public office

Please turn the page to learn more about how you can help us turn conservation values into action at the State House!

Legislative Summary



After four years of hard work, the conservation community pushed through a water management plan for our state. S. 452 is the first step toward maintaining seasonal flows in our rivers that protect fish, wildlife, and public recreation. But this bill is just the beginning: Conservation Voters will monitor the bill's enforcement and will continue fighting for improved quality and conservation measures.

Since 2004 the Conservation Bank has protected over 150,000 acres of our state's most cherished farms, forests, rivers and marshes. Despite its great success, the Bank's budget was nearly zeroed out in 2009 and 2010. Valiant efforts by conservationists and legislators restored enough money to keep the agency alive, but until we eliminate the "death clause" that kills funding in tight budget years, the Conservation Bank will always be an endangered species.



Almost 30 percent of the trash dumped in South Carolina comes from other states. Fortunately, citizen volunteers took their fight against increased mega-dump landfills to Columbia. The result? DHEC's stakeholder committee quickened its reform of solid waste regulations and moved to reduce capacity from 42 million tons to 10.8 million tons annually – four months ahead of schedule.



⚡ South Carolina is one of the least energy efficient states in the country and lacks a comprehensive energy plan that works to save ratepayer dollars by investing in cheaper, cleaner alternatives.

⚡ Thousands of miles of rivers and lakes in our state are polluted and our natural resource agencies lack the staff and funding to protect them.

⚡ Our beautiful beaches are threatened by offshore drilling. In the wake of the Gulf disaster, are we willing to risk our coast for a few days worth of oil and gas?

⚡ Reforms are needed at the Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) to ensure greater accountability and transparency.

