

# VOTING RECORD

## 1977 California Legislature

### WHAT IS THE LEAGUE?

The CALIFORNIA LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS is the campaign arm of the conservation movement in California. Its Board is drawn from all of the major environmental organizations in the state. It is non-partisan, believing that concern for the environment transcends all political parties. CLCV cooperates with both the national League of Conservation Voters and local LCV's, and is actively trying to promote the organization of more local leagues.

### OUR GOALS:

1. To elect to public office good people who will stand up and fight for the environment; to defeat those who consistently oppose environmental needs.
2. To inform the public of the performance and records of all public officials so that those who have been elected as conservationists continue to be responsive to our concerns.

### OUR TOOLS:

**VOTING CHART:** This voting chart records the performance of the state legislature on conservation issues. The legislature is much more responsive to public concerns like the environment when it knows that an *informed* citizenry is watching its performance.

**CAMPAIGN INFORMATION AND ENDORSEMENTS:** CLCV endorses outstanding candidates for public office all over California, and publishes profiles of key candidates and races.

**VOLUNTEERS:** CLCV mobilizes grass-roots conservationists, trains them in campaign techniques, encourages them to work on behalf of good candidates in critical races, and to raise conservation issues in campaigns in their areas.

**DONATIONS:** The League solicits campaign contributions from conservationists all over the state, and uses them to help those good candidates in most crucial need of such funds. Even though these donations are small compared with the contributions of typical interests, through careful selection of races CLCV is able to make *the* difference in a number of campaigns.

**MEDIA INFORMATION:** CLCV is inaugurating a new program to provide the media with detailed information about events in next year's legislature, so that the public will be able to compare the promises and statements of incumbent public officials with their actual performance in Sacramento. This program will insure that public officials who work hard for the environment will get credit for their efforts, and that those who do not will be held accountable by the voters. We think this new service will provide a dramatic new element in media coverage of state politics.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

You can give money and time. Both are vital in maintaining a powerful conservationist presence in the political arena. Please use the coupon on the back page.

### WHAT CONTRIBUTORS RECEIVE:

Notification of Board decisions about campaigns. Voting chart. Satisfaction in helping to maintain a positive political force for the environment in our state.

### ABOUT THIS CHART:

This chart evaluates members for the first half of the 1977-88 session of the legislature. It lists floor votes cast, both in committee and on the floor, on 22 key bills.

The percentage scores listed at the end of the chart were computed by dividing the total number of correct conservation votes a legislator cast by the total number of opportunities he or she had to vote for the environment. Official absences from the legislature on a given day (A), were not counted as opportunities. When bills supported by conservationists were defeated, abstentions helped contribute to those defeats. They were therefore scored as wrong votes. But when conservationists prevailed, abstentions were not scored since many legislators may have been out of the room when the vote was cast and not recalled since they were not needed. On bills opposed by conservationists, abstentions which helped to kill the bill were scored as correct votes.

## A WORD OF PRAISE:

A voting chart such as this cannot measure all the ways legislators can help conserve and preserve California's environment. It cannot show the thankless and often tedious work of those most involved in the passage of the key bills that are so critical to the present and future quality of life in our great state.

This chart does, however, name the authors of the listed bills. Those who carry good bills are workhorses who deserve special praise and support. Those who show up as the authors of bad legislation include some of the major antagonists of environmental protection.

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## POLLUTION

SB 188 (Holmdahl) Deprives the Air Resources Board of its power to set auto emission standards more stringent than those required by the federal government. Would drastically weaken the state's program of cleaning up autos. Opposed by conservationists. Killed in Assembly Transportation.

SB 167 (Smith) Increases the maximum liability for oil spills to \$6,000 for each day the spill remains in the body of water. Supported by conservationists because it would provide a stronger incentive to avoid oil spills. Killed in Senate Water Committee.

SB 153 (Dunlap) Would ban the sale in California of aerosol propellants which cause the deterioration of the earth's atmospheric ozone layer. Because such a reduction in the ozone layer would increase skin cancer and could have other damaging effects on the environment, such a ban is strongly favored by conservationists. Signed by the Governor.

SB 670 (Petris) Transfers responsibility for regulation of pesticides from the Department of Food and Agriculture to the Department of Industrial Relations. Supported by conservationists as a means of making the California work environment for those using pesticides as safe as possible. Defeated on Senate floor; will be reconsidered in January.

AB 236 (Vasconcellos) A stronger version of SB 153's ban on the sale of ozone damaging aerosols. Dropped for SB 153.

AB 724 (Sieroty) Increases the fines and civil penalties for violation of air pollution statutes. Supported by conservationists because such violations constitute a major public health hazard. Pending Senate.

## CEQA

SB 351 (Holmdahl) Permits an agency to approve a project in spite of adverse environmental impacts if it found social or economic reasons for so doing. Would seriously weaken the mandate of CEQA to protect the state's environment. Opposed by conservationists. Pending in Assembly.

SB 238 (Holmdahl) Creates a Division of Permit Approval Assistance to help applicants obtain state permits; requires state agencies to approve permit applications within one year. Opposed by conservationists because of its lack of procedural safeguards. Pending Assembly.

AB 900 (Boatwright) Requires a statement of economic impact accompany environmental impact statements. Same basic effect as SB 351. Opposed by conservationists. Dropped by author.

SB 637 (Ayala) Exempts several important state agencies from the California Environmental Quality Act, which requires them to take environmental impact of projects into account before approving them. Opposed by conservationists because it challenged the fundamental principal that state agencies take the environment into account. Killed in Assembly Resources Committee.

AB 1236 (Calvo) A multi-purpose bill to improve the procedures set forth in the 1974 Forest Practices Act. Supported by conservationists because it would encourage the practice of forestry with minimal environmental damage. Pending in Senate.

SB 1040 (Beverly) The vote listed is an amendment which would have exempted the proposed 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles from state environmental statutes. Opposed by conservationists because it would have set a precedent for weakening CEQA. Amendment adopted.

## ENERGY

AJR 14 Called upon the President to continue funding the Auburn Dam. Opposed by conservationists because of seismic and environmental problems with the Dam as designed. Adopted by both Houses of the legislature.

SB 4 (Rains) Requires a minimum of 5 cents refundable deposit on beverage containers. Would have encouraged recyclable containers with resulting savings in energy and reduction in litter. Favored by conservationists. Killed in Senate Finance.

SB 1005 (Alquist) Reduces the number of alternate sites which must be considered in siting power plants, and reduces the number of days allowed for a decision. Opposed by conservationists because it would make it easier for utilities to win approval for environmentally unsound power plant sites. Killed in Senate Finance.

SB 1081 (Alquist) Established procedures for the siting of a Liquefied Natural Gas terminal in California. Opposed by conservationists because the bill failed to consider the safest type of facility (off-shore) and did not require a careful consideration of the need before California is committed to very expensive and dangerous LNG. Signed by the Governor.

Confirmation Vote: Vote in the Senate on confirmation of Ron Doctor to a seat on the State Energy Commission. Doctor has been one of the most consistent environmental voices on the Commission, and his confirmation was strongly supported by conservationists. Doctor was confirmed.

## WILDLIFE AND HABITAT

SB 97 (Nejedly) Would allow the Department of Fish and Game to reserve unappropriated water in any stream, lake or other body of water to provide an environment suitable for fish and wildlife. Supported by conservationists. Killed by Senate.

SB 575 (Stiern) Calls for an increase in public funds allowed to woolgrowers to kill predators for livestock protection. Creates a livestock industry dominated advisory board. Opposed by conservationists because it encourages non-selective killing of wildlife. *Killed in Assembly Water.*

SB 522 (Dunlap) Extends the ban on the recreational killing of mountain lions for another five years. Supported by conservationists because natural eco-systems need to include predator species for their long range stability. Signed by Governor.

SB 308 (Nejedly) Extends existing law protecting wildlife and habitat to include native plants and provides funding for native plant conservation and enhancement programs. Supported by conservationists to safeguard California's endangered native plant life. Signed by Governor.

SB 1717 (Fazio) Places the enormously fertile Suisun Marsh and its wildlife under protection from development. Wetlands such as the Suisun Marsh are the primary breeding places for many forms of aquatic life and the feeding grounds for migratory birds. Supported by conservationists. Signed by Governor.

## LAND USE

SB 183 (Nejedly) Would allow applicants to ask for the designation of one agency as the lead agency for review of all permits needed for a new project, and then would allow only 90 days for review. Opposed by conservationists because 90 days is far too little time to review a complex project. Pending Assembly.

SB 193 (Zenovich) Requires cities and counties to prepare an agricultural lands element as part of their general use. Would leave policy determinations on the protection of prime agricultural lands at the local level with inadequate state guidance. Opposed by conservationists. Killed in Senate Finance.

SB 770 (Cusanovich) Would severely reduce the Coastal Zone in the Santa Monica Mountains, opening a proposed national area up for residential development and speculation. Opposed by conservationists because it threatens the major open space resource in the Los Angeles area. Pending Assembly.

SB 345 (Ayala) Would remove the Eel, Klamath, Van Duzen and Trinity Rivers from the state Wild and Scenic Rivers system to permit damming and other development. Opposed by conservationists. Dropped by author.

AB 924 (Gualco) Would appropriate \$18,400,000 for the acquisition of specified state parks. Supported by conservationists. Signed by Governor.

AB 1615 (Gualco) Creates the California Tahoe Conservancy to acquire and preserve undeveloped land in the Lake Tahoe area. Supported by conservationists because it provides a means to carry out the regional plan adopted by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency in this critical environmental area. Pending Senate.

# Senate

	POLLUTION				CEQA			ENERGY				WILDLIFE AND HABITAT				LAND USE			%	Committee	Floor					
	SB 188 TRANS FINANCE	SB 167 WR	SB 153 HEALTH	SB 570 HEALTH FINANCE	SB 951 GO FINANCE	SB 238 GO FINANCE	AB 900 FINANCE	SB 637 GO FINANCE	AJR 14 RULES	SB 4 NR&W FINANCE	SB 1005 PUTE&E FINANCE	SB 1081 PU FINANCE	DOCTOR CONF. RULES	SB 97 AG FIN	SB 575 AG FIN	SB 522 NR&W	SB 908 NR&W FIN	SB 183 GO FINANCE					SB 193 GO FINANCE	SB 770 FINANCE	SB 345 AG&W	AB 924 NR&W
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Behr	+	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	++	100	89	Behr
Beverly	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	20	65	Beverly
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Campbell	-	-	++	--	aa	a-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	a	a	+	-	-	-	-	+	25	56	Campbell	
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**KEY**  
+ = conservation vote  
- = anti-conservation vote  
a = abstention  
A = absence

Committee votes are listed before the floor vote for the bill in question.

G.O. = Government organization  
Trans. = Transportation  
W&M = Ways and Means  
L.G. = Local Government  
Fin. = Finance  
NR&W = Natural Resources and Wildlife  
PUTE = Public Utilities  
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