



Montana Audubon

2009 Montana Legislature

VOTING RECORD

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This voting record summarizes how Representatives and Senators at the 2009 Montana Legislature voted on Montana Audubon's primary issues: general environmental protection, energy and climate change, streams and clean water, and wildlife and wildlife habitat. Please take the time to observe where your legislators stand. Talk to them about any concerns you may have regarding their votes, as well as express your appreciation of votes in your favor. Keep the voting record as a tool to use in the future for you and your legislators.

House of Representatives

• General Environmental Protection •

HB 483: Limit Citizen Oversight of Energy Projects

Sponsor: Rep. Llew Jones (R-Conrad)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed both Houses, Amended by Governor
HB 483 undermines the ability of citizens to challenge air, water, and other permits required by energy projects (such as for a new power plant). It does this by creating a two-tiered system for challenges to permits, with one set of rules for corporations, and a more difficult set of rules for citizens. The Governor improved this bill with amendments, greatly reducing the bill's impact. Featured here is the House 3rd Reading vote; it passed 68 - 32. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position

HB 566: Limit Use of Environmental Studies

Sponsor: Rep. Llew Jones (R-Conrad)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Defeated in House

HB 566 did 2 things: 1) prohibited state agencies from using the information obtained from an environmental assessment in its decision making processes; and 2) allowed state agencies to examine the environmental impacts of a project AFTER a permit was issued. Waiting to determine the environmental impacts of a project until after a permit is granted is a meaningless exercise in paperwork. Featured here is the House 2nd Reading vote, which killed the bill on a 50 - 50 tie vote. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

• Energy & Climate Change •

HB 27: Extend Energy Conservation Program

Sponsor: Rep. Brady Wiseman (D-Bozeman)

Audubon Position: Support

Status: Passed both Houses, Signed by Governor

This bill eliminates the termination date for the Universal Systems Benefits (USB) program. This program provides funds for low-income weatherization and other energy conservation projects. Featured here is the House 2nd Reading vote, it passed 62 - 37. A vote *for* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

HB 529: Limit Environmental Review of Wind Projects on State Lands

Sponsor: Rep. Llew Jones (R-Conrad)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed both Houses, Signed by Governor

HB 529 weakens the environmental review requirements for wind farm projects that are located on state land. Because of HB 529, only the portion of a wind farm located on state land would be subject to an environmental assessment (not the portion of the project on private land). Consequently, if a wind farm was located on or near a sensitive area, such as a stream or wetland, the impacts to that stream/wetland would only be examined if the wind farm and the sensitive area were both on state land. Featured here is the House 2nd Reading vote; it passed 78 - 22. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

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House of Representatives

Name	District	Party	Town	HB 483	HB 566	HB 27	HB 529	HB 584	SB 257	SB 200	HB 443	HB 674	Rating
Ankney, Duane	43	R	Colstrip	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	33%
Arntzen, Elsie	53	R	Billings	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	22%
Augare, Shannon	16	D	Browning	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	67%
Barrett, Dick	93	D	Missoula	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	89%
Bean, Russell	17	R	Augusta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11%
Beck, Bill	6	R	Whitefish	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	22%
Beck, Paul	59	D	Red Lodge	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	78%
Becker, Arlene	52	D	Billings	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	89%
Belcourt, Tony	32	D	Box Elder	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	78%
Bennett, Gerald	1	R	Libby	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11%
Bergren, Bob	33	D	Havre	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	89%
Berry, Tom	45	R	Roundup	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	22%
Blasdel, Mark	10	R	Somers	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	22%
Blewett, Anders	21	D	Great Falls	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Boland, Carlie	23	D	Great Falls	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	89%
Boniek, Joel	61	R	Livingston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11%
Boss Ribs, Frosty	31	D	Poplar	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	89%
Brown, Dee	3	R	Hungry Horse	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	33%
Butcher, Edward	29	R	Winifred	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	22%
Caferro, Mary	80	D	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Campbell, Margaret	15	D	Heart Butte	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%
Cohenour, Jill	78	D	East Helena	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	89%
Dickenson, Sue	25	D	Great Falls	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Driscoll, Robyn	51	D	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	89%
Ebinger, Bob	62	D	Livingston	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	89%
Fleming, John	12	D	St. Ignatius	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%
French, Julie	36	D	Scobey	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%
Furey, Timothy	91	D	Milltown	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Getz, Dennis	38	D	Glendive	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	67%
Glaser, Bill	44	R	Huntley	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	22%
Grinde, Wanda	48	D	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hamilton, Robin	92	D	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hands, Betsy	99	D	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hawk, Ray	90	R	Florence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11%
Hendrick, Gordon	14	R	Superior	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	22%
Henry, Teresa	96	D	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Himmelberger, Dennis	47	R	Billings	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	33%
Hiner, Cynthia	85	D	Deer Lodge	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	67%
Hollandsworth, Roy	28	R	Brady	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	33%
Hollenbaugh, Galen	81	D	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hoven, Brian	24	R	Great Falls	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	44%
Howard, David	60	R	Park City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11%
Hunter, Chuck	79	D	Helena	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	89%
Ingraham, Pat	13	R	Thompson Falls	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	22%
Jones, Llew	27	R	Conrad	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	33%
Jopek, Mike	4	D	Whitefish	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	78%
Kasten, Dave	30	R	Brockway	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11%
Kerns, Krayton	58	R	Laurel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11%
Klock, Harry	83	R	Harlowtown	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	33%
Kottel, Deborah	20	D	Great Falls	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%

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Lake, Bob	88	R	Hamilton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11%
MacDonald, Margaret	54	D	Billings	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	89%
MacLaren, Gary	89	R	Victor	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	22%
Malek, Sue	98	D	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
McAlpin, Dave	94	D	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
McChesney, Bill	40	D	Miles City	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	78%
McClafferty, Edith	75	D	Butte	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	67%
McGillvray, Tom	50	R	Billings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11%
McNutt, Walter	37	R	Sidney	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	22%
Mehlhoff, Robert	26	D	Great Falls	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	67%
Menahan, Mike	82	D	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Mendenhall, Scott	77	R	Clancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11%
Milburn, Mike	19	R	Cascade	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	22%
Miller, Mike	84	R	Helmville	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	22%
More, Michael	70	R	Gallatin Gateway	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	22%
Morgan, Penny	57	R	Billings	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	22%
Noonan, Art	74	D	Butte	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	78%
Noonan, Pat	73	D	Ramsay	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	67%
Nooney, Bill	100	R	Missoula	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	44%
O'Hara, Jesse	18	R	Great Falls	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	56%
Pease-Lopez, Carolyn	42	D	Billings	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	78%
Peterson, Ken	46	R	Billings	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	22%
Phillips, Mike	66	D	Bozeman	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	78%
Pomnichowski, JP	63	D	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Randall, Lee	39	R	Broadus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11%
Regier, Keith	5	R	Kalispell	-	-	Ab	-	+	-	-	-	+	25%
Reichner, Scott	9	R	Bigfork	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	22%
Reinhart, Michele	97	D	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Roberts, Don	56	R	Billings	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	33%
Roundstone, J. David	41	D	Busby	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Sales, Scott	68	R	Bozeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11%
Sands, Diane	95	D	Missoula	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	89%
Sesso, Jon	76	D	Butte	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	78%
Smith, Cary	55	R	Billings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11%
Sonju, Jon	7	R	Kalispell	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	22%
Stahl, Wayne	35	R	Saco	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	33%
Stenson, Cheryl	8	D	Kalispell	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	89%
Stoker, Ron	87	R	Darby	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11%
Taylor, Janna	11	R	Dayton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11%
Van Dyk, Kendall	49	D	Billings	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	89%
Vance, Gordon	67	R	Bozeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11%
Villa, Dan	86	D	Anaconda	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	67%
Vincent, Chas	2	R	Libby	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	22%
Wagner, Bob	71	R	Harrison	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11%
Warburton, Wendy	34	R	Havre	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	22%
Washburn, Ted	69	R	Bozeman	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	56%
Welborn, Jeffery	72	R	Dillon	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	22%
Wilmer, Franke	64	D	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Wilson, Bill	22	D	Great Falls	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	89%
Wiseman, Brady	65	D	Bozeman	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	89%



HB 584: Siting Guidelines for Wind Energy

Sponsor: Rep. Art Noonan (D-Butte)

Audubon Position: Support

Status: Passed House, Defeated in Senate

HB 584 was an Audubon-initiated bill that would have authorized a study group to develop voluntary wind generation guidelines (Best Management Practices) designed

to minimize impacts on wildlife, wildlife habitat, and cultural and historic resources. Montana has had voluntary Best Management Practices for timber sales since 1993. Establishing a similar program to guide wind development makes sense. Featured here is the House 2nd Reading vote; it passed 80 - 20. A vote *for* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 257: Revise Definition of Renewable Energy Under Renewable Energy Incentive Program

Sponsor: Senator Jim Keane (D-Butte)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed both Houses, Vetoed by Governor

This bill would have destroyed Montana's Renewable Energy Standard, allowing the owners of large hydroelectric dams to count routine dam upgrades towards the renewable energy thresholds set by the state. If the bill would have passed, it would have eliminated Montana's main statewide incentives to develop new renewable sources of energy. Featured here is the House 3rd Reading vote; it passed 57 - 43. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

• Streams & Clean Water •

SB 200: Restrict Phosphorous Cleaning Products in Certain Areas

Sponsor: Senator Ron Erickson (D-Missoula)

Audubon Position: Support

Status: Passed both Houses, Signed by Governor

Too much phosphorus in our rivers and streams results in algal blooms that harm water quality. This bill bans phosphorus-containing household cleaning products in the Clark Fork River basin, and sets up a framework for other counties to voluntarily do the same. Featured here is the House 2nd Reading vote; it passed 56 - 44. A vote *for* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

• Wildlife Habitat •

HB 443: Clarify Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Authority to Manage All Wildlife

Sponsor: Rep. Mike Menahan (D-Helena)

Audubon Position: Support

Status: Passed House, Defeated in Senate

HB 443 was an Audubon-initiated bill that clarified the definition of nongame wildlife, ensuring that Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks had the authority they needed to manage hawks, owls, prairie dogs, bats, and other wildlife that currently "fall through the cracks" under our state's regulations. Featured here is the House 3rd Reading vote; it passed 53 - 47. A vote *for* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.



Black-tailed Prairie Dog by Kristi DuBois

HB 674: Funding for Purchase of Plum Creek Property

Sponsor: Rep. Chas Vincent (R-Libby)

Audubon Position: Support

Status: Passed both Houses, Signed by Governor

HB 674 allows the State of Montana to issue bonds for up to \$21 million; the funds will be used to purchase former Plum Creek property in western Montana. A coalition of groups is working to purchase 310,000 acres of Plum Creek land; the state is expected to own 111,000 of these acres. Because HB 674 authorized bonds to be issued, 67 votes were required for this bill to pass. Featured here is the House 3rd Reading vote; it passed 98 - 2. A vote *for* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

Vote Totals for House Voting Record

Bill No.	+	-	Bill No.	+	-
HB 483	32	- 68	SB 257	43	- 57
HB 566	50	- 50	SB 200	56	- 44
HB 27	62	- 37	HB 443	53	- 47
HB 529	22	- 78	HB 674	98	- 2
HB 584	80	- 20			

Montana Senate

• General Environmental Protection •

HB 483: Limit Citizen Oversight of Energy Projects

Sponsor: Llew Jones (R-Conrad)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed both Houses, Signed by Governor

HB 483 is described in the House Voting Record. Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 28 - 20. A vote *against* the bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 402: Require Government Payment for Regulations on Private Property

Sponsor: Senator Jim Peterson (R-Butte)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed Senate, Defeated in House

SB 402 would have required local and state governments from "taking" property through a regulation without paying a landowner. Among other things, SB 402 would have overturned two Montana Supreme Court cases on game farms, requiring the state to pay game farm owners millions of dollars for activities banned by voters when citizens passed I-143 in 2000. It also would have required landowner payments for compliance with the following regulations: land use planning, subdivision, fish ponds, hunting seasons, clean indoor air rules, and more. Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 31 - 19. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 417: Revise Environmental Impact Laws

Sponsor: Senator Jim Keane (D-Butte)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed Senate, Defeated in House

SB 417 would have turned the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) on its head. MEPA is the main avenue in Montana law for citizen participation and environmental review. SB 417 would have eliminated the right of citizens to sue under MEPA. It also would have prohibited agencies from using information from environmental reviews (Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements) conducted under MEPA in making decisions. Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 27 - 22. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 440: Exempt Air Quality Permits from MEPA

Sponsor: Senator Kelly Gebhardt (R-Roundup)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed Senate, Defeated in House

SB 440 would have exempted all air permits from environmental reviews under MEPA, preventing adequate disclosure of the most significant impacts from a project to the public. MEPA is the only place where impacts to wildlife, wildlife habitat, and other environmental impacts are examined. Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 26 - 24. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SJR 23: Register Support for Promoting Children in Nature

Sponsor: Senator Lynda Moss (D-Billings)

Audubon Position: Support

Status: Failed in Senate

SJR 23 would have shown legislative support for a statewide effort to "develop, coordinate, and promote activities that connect Montana youth with the outdoors." Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote, where it died on a tie vote 24 - 24. A vote *for* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

How We Chose the Votes

All the bills in this record are bills Audubon supported or opposed. Generally, the 2nd Reading (debate stage) vote is used in this voting record because legislators have just finished debating the issue and it is fresh in their mind.

~ KEY ~

+	= Vote in favor of Audubon's position
-	= Vote against Audubon's position
Ab	= Legislator absent but NOT excused from voting
D	= Democrat
E	= Legislator excused from voting
FWP	= MT Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
HB	= House Bill
MEPA	= Montana Environmental Policy Act
R	= Republican
SB	= Senate Bill
SJR	= Senate Joint Resolution

• Energy & Climate Change •

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SB 257: Revise Definition of Renewable Energy Under Renewable Energy Incentive Program

Sponsor: Senator Jim Keane (D-Butte)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed both Houses, Vetoed by Governor

SB 257 is described in the House Voting Record. Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 38 - 11. A vote *against* the bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.



Gray Wolf by FWP

• Streams & Clean Water •

SB 200: Restrict Phosphorous Cleaning Products in Certain Areas

Sponsor: Ron Erickson (D-Missoula)

Audubon Position: Support

Status: Passed both Houses, Signed by Governor

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SJR 7: Register Opposition to Federal Clean Water Restoration Act

Sponsor: Senator John Brenden (R-Scobey)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed Senate, Defeated in House

SJR 7 would have shown legislative opposition to the federal *Clean Water Restoration Act*, which has been introduced before Congress to plug loopholes created by several close U.S. Supreme Court cases. Specifically, the *Act* will restore Clean Water Act protection to isolated wetlands (e.g. in Montana's prairie pothole region) and headwaters streams (in our mountains). Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 29 - 19. A vote *against* the bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

• Wildlife Habitat •

SB 183: Revise Wolf Policy

Sponsor: Senator Joe Balyeat (R-Bozeman)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Defeated in Senate

SB 183 would have voided Montana's *Wolf Conservation and Management Plan*, already approved by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, which is required before wolves can be removed from Endangered Species Act protections. Consequently, it would have caused the wolf delisting program to grind to a halt and start over. Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it failed 23 - 27. A vote *against* the bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 217: Reimburse Livestock Owners for Disease Testing

Sponsor: Senator Debbie Barrett (R-Dillon)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed Senate, Defeated in House

SB 217 would have required Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) to reimburse livestock producers for brucellosis testing, a responsibility currently born by private

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Bales, Keith	20	R	Otter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	6%
Balyeat, Joe	34	R	Bozeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Barkus, Gregory	4	R	Kalispell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	6%
Barrett, Debby	36	R	Dillon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Black, Jerry	14	R	Shelby	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	19%
Branae, Gary	27	D	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94%
Brenden, John	18	R	Scobey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Brown, Roy	25	R	Billings	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6%
Brown, Taylor	22	R	Huntley	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	31%
Brueggeman, John	6	R	Polson	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	31%
Cooney, Mike	40	D	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Curtiss, Aubyn	1	R	Fortine	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	13%
Erickson, Ron	47	D	Missoula	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Esp, John	31	R	Big Timber	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	13%
Essmann, Jeff	28	R	Billings	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	25%
Gallus, Steven	37	D	Butte	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	81%
Gebhardt, Kelly	23	R	Roundup	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	25%
Gillan, Kim	24	D	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88%
Hamlett, Bradley	10	D	Cascade	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	63%
Hansen, Ken (Kim)	17	D	Harlem	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	87%
Hawks, Bob	33	D	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hinkle, Greg	7	R	Thpsn Falls	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Jackson, Verdell	5	R	Kalispell	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	19%
Jent, Larry	32	D	Bozeman	+	+	E	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	93%
Juneau, Carol	8	D	Browning	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94%
Kaufmann, Christine	41	D	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Keane, Jim	38	D	Butte	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	56%
Laible, Rick	44	R	Darby	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	19%
Larsen, Cliff	50	D	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Laslovich, Jesse	43	D	Anaconda	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94%
Lewis, Dave	42	R	Helena	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	19%
McGee, Dan	29	R	Laurel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	6%
Moss, Lynda	26	D	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Murphy, Terry	39	R	Cardwell	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	25%
Perry, Gary	35	R	Manhattan	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	31%
Peterson, Jim	15	R	Buffalo	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	19%
Ripley, Rick	9	R	Wolf Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Schmidt, Trudi	11	D	Great Falls	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88%
Shockley, Jim	45	R	Victor	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	31%
Squires, Carolyn	48	D	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Steinbeisser, Donald	19	R	Sidney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	6%
Stewart-Peregoy, S.	21	D	Crow Agency	E	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	93%
Story, Bob	30	R	Park City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	13%
Tropila, Joe	13	D	Great Falls	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94%
Tropila, Mitch	12	D	Great Falls	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94%
Tutvedt, Bruce	3	R	Kalispell	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	19%
Wanzenried, Dave	49	D	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Williams, Carol	46	D	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Windy Boy, J.	16	D	Box Elder	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	87%
Zinke, Ryan	2	R	Whitefish	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	50%

producers. Because this bill would have been considered a diversion of hunting license fees, it would have meant a loss of \$18 million of federal money for FWP. Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 27 – 23. A vote *against* the bill is a vote *for* Audubon’s position.

SB 437: Clarify Fish Pond Licensing Process

Sponsor: Senator Gary Perry (R-Manhattan)

Audubon Position: Support

Status: Passed Senate, Defeated in House

SB 437 would have made it more difficult for landowners to get a license for a fish pond, requiring these landowners to go through a more complicated process to secure a water right for their fish pond. Biologists are concern about private fish ponds because they are a significant source for the introduction of disease and aquatic invasive species. Featured here is the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 38 – 12. A vote *for* the bill is a vote *for* Audubon’s position.

SB 435: No Net Gain in State Land

Sponsor: Senator John Brenden (R-Scobey)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed Senate, Defeated in House

This bill would have prohibited a net gain in land ownership by the state. This would disallow the state from purchasing new land for parks, wildlife habitat, and stream access. Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote, where it passed 26 – 24. A vote *against* the bill is a vote *for* Audubon’s position.

HB 674: Funding for Purchase of Plum Creek Property

Sponsor: Rep. Chas Vincent (R-Libby)

Audubon Position: Support

Status: Passed both Houses, Signed by Governor

HB 674 is described in the House Voting Record. Because HB 674 authorized bonds to be issued, 34 votes were required for this bill to pass. Featured here is the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 37 - 13. A vote *for* the bill is a vote *for* Audubon’s position.



Painted Turtle by Kristi DuBois

Vote Totals for Senate Voting Record

Bill No.	+	-	Bill No.	+	-
HB 483	20	28	SB 257	11	38
SB 402	19	31	SB 200	33	17
SB 417	22	27	SJR 7	19	29
SB 440	24	26	SB 183	27	23
SJR 23	24	24	SB 217	23	27
HB 27	33	17	SB 437	38	12
HB 529	19	33	SB 435	24	26
HB 584	25	25	HB 674	37	13



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