# 2019 Montana Legislature REPORT & VOTING RECORD



The following report and voting record summarizes Montana Audubon's legislative priorities and outcomes during the 66th Montana Legislature. Our energy was focused on wildlife and habitat protection, wildlife program funding, public lands, subdivisions and land-use, clean-energy and climate change solutions, and general environmental protection; all issues significantly impacting Montana's environmental health and habitat quality. Please review your representatives votes, and if they were champions for our issues thank them with a call or email. If not, it is important to voice your concerns. Please share this record with others and keep the results in mind the next time you vote. Similar issues arise each year!

# Report on the 2019 Montana Legislature



During the 2019 Legislature, Montana Audubon's legislative team testified on 57 bills, supporting 26 and opposing 31. These efforts helped defeat 20 bad bills and pass seven good bills affecting Montana's wildlife and environmental protection laws. Additionaly, four bad bills were vetoed by the Governor and 19 proactive bills failed in the process.

The broad range of legislation impacting Montana's birds and wildlife kept us busy with topics ranging from night hunting of wolves, to bounties for wolf trappers, to having foxes, skunks, bats, and raccoons as pets; and to eliminatinng nutrient standards for water quality, to passing coal-ash pond reclamation costs on to ratepayers, to protecting the Sage-Grouse Stewardship Act.

Fortunately, some of our biggest challenges ended in successfully defeating truly atrocious legislation aimed at eroding wildlife management. The first bill, failing in committee, would require Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) to only use facts and science, disregarding human dimensions, when prescribing wildlife management. The second bill, defeated in the House, prohibited the FWP Commission from limiting wolf hunting to daylight hours, effectively legalizing night hunting. A third bill, defeated in the Senate, allowed for reimbursement of trapper expenses when trapping wolves, establishing a privately-funded bounty system. The legislature also rose to the challenge of successully funding Habitat Montana and Aquatic Invasive Species prevention work, but despite our efforts, a few major victories relied on the Governor's veto, including stopping two anti bison-conservation bills and stopping a bill overturning a Montana Supreme Court case ruling against requiring Land Board approval of FWP's purchase of conservation easements. Two interesting non-binding resolutions also passed; one calling for a Congressional delisting of grizzly bears, and another to study weather modification i.e, cloud seeding.

Climate change and energy issues were an uphill battle yet again, and while the worst energy bills, those propping up coal production, failed to pass, a resolution urging increased coal production did, and proactive climate change legislation failed across the board. Legislation passed establishing bonding for solar energy despite failed attempts to bond for Colstrip's coal-ash pond reclamation. While there are many interesting bills, only a few made the cut for this report - but please enjoy!



# Thank You!

Since 1981, Montana Audubon has lobbied at the Capitol during our state's Legislative session. This year's efforts were led by Director of Policy and Science, Amy Seaman, and Legislative Assistant, Wyatt Smith. They spent countless hours tracking bills, attending hearings, testifying on bills, producing legislative alerts and updates, and working one-on-one with legislators advocating for our positions. We owe a thank you to those making our work possible - generous donors, citizens heeding our calls to action by contacting their legislators, and those attending our rallies and lobby days. We cannot do it alone, and we will be back in 2021!

To learn more about Montana Audubon's work at the Legislature, including specifics about legislation, visit our website or contact Amy Seaman at 406.443.3949 or aseaman@mtaudubon.org.

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Bachmeier, Jacob	D	28	Havre	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	73%
Bahr, Jade	D	50	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	92%
Ballance, Nancy	R	87	Hamilton	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	19%
Bartel, Dan	R	29	Lewiston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Α	+	10%
Beard, Becky	R	80	Elliston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	19%
Bedey, David	R	86	Hamilton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Berglee, Seth	R	58	Joliet	-	-	-	-	-	-	Α	Α	-	+	-	11%
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Bishop, Laurie	D	60	Livingston	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	82%
Brown, Bob	R	13	Thompson Falls	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	19%
Brown, Zach	R	63	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	Α	+	+	-	+	-	80%
Burnett, Tom	D	67	Bozeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Buttrey, Edward	R	21	Great Falls	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-		9%
Coferro, Mary	D	81	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	82%
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Devries, Greg	R	75	Jefferson City	_	-	-	_	-	_	_	-	+	+	-	19%
Doane, Alan	R	36	Bloomfield	+	-	_	-	_	-	_	-	_	+	-	19%
Dooling, Julie	R	70	Helena	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	9%
Dudik, Kimberly	D	94	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	+	_	82%
Dunn, David	R	9	Kalispell	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	+	_	9%
Dunwell, Mary Ann	D	84	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	+	+	92%
Duram, Neil	R	2	Eureka	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	+	_	9%
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Garner, Frank	R	7	Kalispell	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	9%
Greef, Sharon	R	88	Florence						-	-	-		+	-	9%
Glimm, Carl	R	6	Kila	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Grubbs, Bruce	R	68	Bozeman	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	27%
Gunderson, Steve	R	1	Libby	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Hamilton, Jim	D	61	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	Α	Α	-	+	-	77%
Hamlett, Bradley	D	23	Cascade	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	45%
Harvey, Derek	D	74	Butte	+	+	+	Α	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	50%
Hayman, Denise	D	66	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	82%
Hertz, Greg	R	12	Polson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Holmlund, Kenneth	R	38	Miles City	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	9%
Hopkins, Mike	R	92	Missoula	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	19%
Jones, Llew	R	18	Conrad	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Karjala, Jessica	D	48	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	92%
Kassmier, Joshua	R	27	Fort Benton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
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Lenz, Dennis	R	53	Billings		+		_	_		_			_	_	_	9%
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Lynch, Ryan	D	76	Butte		+	+	+	+	+	_	_	_	_	+	_	55%
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Olson, Andrea	D		Missoula		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Α	+	+	100%
Peppers, Rae	D	41	Lame Deer		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Perry, Zac	D	3	Hungry Horse		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	82%
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Pope, Christopher	D	65	Bozeman		+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	73%
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Redfield, Alan	R	59	Livingston		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	9%
Regier, Matt	R	4	Columbia Falls		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	9%
Ricci, Vince	R	55	Laurel		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	9%
Runningwolf, Tyson	D	16	Browning		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	82%
Ryan, Marilyn	D	99	Missoula		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	73%
Sales, Walt	R	69	Manhattan		-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	9%
Schreiner, Casey	D	26	Great Falls		+	+	+	Α	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	60%
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Usher, Barry	R	40	Billings		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	92%
Vinton, Sue	R	56	Billings		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	9%
Weatherwax, Marvin	D	15	Browning		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	73%
Webb, Peggy	R	43	Billings		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	19%
Welch, Tom	R	72	Dillon		-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	19%
White, Kerry	R	64	Bozeman		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	9%
Windy-Boy, Jonathan	D	32	Box Elder		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	82%
Winter, Tom	D	96	Missoula		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	92%
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# Bill Descriptions - House of Representatives

Wildlife and Habitat Protection

HB 132: Clarify definition of wild bison

Sponsor: Rep. Kenneth Homlund (R-Miles City)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Vetoed

Description: This bill would have changed the definition of "wild bison" or "wild buffalo" to include the terms "never has been subject to a per capita fee under 15-24-921" and "never has been owned by a person or held in captivity," effectively considering all of Montana's bison to be livestock. The changes are not needed, target herds on private lands, and affect Montana's bison hunt and conservation future. We used the House 3rd Reading vote; it passed 54-46. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.

HB 265: Revise laws related to FWP easements

Sponsor: Rep. Kerry White (R-Bozeman)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Vetoed

Description: This bill would have required FWP to have land acquisitions and conservation easements approved by the Land Board if they are larger than 100 acres or cost more than \$100,000. This bill would have inserted politics into private landowner conservation agreements by having elected official make conservation decisions. We used the House 2nd Reading vote; it passed 54-46. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.

#### HB 279: Allow for wolf-trapper reimbursement

Sponsor: Rep. Bob Brown (R-Thompson Falls)

Audubon Position: Oppose Status: Failed Senate 2nd Reading

**Description:** This bill would allow trappers licensed to trap wolves to be reimbursed with private money for costs incurred during harvest. This bill amounts to a bounty on wolves, commercializes wildlife, and won't solve elk or wolf management challenges. We used the House 2nd reading vote; it passed 55-45. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.

# HB 332: Require county approval to relocate bison

**Sponsor:** Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R-Fort Benton)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Vetoed

**Description:** This bill is a misguided attempt to cede wild-

life management authority to county commissioners, running counter to over 100 years of wildlife management success and unfairly placing county commissions in a position with authority over the transport of wild bison. This violates the public trust doctrine. We used the House 2nd Reading vote; it passed 58-42. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.

### HB 551: Allow wolf hunting at night

Sponsor: Rep. Bob Brown (R-Thompson Falls)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Failed House 2nd Reading

**Description:** This bill intended to usurp the authority of the FWP Commission by regulating which hours they can set for wolf hunting; removing the their ability to limit the hunting of wolves to daylight hours. We used the House 2nd Reading vote; it failed 44-56. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.



Gary Kramer, National Digital Library, U.S Fish & Wildlife Service, Wikicommons

SB 299: Generally revise the Sage-grouse Stewardship Act Sponsor: Sen. Mike Lang (R-Malta)

Audubon Position: Oppose

**Status:** Signed by the Governor

**Description:** This bill will exempt certain current land-uses from provisions of the Greater-Sage Grouse Stewardship Act, change the bar for mitigation plan approval, add

# **KEY**

+ = Vote in favor of Audubon's position

- = Vote against Audubon's position

A = Legislator absent

D/R = Democrat; Republican

FWP = MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks

HB/HJ = House Bill/House Joint Resolution

SB/SJ = Senate Bill/Senate Joint Resolution

waivers to the program, and add a number of oversight team reporting requirements. The bill requires the program to balance economic incentives with conserving sage-grouse for each project, losing focus on the big picture - conserving sage-grouse to avoid an Endangered Species Listing. We used the House 2nd Reading vote; it passed 64-35. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.

### Climate Change and Energy

HJ 4: Resolution to congress to streamline the exportation of coal

Sponsor: Rep. Joe Read (R-Ronan)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Filed with Secretary of State

Description: This resolution tells the state of Washington they are not allowed to make sovereign decisions like refusing to issue permits to coal exporting companies looking to build export terminals at shipping ports. Rather, the resolution tells congress that they should hold Washington accountable to streamline the exportation of coal. We used the House 3rd Reading vote; it passed 70-29. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.

HB 487: Revise renewable RPS to include hydropower

Sponsor: Rep. Derek Skees (R-Kalispell)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Vetoed

Description: This bill would have enabled Montana utilities to incorporate hydropower into their Renewable Portfolio Standard. Currently Montana Dakota Utilities and NorthWestern Energy both need to meet the RPS, however MDU owns no hydropower. Adding hydropower to the RPS would defeat the laws intent and disrupt positive market influences on clean energy in Montana's energy sector. We used the House 3rd Reading vote; it passed 64-32. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.

SB 93: Require bonding & decommissioning for solar

Sponsor: Sen. Tom Richmond (R-Billings)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Signed by the Governor

**Description:** This bill requires solar installations with greater than 2MW capacity to provide decommissioning bonds by year 15 of operation. Bonds could be modified as needed. And while we support bonded energy production, the small scale of projects targeted could complicate the growth of an industry we want to encourage, and places like Colstrip remain only partially

bonded. We used the House 3rd Reading vote; it passed 89-8. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position, though we don't strongly oppose the concept.

SB 331: Establish the Montana Energy Security Act

Sponsor: Sen. Tom Richmond (R-Billings)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Failed House 3rd Reading

Description: SB331 attempted to allow NorthWestern Energy to bypass the Public Service Commission, saddling ratepayers with unreviewed liabilities and increased costs associated with purchasing an increased portion of the Colstrip power plant. This bill promised to secure the future of the Colstrip plant but had no garauntee NorthWestern Energy would even power on the facility. We used the House 2nd Reading Vote; it failed 62-38. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.

## General Environmental Protection

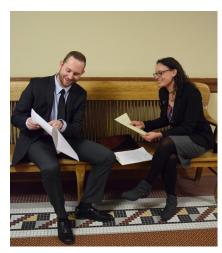
SB 48: Revise variances to water quality standards

Sponsor: Sen. Tom Richmond (R-Billings)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Signed by the Governor

Description: SB 48 allows for the Montana Dept. of Environtmental Quality to adopt rules and issue "variances" from water quality standards to polluters. It allows for pollution dischargers to receive variances years before they are required to produce and implement pollution reduction plans. SB 48 contains provisions that will dramatically weaken Montana's water quality protections and open the door for abuse. We used the House 3rd Reading vote; it passed 76-22. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.



Wyatt and Amy snag a few minutes in the hallway to count votes and talk strategy.

# **Bill Descriptions - Senate**

## Wildlife and Habitat Protection

HB 132: Clarify definition of bison

Sponsor: Rep. Kenneth Homlund (R-Miles City)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Vetoed

**Description:** This bill is described in the House Voting Record. We used the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 30-20. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.

# HB 265: Revise laws related to approval of FWP easements

Sponsor: Rep. Kerry White (R-Bozeman)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Vetoed

**Description:** This bill is described in the House Voting Record. We used the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 26-23. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.

# HB 279: Allow for wolf-trapper reimbursement

Sponsor: Rep. Bob Brown (R-Thompson Falls)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Failed Senate 2nd Reading

**Description:** This bill is described in the House Voting Record. We used the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it failed 23-27. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.

## HB 332: Require county approval to relocate bison

Sponsor: Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R-Fort Benton)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Vetoed

**Description:** This bill is described in the House Voting Record. We used the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 29-20. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.

# SB 299: Generally revise laws related to sage-grouse conservation

Sponsor: Sen. Mike Lang (R-Malta)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Signed by the Governor

**Description:** This bill is described in the House Voting Record. We used the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 32-18. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.

## Climate Change and Energy

## HJ 4: Resolution to streamline the exportation of coal

**Sponsor:** Rep. Joe Read (R-Ronan) **Audubon Position:** *Oppose* 

Status: Filed with Secretary of State

**Description:** This bill is described in the House Voting Record. We used the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 32-18. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.

### HB 487: Revise RPS to include hydropower

Sponsor: Rep. Derek Skees (R-Kalispell)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Vetoed

**Description:** This bill is described in the House Voting Record. We used the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 31-18. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.

# SB 93: Require bonding & decommissioning for solar

Sponsor: Sen. Tom Richmond (R-Billings)

Audubon Position: Oppose Status: Signed by the Governor

**Description:** This bill is described in the House Voting Record. We used the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 33-15. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.

# SB 245: Establish commercial property assessed clean energy program

Sponsor: Sen. Mary McNally (D-Billings)

Audubon Position: Support

Status: Tabled in House Committee

Description: This bill provided business owners and agricultural producers access to 100% upfront financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements. Called "CPACE", this financing is similar to how municipalities finance streetlights, sidewalks, and parks - an assessment on the annual property taxes. The voluntary program allows financing up to 20 years. We used the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 35-15. A vote for this bill is a vote for our position.



The public lands rally filled the Capitol with public lands supporters.

Wyatt Smith Photo

# Montana Senate

Name	Party	District	Town	HB 132	HB 265	НВ 279	HB 332	_	HJ 4	НВ 487	SB 93	SB 245	SB 331	SB 32	SB 48	Rating
Ankney, Duane	R	20	Colstrip	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	17%
Barrett, Dick	D	45	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Bennet, Bryce	D	50	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	92%
Blasdel, Mark	R	4	Kalispell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	8%
Bogner, Kenneth	R	19	Miles City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	17%
Boland, Cyndie (Carlie)	D	12	Great Falls	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	92%
Brown, Dee	R	2	Hungry Horse	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	+	+	_	17%
Cohenour, Jill	D	42	East Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	92%
Cuffe, Mike	R	1	Eureka	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	+	_	+	_	17
Ellis, Janet	D	41	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Ellsworth, Jason	R	43	Hamilton	_	_	_	-	_	-	_	_	_	_	+	_	8%
Esp, John	R	30	Big Timber	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	+	_	_	8%
Fielder, Jennifer	R	7	Thompson Falls	_	Α	_	Α	_	_	Α	_	+	+	+	_	33%
Fitzpatrick, Steve	R	10	Great Falls	_	+	+	-	_	_	-	_	+	_	+	_	33%
Flowers, Pat	D	32	Belgrade	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	92%
Gauthier, Terry	R	40	Helena	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	+	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	÷	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	+	<u> </u>	+		25%
Gillespie, Bruce	R	9	Ethridge	_	_		_	_	_	_	_	+	_	+	_	17%
Gross, Jen	D	25	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	92%
Hinebauch, Steve	R	18	Wibaux	т	т	т	т	Т	Т	т	Т	т.	т	т	+	8%
•			Great Falls	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	o% 25%
Hoven, Brian	R	13				+	-		_			+		+		
Howard, David	R	29	Park City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	Α.	A	+	-	11%
Jacobson, Tom	D	11	Great Falls	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	Α	+	+	+	-	82%
Kary, Doug	R	22	Billings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	8%
Keenan, Bob	R	5	Bigfork	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	17%
Lang, Mike	R	17	Malta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	8%
MacDonald, Margie	D	26	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Malek, Sue	D	46	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
McClafferty, Edie	D	38	Butte	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	83%
McConnell, Nate	D	48	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
McNally, Mary	D	24	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	92%
Olszewski, Albert	R	6	Kalispell	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	25%
Osmundson, Ryan	R	15	Buffalo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	8%
Phillips, Mike	D	31	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Pomnichowski, JP	D	33	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Regier, Keith	R	3	Kalispell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	17%
Richmond, Tom	R	28	Billings	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	25%
Sales, Scott	R	35	Bozeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	8%
Salomon, Daniel	R	47	Ronan	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	25%
Sands, Diane	D	49	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	92%
Sesso, Jon	D	37	Butte	+	+	+	+	+	_	-	-	+	-	+	-	58%
Small, Jason	R	21	Busby	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	33%
Smith, Cary	R	27	Billings	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	+	_	8%
Smith, Frank	D	16	Poplar	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	+	+	+	_	83%
Tempel, Russel	R	14	Chester	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	+	_	+	_	17%
Thomas, Fred	R	44	Stevensville	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	+	_	8%
Vance, Gordon	R	34	Belgrade				_	_	_		_			+		8%
Vuckovich, Gene	D	39	Anaconda	+	+	+	+	_	_	+	_	+	_	+	_	58%
Webb, Roger	R	23	Billings	_ _			_	_	_	-	_	_	_	+	_	36 <i>%</i> 8%
Webber, Susan	D D	8	Browning	_	_	+	_	+	+	+	+	+	_	+	_	92%
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Welborn, Jeffrey	R	36	Dillon		+							+		+		<u> </u>

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SB 331: Establish the Montana energy security act

Sponsor: Sen. Tom Richmond (R-Billings)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*Status: Failed House 3rd Reading

**Description:** This bill is described in the House Voting Record. We used the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 32-18. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.

## General Environmental Protection

SB 32: Create stream gauge oversight work group

Sponsor: Sen. Jon Sesso (D-Butte) Audubon Position: Support Status: Signed by the Governor

**Description:** SB 32 creates a working group to increase management and collaboration for improved, accurate, real-time measurement of streamflows. We used the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 49-1. A vote for this bill is a vote for our position.

SB 48: Revise variances to water quality standards

Sponsor: Sen. Tom Richmond (R-Billings)

**Audubon Position:** *Oppose* **Status:** Signed by the Governor

**Description:** This bill is described in the House Voting Record. We used the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 43-7. A vote against this bill is a vote for our position.



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