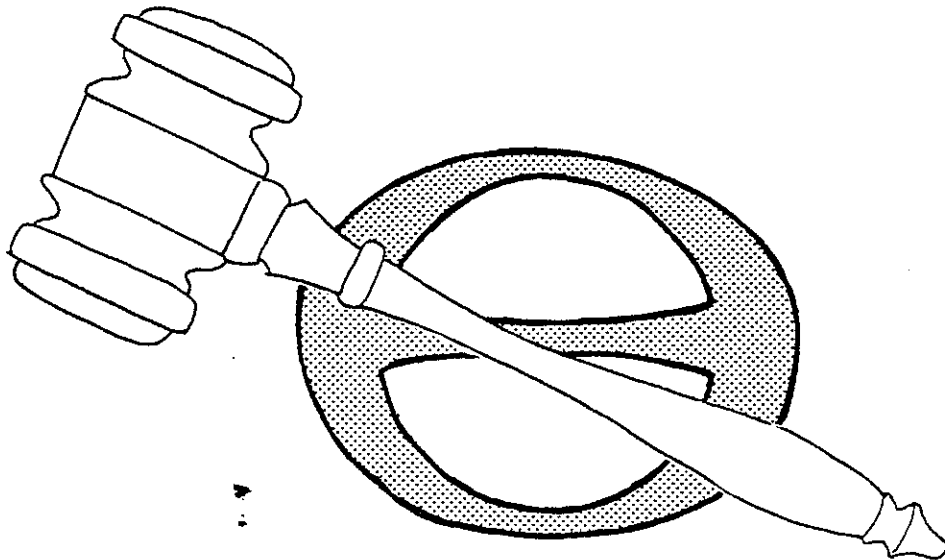


Environmental Voting Record

1979

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Synopsis of Bills

The following bills were chosen for the Environmental Voting Record because they represented a range of important environmental issues. Most of the bills selected were the object of active IEC lobbying. Each bill received a final vote in at least one chamber of the General Assembly.

SB 659 — Hazardous Waste Disposal — Demuzio; House sponsor, Hannig. This bill, a top priority for the IEC, set forth a comprehensive plan for the management of hazardous wastes. Controversy arose over the provision regarded by environmentalists as the heart of the bill—the requirement that new waste management technologies be used wherever feasible. Nevertheless the bill passed both houses and was sent to the Governor's desk in June. In September, Governor Thompson vetoed the bill. Three attempts were made in the Senate in October to override the veto. All failed on close votes. The voting analysis on page 3 makes use of the second roll call on the override as well as the original vote in June. *The IEC strongly supported this bill.*

SB 673 — Sulfur Dioxide Regulations — Knuppel-Johns-Rupp. This bill would have amended the Environmental Protection Act by specifying that certain criteria for sulfur dioxide emission sources could not be stricter than necessary to meet federal Ambient Air Quality Standards. This bill was one of five nearly identical measures purporting to increase the use of Illinois coal by relaxing air quality standards. Believing that both coal and clean air must be accommodated in Illinois, the IEC lobbied hard, and with success, against these five bills. SB 673 was passed by the Senate but defeated in the House Environment Committee. *IEC opposed this bill.*

HB 226 — Sulfur Dioxide Regulations — Harris-Rea-Richmond-Winchester; Senate sponsors, Buzbee and Johns. Like SB 673, this bill specified that certain criteria for sulfur dioxide emission sources could not be stricter than federal standards. HB 226 passed the House and went to the Senate. There it was amended to authorize air pollution studies only. Thus rewritten, the bill was no longer offensive, and the IEC supported it. The bill was signed into law by the Governor. The roll call vote used in the voting analysis on pp. 4-5 is on the bill in its original form. *The IEC opposed this bill.*

HB 1356 — Land Use Commission — Brady-Mugalian; Senate sponsor, Lemke. This bill creates the Land Resources Management Study Commission, to be composed of 10 legislative members and 8 public members. It will study Illinois land use law and policy, hold statewide hearings, and report to the General Assembly by February 1, 1981. HB 1345 passed both houses and was signed into law by the Governor. *IEC supported this bill.*

HB 1657, House Amendment 22, sponsor, Von Boeckman; Senate Amendment 8, sponsor, Netsch — Rock Island Trail Funds — After a bill authorizing sale of the Rock Island Trail died in the House, the IEC and others began pushing hard to get funds—for the first time in three years—to complete trail construction. Amendment 22 (Von Boeckman) to the Department of Conservation budget bill authorized \$150,000 for the trail and was passed intact by the House. The sum was dropped, however, by the Senate Appropriations Committee II. Amendment 8 (Netsch) would have restored

the trail money on the Senate floor but was defeated. A conference committee finally eliminated the trail appropriation in a close vote. *The IEC supported these amendments.*

HB 1900 — Recycling Used Oil — Pierce; Senate sponsor, Gitz. The Waste Oil Recovery Act encourages a voluntary program of collection and recycling of used lubricating oil from motor vehicles. The Illinois Institute of Natural Resources is to be responsible for facilitating the program. This bill found broad support in the General Assembly and was signed into law by the Governor. *The IEC supported this bill.*

HB 2200 — Non-game Wildlife Check-off — Skinner-Macdonald; Senate sponsor, Schaffer. This bill would have created a voluntary check-off system through which taxpayers could divert part of a state income tax refund to the Illinois Non-game Wildlife Conservation Fund. The bill passed the General Assembly with little opposition but was vetoed by Governor Thompson. Supporters of HB 2200 agreed to work for an override. Two attempts to gain the necessary three-fifths majority failed, however—in both cases, because supportive votes were not on the floor when needed. The first override vote (Oct. 17) is the one used in the voting analysis, along with the original vote on May 25. *The IEC supported this bill.*

HB 2548 — Strip Mining Program — McMaster; Senate sponsors, Knuppel and Johns. This bill establishes a permanent program for Illinois based on the requirements of the Federal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. Much of the difficult work on this bill was done in a subcommittee of the House Environment Committee under the chairmanship of Rep. McClain. Two days of hearings produced a program considered acceptable to the many concerned interest groups. The original bill was substantially strengthened by the addition of a "citizens' amendment package." The bill passed both houses and was signed into law by the Governor. *IEC supported this bill as amended.*

HB 2703, Amendment 3 — Sponsor of amendment, Bowman. The substance of the Illinois "bottle bill" was amended onto HB 2703, a litter tax bill introduced by Rep. O'Brien. The IEC vigorously and successfully opposed three litter tax measures in 1979, but supported amendment 3 to the O'Brien bill as an opportunity to get a floor vote on the container deposit concept. The bottle bill amendment was defeated. (HB 5, the actual Illinois bottle bill, was held in the House Environment Committee in April and later placed on the interim study calendar. To win a bottle bill for Illinois will continue to be a major IEC goal.) *The IEC supported the bottle bill amendment.*

COVER: The gavel, representing the legislative process, is superimposed on the Greek letter *theta*, which has come to symbolize ecology and the environmental movement.

Environmental Legislators of the Year

A total of 27 Representatives and 9 Senators have been named Environmental Legislators of the Year on the basis of their votes on key environmental bills. Five additional Representatives are being recognized for their leadership on specific environmental legislation rather than their overall voting record.

The method used to determine each legislator's rating is explained on page 8 of this booklet.



Sen. Earlean Collins (D-21) — Only senator to show 100% support on the environmental bills analyzed; one of only 7 Senate votes against relaxing SO₂ regulations.

Sen. Vince Demuzio (D-49) — Outstanding efforts as sponsor of SB 659, a stringent program of hazardous waste management; sponsor of SB 660, requiring governmental approval of radioactive sites, and (with Gitz) of SB 548, a 5-year ban on nuclear plant construction.



Sen. Kenneth Hall (D-57) — Carried Rep. Younger's alternative energy bill (HB 499) in the Senate; greatly improved environmental voting record.

Sen. John Merlo (D-12) — Senior legislator in 12th district, all four of whose legislators have earned environmental voting awards this year; supportive votes on all seven bills for which he was present.



Sen. Dawn Clark Netsch (D-13) — 4th environmental voting award; sought funding for Rock Island Trail by sponsoring Amendment 8 to HB 1657; cosponsored SB 659 (hazardous waste controls) and SB 660 (governmental approval of radioactive sites).

Sen. Richard Newhouse (D-24) — Dramatic improvement in environmental voting record.



Sen. Jack Schaffer (R-33) — A consistently good record; successfully carried sponsorship of HB 2200, the non-game wildlife check-off fund, in the Senate; one of only 7 Senators to vote against relaxing SO₂ regulations.

Sen. Harold Washington (D-26) — A supportive vote on all seven environmental bills for which he was present; a steadily improving voting record.



Sen. Don Wooten (D-36) — 4th environmental voting award; cosponsored SB 659, hazardous waste controls, SB 548, 5-year nuclear moratorium, and SB 660, governmental approval of radioactive sites; one of only 7 Senators to vote against relaxing SO₂ rules.



Rep. Eugene Barnes (D-29) — Veteran legislator showing greatly improved environmental voting record.

Rep. John Beatty (D-27) — Significantly strengthened environmental support; voted with a minority in opposing sale of Rock Island Trail (HB 2649) in house Executive Committee.



Rep. Woods Bowman (D-11) — Sponsor (with Pierce) of HB 5, the Bottle Bill; led floor opposition to litter tax legislation; sponsored HB 920, DOC waterways inventory; co-sponsored Nuclear Power Evaluation Act; sponsored cave protection bills in 1978.

Rep. Carol Moseley Braun (D-24) — new member of the House; cosponsored HB 1262, the Nuclear Power Evaluation Act, and HB 5, the Bottle Bill; a persuasive environmental advocate.



Rep. Susan Catania (R-22) — Cosponsored HB 5, the Bottle Bill; HB 1262, the Nuclear Power Evaluation Act; and HB 2200, the non-game wildlife check-off fund.

Rep. Eugenia Chapman (D-3) — Cosponsored HB 5, the Bottle Bill; cosponsored HB 1262, the Nuclear Power Evaluation Act; a consistent supporter earning her 4th consecutive voting award.



Rep. John Cullerton (D-12) — New member of the House; one of only 15 representatives to support Illinois air standards by voting against HB 226.

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie (D-24) — new member; cosponsored Bottle Bill and Nuclear Power Evaluation Act; strong voice for Rock Island Trail funding in DOC budget conference committee; sponsored HB 1727 (\$500,000 to DOC for urban parks); House sponsor of SB 1350 (financing SO₂ removal equipment).



Rep. Giddy Dyer (R-41) — Cosponsored HB 2200, the non-game wildlife check-off fund; an experienced legislator with an increasingly good environmental voting record.

Rep. E. J. Giorgi (D-34) — Assistant House Majority Leader; significantly improved environmental voting record.



Rep. Alan Greiman (D-15) — Third consecutive 100% environmental voting record; sponsored (with Mugalian and Harris) HB 1262, the Nuclear Power Evaluation Act; cosponsored Bottle Bill; voted against the sale of Rock Island Trail (HB 2649) in House Executive Committee.



Rep. Alan Jaffe (D-4) — Cosponsored HB 5, the Bottle Bill, HB 1262, the Nuclear Power Evaluation Act, and HB 1900, the Waste Oil Recovery Act; 4th environmental voting award.



Rep. Terry Steczo (D-9) — Second consecutive 100% environmental voting record; cosponsor of HB 5, the Bottle Bill, and of HB 1262, the Nuclear Power Evaluation Act.

Rep. Timothy Johnson (R-52) — Sponsored HB 293 (with Pierce and Sandquist) which penalizes use of leghold traps; offered consistent environmental support.



Rep. Arthur Telser (R-12) — Assistant House Minority Leader; cosponsor of HB 5, the Bottle Bill; a consistent supporter.



Rep. Harold Katz (D-1) — Sponsored (with McClain) HB 953, which requires state vehicles to meet fuel economy standards; cosponsored HB 1262, the Nuclear Power Evaluation Act.



Rep. Anne Willer (D-6) — Cosponsor of HB 5, the Bottle Bill; a consistently strong advocate for the environment.

Rep. William Marovitz (D-12) — Cosponsor of HB 5, the Bottle Bill, and of HB 1262, the Nuclear Power Evaluation Act; a supporter of utilities reform and environmental legislation.



Rev. Jacob John Wolf (R-17) — Maintained strong opposition to HB 226 and poorer air quality; cosponsored Bottle Bill and Nuclear Power Evaluation Act; strong support for the environment on House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee.



Rep. Michael McClain (D-48) — Chairman of House Environment Committee; notable for accessibility and fair conduct of meetings. Chaired subcommittee which approved citizens' amendments to HB 2548, the strip mining program; key role in resolution of SO₂ issue; sponsored HB 953 (fuel economy).



Rep. Wyvetter Younge (D-57) — member of the House Environment Committee; sponsored several energy-related bills, notably HB 499 and HB 500, which authorized \$500,000 for alternative energy projects.

Rep. Richard Mugalian (D-2) — Sponsor (with Greiman and Harris) of HB 1262, the Nuclear Power Evaluation Act, which calls for a 5-year moratorium on nuclear plant construction; sponsored land use study commission bill (HB 1345); cosponsored Bottle Bill; 4th environmental voting record.



SPECIAL AWARDS — for initiative and leadership on specific environmental issues.



Rep. Robert Pechous (D-7) — Cosponsor of HB 5, the Bottle Bill; a reliable supporter on environmental issues.



Rock Island Trail

Rep. Fred Schraeder (D-46) — Fought successfully against sale of Rock Island Trail through his amendment to HB 1657. With Von Boeckman, sponsored HR 332 directing the state to study acquisition of abandoned rail rights-of-way for possible use as trails.

Rep. Daniel Pierce (D-32) — Sponsor (with Bowman) of HB 5, the Bottle Bill; sponsor of HB 1900, the Waste Oil Recovery Act; sponsor (with Johnson and Sandquist) of HB 293, penalizing leghold traps; senior Democrat on House Environment Committee.



Rep. James Von Boeckman (D-45) — Sought \$150,000 for the Rock Island Trail by sponsoring Amendment 22 to the Department of Conservation budget bill. Sponsored HR 332 with Schraeder (see above).



Rep. Eroy Sandquist (R-13) — Cosponsored HB 5, the Bottle Bill; sponsored (with Johnson and Pierce) HB 293, which penalizes the use of leghold traps.



Non-Game Wildlife Conservation Fund

Rep. Calvin Skinner (R-33) — Sponsor of HB 2200, an innovative check-off system permitting taxpayers to channel part of state income tax refunds to a fund for non-game species; fought for both passage of the bill and override of Governor's veto.

Rep. Helen Satterthwaite (D-52) — Second consecutive 100% environmental voting record; cosponsored HB 5, the Bottle Bill.



Rep. Virginia Macdonald (R-3) — Sponsored HB 2200 with Skinner; gained reconsideration of HB 2200 for a second try at overriding the Governor's veto.



Rep. Glenn Schneider (D-41) — Sponsored HB 1535 requiring inspection of radiation sites; cosponsored the Bottle Bill; on House floor, strongly opposed bill exempting small towns from chlorinating water supply; cosponsored waterways inventory (HB 920); 4th environmental voting award.



Inspection/Maintenance Program

Rep. J. Theodore Meyer (R-28) — Sponsor of HB 2051, the proposed vehicle inspection and maintenance program designed to improve air quality; Vice-chair of Joint House-Senate I/M Committee.

Senate

	SB 657 (Yes = +) Hazardous waste disposal	SB 659 override (Yes = +) Attempt to gain 3/5 vote	SB 672 (No = +) SO2 regulations	HB 1348 (Yes = +) Land use commission	HB 1657 #8 (Yes = +) Rock Island rail appropriation	HB 1900 (Yes = +) Recycling use of oil	HB 2200 (Yes = +) Non-point runoff checkoff	HB 2846 (Yes = +) State mining program	1979 Rating	1977 Rating
1 Keats, Roger (R)	+	p	+	a	a	a	+	66%	42% †	
2 *Graham, John (R)	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	38%	31%	
3 Regner, David (R)	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	38%	41%	
4 Nimrod, John (R)	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	25%	63%	
5 Walsh, Richard (R)	-	-	-	-	a	-	+	19%	63%	
6 Rhoads, Mark (R)	+	p	+	-	-	+	+	66%	63%	
7 Becker, Leonard (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	25%	-	
8 Ozinga, Frank (R)	p	p	a	+	-	+	+	63%	56%	
9 Moore, Don (R)	p	a	a	+	+	+	+	78%	47%	
10 DeAngelis, Aldo (R) †	p	p	-	a	+	+	+	63%	-	
11 Berman, Arthur (D) †	+	+	+	+	+	-	p	78%	81%	
12 Merlo, John (D)	+	+	a	+	+	+	+	94%	63%	
13 Netsch, Dawn (D)	+	+	p	+	+	+	+	97%	81%	
14 Nega, Walter (D)	a	+	a	+	-	+	+	75%	-	
15 Carroll, Howard (D)	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	63%	50%	
16 Egan, Robert (D)	a	+	-	a	a	+	+	63%	56%	
17 Nash, Steven (D)	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	75%	-	
18 Rock, Philip (D)	+	+	-	a	-	+	+	63%	44%	
19 Nedza, Edward (D)	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	75%	-	
20 D'Arco, John (D)	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	63%	44%	
21 Collins, Earlean (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	81%	
22 McLendon, James (D)	+	+	-	+	a	+	+	81%	-	
23 Daley, Richard (D)	a	+	-	a	+	+	+	75%	50%	
24 Newhouse, Richard (D)	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	88%	50%	
25 Lemke, Leroy (D)	+	+	-	+	a	+	+	81%	44%	
26 Washington, Harold (D)	+	+	a	+	+	+	+	94%	63%	
27 Savickas, Frank (D)	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	69%	50%	
28 Joyce, Jeremiah (D)	+	+	-	+	a	+	+	81%	-	
29 Chew, Charles (D)	a	+	-	+	+	+	+	81%	56%	
30 Maragos, Samuel (D)	+	a	-	+	-	+	+	69%	69%	
31 Geo-Karis, Adeline (R)	+	a	-	+	-	+	+	69%	67% †	
32 Berning, Karl (R)	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	63%	56%	
33 Schaffer, Jack (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	88%	88%	
34 Martin, Lynn (R)	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	75%	47% †	
35 Gitz, James (D)	+	+	a	+	-	+	+	81%	-	
36 Wooten, Donald (D)	+	+	+	a	+	+	+	94%	88%	
37 Shapiro, David (R)	p	-	-	-	-	+	+	41%	75%	
38 Grothberg, John (R)	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	63%	53%	
39 Mitchler, Robert (R)	p	-	-	-	-	+	+	28%	50%	
40 Philip, James (R)	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	38%	63%	
41 Bowers, Jack (R)	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	25%	63%	
42 Sangmeister, George (D)	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	75%	Illness	
43 Joyce, Jerome (D)	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	69%	63%	
44 Maitland, John (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	13%	-	
45 Sommer, Roger (R)	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	50%	63%	
46 Bloom, Prescott (R)	+	-	a	-	-	+	-	44%	50%	
47 McMillan, Ken (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	13%	50%	
48 Knuppel, John (D)	+	+	-	a	+	-	+	69%	63%	
49 Demuzio, Vince (D)	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	88%	63%	
50 Davidson, John (R)	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	50%	63%	
51 Rupp, James (R)	p	+	-	+	+	+	+	78%	50%	
52 Weaver, Stanley (R)	+	-	-	-	a	+	+	56%	63%	
53 Coffey, Max (R)	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	63%	50%	
54 Bruce, Terry (D)	+	+	-	+	a	+	-	69%	59%	
55 Donnewald, James (D)	+	+	-	a	-	+	+	63%	38%	
56 Vadalabene, Sam (D)	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	75%	56%	
57 Hall, Kenneth (D)	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	88%	63%	
58 Buzbee, Kenneth (D)	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	63%	63%	
59 Johns, Gene (D)	+	+	-	+	p	+	+	78%	44%	

* Deceased, December 1979; replaced by Rep. John Friedland
 † Rating as a Representative