

2014

Illinois Environmental Council **ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD**

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Dear Reader,

IEC's Environmental Scorecard is released each year to provide our supporters with a tool to learn about the votes taken by their elected officials in Springfield. This is just one item in the toolbox that IEC offers to our supporters. The IEC bill tracker shares the positions of the environmental community on legislation. IEC's newsletters provide supporters information on what is happening in Springfield and how they can advance environmental legislation. Our social media outreach gives real time updates on bill progress.

IEC provides members of the Illinois Legislative Green Caucus with weekly handouts summarizing bills in committee or being considered for floor action. IEC communicates its positions on bills through these handouts as well as by filing in support or opposition in committee and speaking with staff about our positions.

Some of the legislation missing from this scorecard demonstrates the environmental community's biggest successes this session. Neither SB649, which would have gutted the fracking law nor legislation authorizing the Illiana Tollroad appear on this scorecard. Happily, these proposals did not have enough support to come to a vote.

The Senate also did not call to a vote two pieces of legislation that the environmental community opposed. An anti-climate change resolution never moved out of Senate Energy and a proposal that would have allowed bobcat hunting never moved to the Senate floor. Thus, the members of the Illinois Senate have very good scores overall. We congratulate all Senators, but have given the award only to those that went above and beyond by sponsoring our renewable energy bill.

The environmental community ended the Spring 2014 legislative session dismayed by the legislature's declining to call a bill that would fix Illinois' Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards (RPS). Each year we delay this necessary legislation, Illinois loses out on jobs, economic development and environmental benefits. This is why we have included sponsorship of SB103, our proposed fix, as part of this year's scorecard.

IEC hopes our Environmental Scorecard is helpful to all of our supporters who wish to become educated on Illinois' environmental issues.

Jennifer Walling
Executive Director
Illinois Environmental Council

Explanation of Scoring

For each bill, legislators are evaluated on whether they voted with the pro-environment position (“+”) on the bill or against it (“-“). For bills that the environmental community supports, a YES vote is a + and a NO vote is a -. For bills that are opposed, a NO vote is a + and a YES vote is a -. The votes are then tallied and an overall score is calculated. For instance, someone who voted pro-environment on six bills and against on four bills is given a 60% score.

The only votes not counted are those when a legislator had an excused absence (noted in the chart as “A”), which generally meant that the legislator was not in Springfield on that day due to an illness or other unexpected circumstances. Legislators who had excused absences were scored according to the other votes they cast.

Two other voting possibilities are included. On occasion, a legislator may vote “Present,” which is essentially an abstention. We typically have counted these votes the same as a no vote on the bill, because the impact on the bill's potential to pass is the

same as if that legislator had voted no. These are shown in the voting chart as “P” and counted the same as a “+” when it helps the pro-environment position, and shown as “p” and counted as “-“ when it hurts. Similarly, when a legislator is in Springfield but does not vote on a bill, we have counted it the same as a “no” vote on the bill. This is noted in the chart as “NV” and counted the same as a “+” when this action supports the pro-environment position. It is noted as “nv” and counted as “-“ when it does not support the pro-environment position.

Legislators have many reasons for voting “Present” or for not voting at all. They may vote “Present” because of a philosophical conflict on the issue, or simply because they don't want to commit publicly one way or the other. They may miss a vote because they were in an important meeting, were in the bathroom at the time of the vote, or were at their desk but decided not to vote. Regardless of the reason, all of these actions have significant consequences for whether or not a bill passes, and therefore we have decided that it is appropriate to hold legislators accountable for their actions whatever they may be.

About the Bills in the 2014 Environmental Scorecard

SB103: Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards Fix

Sponsors: Sen. Don Harmon

SB103 provides a critical fix to Illinois renewable energy portfolio standards, which require 25% of energy to come from renewable energy by 2025.

SB103 was not called in either chamber. The proposal has 20 co-sponsors in the Senate.

HB5657: Farmers Markets

Sponsors: Rep. Michael W. Tryon and Sen. David Koehler

HB5657 creates new rules for farmers markets, including sampling requirements, to make it easier for local farmers to sell in multiple counties. The bill also requires product origin to be disclosed so consumers know where the produce was grown.

HB5657 passed the House by a vote of 114-0-0 and the Senate 58-0-0

HB2427: Solar Power

Sponsors: Rep. Robyn Gabel and Sen. Don Harmon

HB2427 authorizes a one-time supplemental procurement of \$30 million from the Renewable Energy Resources Fund for solar energy.

HB2427 passed the House by a vote of 97-10-1 and the Senate 56-0-0

HB4226: Bobcat Hunting

Sponsors: Rep. Wayne Rosenthal

HB4226 would allow bobcat hunting all over the state, even in areas where these species have not recovered.

HB4226 passed the House by a vote of 66-36-2

HB4227: Electronic Recycling and Reuse

Sponsors: Rep. Carol A. Sente and Sen. Julie A. Morrison

HB4227 streamlines requirements in the Electronic Products Recycling Act to ease compliance for recyclers.

HB4227 passed the House by a vote of 112-0-0 and the Senate 58-0-0

HR782: Delay and Weaken Climate Change Rules

Sponsors: Rep. Brandon Phelps.

HR782 is a resolution calling for President Obama's climate change rules to be weakened or delayed to support Illinois' coal industry

HR782 passed the House with a vote of 66-36-2.

A motion to discharge this bill from committee, which came to a floor vote, is also included in the scorecard.

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About the Bills in the 2014 Environmental Scorecard....cont.

SB2671: Tire Storage Permits

Sponsors: Sen. Michael W. Frerichs and William Davis

SB2671 tightens environmental regulations on used tire facilities.

SB2671 passed the House by a vote of 100-5-0 and the Senate 50-2-0

SB2727: Ban Microbeads

Sponsors: Sen. Heather A. Steans and Rep. Jaime M. Andrade, Jr.

SB2727 would prohibit the sale of personal care products containing microbeads. These small plastic particles are being found in the Great Lakes and possible pathways exist for them to be ingested by aquatic wildlife. The ban is a phaseout that runs from 2017-2019.

SB2727 passed the House by a vote of 116-0 and the Senate 55-0-0

SB2780: Water Pollution Control Loans

Sponsors: Sen. Dan Kotowski and Rep. Elaine Nekritz

SB2780 expands the type of grants and funding available in the Clean Water Initiative so that green stormwater infrastructure and pollution prevention projects can be funded.

SB2780 passed the House by a vote of 104-0-0 and the Senate 53-0-0

SB2966: Urban Flooding

Sponsors: Sen. Heather A. Steans and Rep. Kelly M. Cassidy

SB2966 directs the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to conduct a study of urban flooding across the entire state. This study will give background information to communities that might consider using green stormwater infrastructure.

SB2966 passed the House by a vote of 115-0-0 and the Senate 53-1-0

SB3049: Protection of Wildlife

Sponsors: Sen. Linda Holmes and Rep. Kelly M. Cassidy

SB3049 will add the cougar, black bear and grey wolf to the protected species list. This will give IDNR more management options for these important species and offers them greater protections

SB3049 passed the House by a vote of 116-0 and the Senate 47-0

Senate Voting Record

			HB 2427	SB3049	SB2671	HB4227	HB5657	SB2780	HB2966	SB2727	2014	Co-Sponsor
			Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Score	SB 103
Althoff	32	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
Barickman	53	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	nv	87.5	
Bertino-Tarrant	49	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
Biss	9	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	+Champion
Bivins	45	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
Brady	44	R	+	nv	nv	+	+	nv	nv	+	50	
Bush	31	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	+Champion
Clayborne	57	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
Collins	16	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	+Champion
Connelly	21	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
Cullerton, T.	23	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	+Champion
Cunningham	18	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	+Champion
Delgado	2	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	+Champion
Dillard	24	R	+	+	nv	+	+	nv	nv	+	62.5	
Duffy	26	R	+	nv	nv	+	+	nv	+	+	62.5	
Forby	59	D	+	+	+	nv	nv	+	+	+	75	
Frerichs	52	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	+Champion
Haine	56	D	+	+	nv	+	+	nv	nv	+	62.5	
Harmon	39	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	+Champion
Harris	15	D	+	nv	nv	+	+	nv	+	+	62.5	
Hastings	19	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	+Champion
Holmes	42	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	+Champion
Hunter	3	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	+Champion
Hutchinson	40	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
Jacobs	36	D	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	+	87.5	
Jones, E.	14	D	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	+	87.5	
Koehler	46	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	+Champion
Kotowski	28	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	+Champion
LaHood	37	R	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	+	87.5	
Landek	12	D	nv	nv	nv	+	+	nv	nv	+	38	
Lightford	4	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	nv	87.5	+
Link	30	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	+Champion
Luechtefeld	58	R	+	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	87.5	
Manar	48	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
Martinez	20	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
McCann	50	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
McCarter	54	R	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	+	87.5	
McConaughay	33	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
McGuire	43	D	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	+	87.5	
Morrison	29	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	+Champion
Mr. President	6	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
Mulroe	10	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	+Champion
Munoz	1	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
Murphy	27	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
Noland	22	D	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	+	87.5	+
Oberweis	25	R	+	nv	-	+	+	+	+	+	75	
Radogno	41	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
Raoul	13	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
Rezin	38	R	nv	+	+	+	+	+	+	nv	75	
Righter	55	R	+	nv	+	+	+	+	nv	+	75	
Rose	51	R	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	75	
Sandoval	11	D	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
Silverstein	8	D	nv	+	+	+	+	+	+	nv	75	+
Stadelman	34	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
Steans	7	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	+Champion
Sullivan	47	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	+Champion
Syverson	35	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
Trotter	17	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
Van Pelt	5	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	
Vote Count			56-0-0	47-0-0	50-2-0	58-0-0	58-0-0	53-0-0	53-1-0	55-0-0		

KEY

Pro-Environment Vote **+**
 Anti-Environment Vote **-**
 Voting Present + **P**
 Voting Present - **p**
 Absence (House) **A**
 Not Voting + **NV**
 Not Voting - **nv**
 Changed vote on the record
 and notified IEC. *****

House Voting Record

			HB782	HB782	HB4226	HB2427	SB3049	SB2671	HB5657	SB2966	SB2727	SB2780	2014
			Oppose	Motion 1 Oppose	Oppose	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Score
Acevedo	2	D	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Andrade	40	D	+	NV	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
Anthony	75	D	-	-	-	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	60
Arroyo	3	D	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Beiser	111	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Bellock	47	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Berrios	39	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	80
Bost	115	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	67
Bradley	117	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Brady	105	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Brauer	87	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Brown	102	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Burke, Daniel	1	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	67
Burke, Kelly	36	D	A	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89
Cabello	68	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Cassidy	14	D	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	A	100
Cavaletto	107	R	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	60
Chapa Lavia	83	D	+	-	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89
Cloonen	79	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Conroy	46	D	+	+	+*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Costello	116	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Crespo	44	D	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Cross	97	R	-	-	-	+	+	A	+	+	+	A	63
Currie	25	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
D'Amico	15	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Davidsmeyer	100	R	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	50
Davis, Monique	27	D	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Davis, William	30	D	P	NV	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
DeLuca	80	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Demmer	90	R	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	60
Drury	58	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Dunkin	5	D	A	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Durkin	82	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Evans	33	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Feigenholtz	12	D	+	+	+	+*	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Fine	17	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Flowers	31	D	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Ford	8	D	A	+	-	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	88
Fortner	49	R	NV	NV	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
Franks	63	D	-	-	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Gabel	18	D	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	100
Golar	6	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
Gordon-Booth	92	D	A	A	-	A	+	+	+	A	+	+	83
Halbrook	110	R	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	60
Hammond	93	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Harms	106	R	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	60
Harris, David	53	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Harris, Greg	13	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Hatcher	50	R	-	-	-	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	60
Hays	104	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Hernandez	24	D	+	+	-	+	A	+	+	+	A	+	88
Hoffman	113	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Hurley	35	D	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Ives	42	R	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	60
Jackson	114	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Jakobsson	103	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Jefferson	67	D	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
Jones	29	D	-	-	-	+	+	A	+	+	+	A	63
Kay	112	R	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	50
Kifowit	84	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
Kosel	37	R	A	-	A	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	86

House Voting Record

			HB782 Oppose	HB782 Motion I Oppose	HB4226 Oppose	HB2427 Support	SB3049 Support	SB2671 Support	HB5657 Support	SB2966 Support	SB2727 Support	SB2780 Support	2014 Score
Lang	16	D	NV	NV	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
Leitch	73	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Lilly	78	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
Manley	98	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
Martwick	19	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
Mautino	76	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Mayfield	60	D	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
McAsey	85	D	NV	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
McAuliffe	20	R	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
McSweeney	52	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Meier	108	R	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	60
Mitchell, Bill	101	R	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Mitchell, Christian	26	D	P*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Moeller	43	R	+	+	NA	+	+	A	+	+	+	A	100
Moffitt	74	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Morrison	54	R	-	-	A	-	+	A	+	+	+	A	57
Moylan	55	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
Mr. Speaker	22	D	-	+	-	+	+	A	+	+	+	A	60
Mussman	56	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Nekritz	57	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Osmond	61	R	A	-	-	+	+	A	+	+	+	A	71
Phelps	118	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Pihos	48	R	+	+	-	+	+	A	+	+	+	A	88
Poe	99	R	-	-	-	+	+	A	A	+	+	A	57
Pritchard	70	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Reboletti	45	R	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	60
Reis	109	R	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	50
Riley	38	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	89
Rita	28	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Rosenthal	95	R	-	-	-	+	+	NV	+	+	+	A	56
Sandack	81	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Scherer	96	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Schmitz	65	R	A	-	-	+	+	NV	+	+	+	A	63
Senger	41	R	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Sente	59	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
Sims	34	D	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Smiddy	71	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Smith	10	D	A	A	+	A	+	+	+	A	+	+	60
Sommer	88	R	-	-	-	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	60
Sosnowski	69	R	-	-	-	+	+	A	+	+	A	A	57
Soto	4	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
Stewart	89	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Sullivan	51	R	-	-	-	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	67
Tabares	21	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
Thapedi	32	D	-	A	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	88
Tracy	94	R	-	-	A	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	67
Tryon	66	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Turner	9	D	NV	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Unes	91	R	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Verschoore	72	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Walsh	86	D	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
Welch	7	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Wheeler	64	R	NV	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80
Williams	11	D	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Willis	77	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90
Yingling	62	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Zalewski	23	D	P	+	-	+	+	A	+	+	+	A	88

Vote Count

66-36-2 73-40-4 91-20-1 97-10-1 116-0-0 100-5-0 114-0-0 115-0-0 116-0-0 104-0-0

KEY	Pro-Environment Vote +	Voting Present - p	Not Voting - nv
	Anti-Environment Vote -	Absence (House) A	Changed vote on the record
	Voting Present + P	Not Voting + NV	and notified IEC. *

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