



Vermont Chamber Of Commerce

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"The Voice of Vermont Business"

Dear Friends:

The American executive, legislative, and judicial systems require an informed citizenry if government is to respond appropriately to the overall direction of our society, on behalf of society. Every two years in Vermont we get the opportunity to evaluate our elected representatives to determine if their voting performance warrants return for another two years, or if replacing them is desirable.

The Vermont Chamber continues to lobby for electronic voting. Our state does not have electronic voting, so accessing the roll call votes that are available requires time and a certain expertise to get the information and disseminate it to the voting public. Once in the public's hands, the public can seek clarification from incumbents as to why they voted a certain way and how those votes coincide with the voter's view and philosophy.

The Vermont Chamber of Commerce continually speaks with legislators, advocating for business on such issues as taxes, spending, business regulation, educational opportunity and attainment, and job retention and creation. The information contained in this *Legislative Report Card on Job Creation* lists Vermont's 30 Senators and 150 House members' voting propensity toward supporting a business agenda that will create and maintain jobs in Vermont.

The Vermont Chamber's organizational themes are clear:

- Government spending, at all levels, can and should be reduced.
- Taxes on all Vermont constituencies— individuals and businesses— are too high.
- Every Vermont child and adult can and should be able to reach his or her optimal level of educational achievement leading to more productive lives.
- Burdensome business costs reduce jobs.
- An economic and environmental balance helps create and retain jobs in Vermont.

An informed voter is democracy's most important and necessary asset. The following pages contain the voting record of Vermont's legislators during the 2003-2004 Biennium. We hope and trust that you will use this information in your election decision-making process.

Sincerely,

Duane G. Marsh
President

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How to Use This Report Card

The Vermont Chamber of Commerce, Vermont's leading business organization, has prepared this *Legislative Report Card on Job Creation* to highlight legislators' voting records on issues that increase jobs and economic opportunities for Vermonters. This means supporting a strong economic base that allows Vermont's citizens, businesses, and municipalities to exist in a mutually rewarding environment.

The Vermont Chamber of Commerce has selected these votes based on our legislative priorities and positions as indicated by our members in opinion surveys. Each one of these issues impacts Vermont's businesses on many levels. The Vermont Chamber *Report Card* can be used to learn how legislators voted on job and economic opportunity issues, and at the same time provide a snapshot of legislative issues for this past biennium.

In releasing this *Report Card*, we recognize that roll-call votes are not taken on every issue and that much of the important legislative work is done through the committee process.

The action you take after reviewing this *Report Card* is of critical importance. We encourage you to discuss these issues with your senators and representatives. Let them know that their work on improving our economy and creating jobs is appreciated. If they are not supportive, ask them why.

For more information on the bills and the votes included in this *Report Card*, contact our government affairs office at 802-223-3443, the Legislative Council at the State House at 802-828-2231, or see the legislative web site at www.leg.state.vt.us.

How the Votes Were Selected

When there was more than one roll-call vote on a particular bill, the Vermont Chamber included the vote that provides the most information about legislators' positions on these issues. In some instances, more than one vote on an issue has been selected. Factors that were considered include whether the vote was on the substance of a bill or a procedural issue and which vote had the most significant effect on the final outcome.

How the Votes Were Scored

The scores were calculated by dividing the number of votes on economic issues by the number of votes cast by that representative or senator. Absences were not counted in the final score.

In business since 1950, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce is a private, non-profit business membership organization with more than 1,600 members representing all sectors of the state's economy. Our mission is to create an economic climate conducive to business growth and preservation of the Vermont quality of life.



Legislative Voting Patterns, Sorted By County

Below is a county-by-county breakdown of the business voting patterns of our legislators. It is intended to show which counties' elected legislators, as a group, support important business initiatives. Also, these charts identify various regions in the state where more effort is warranted to inform the electorate, provide more information to the legislators on the most pressing needs of business, and encourage more communication between businesses and their legislators.

Vermont House of Representatives		
House Member Count	Primary County	Score
9	Addison	59%
9	Bennington	70%
8	Caledonia	89%
35	Chittenden	55%
2	Essex & Orleans	89%
11	Franklin	86%
2	Grand Isle	42%
6	Lamoille	82%
5	Orange	65%
7	Orleans	90%
15	Rutland	89%
15	Washington	61%
12	Windham	48%
15	Windsor	53%
Member count totals 151 because Rep. Heather Shouldice replaced Rep. Tom Pelham mid-session.		
For districts in more than one county, calculations are based upon the first county in the district name.		

Vermont Senate		
Senate Member Count	Senate District	Score
2	Addison	41%
2	Bennington	61%
2	Caledonia	61%
6	Chittenden	46%
2	Essex & Orleans	50%
2	Franklin	50%
1	Grand Isle & Chittenden	67%
1	Lamoille	33%
1	Orange	44%
3	Rutland	89%
3	Washington	69%
2	Windham	44%
3	Windsor	32%



Senate Vote Explanations

1. H.175 Consolidated Environmental Appeals and Revision of Land Use Development Law

This significant revision to the land use permitting laws in Vermont will now consolidate all permitting appeals (local, Agency of Natural Resources, and Act 250) into an expanded Environmental Court. The bill also made revisions to the local zoning statutes. This was a vote by the Senate to accept the report of the Committee of Conference, which had started meeting at the end of the 2003 session and had continued into and through most of the 2004 session. The bill passed the Senate 25-4. An affirmative vote supported the Vermont Chamber position to adopt substantial changes to the environmental permit process.

2. H. 632 Workers' Compensation

This Workers' Compensation reform package was approved by the Senate on a 22 to 5 vote. An affirmative vote supported the Vermont Chamber position to ensure a competitive business environment by reducing workers' compensation costs.

3. H.785 Stormwater Discharge

This bill sets up interim processes for the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) for a three year period so that they can proceed to issue stormwater permits (with some confidence that they will not be appealed) in stormwater impaired waters. During this period ANR must establish plans for the cleanup of the waters impaired by stormwater (19 in Vermont), and establish rulemaking for the administration of the permit program going forward. The bill also provides some clarity for the transfer of property in the impaired waterways where a property doesn't have a needed stormwater permit. The bill sets up a process whereby a property needing a stormwater permit will have clarity as to what will be required to get a permit. And if the needed stormwater measures can not be implemented on an applicant's property, a process is established whereby an applicant can do remediation on other property or pay an impact fee which will go to needed stormwater projects in the same watershed as the applicant's property, thereby helping to clean up that watershed. The Senate voted 30-0 to accept the Senate Natural Resources Committee report on the bill which set up final passage of the bill. An affirmative vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.

4. S.261 Relating to Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Electric Reliability Policy, and Independent Negotiations for Power Supply Contracts

This bill had three major parts: 1) The bill mandated that Vermont Utilities have a certain percentage of their power come from renewable sources— the so-called Renewable Portfolio Standard; 2) The bill increased requirements for the electrical efficiency of many commercial products; 3) The bill included a provision that would allow very large users of electricity to negotiate with their electric company to purchase electricity from any supplier. A roll-call vote of 16-12 approved the provision requiring efficiency standards for appliances and equipment (mainly commercial products) if they are to be sold or used in Vermont. The Vermont Chamber opposed this provision believing it would have made these products more expensive and less available for Vermont businesses. A "no" vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.

5. S.57 Promotion of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Electric Generation

This bill would allow voluntary renewable pricing programs by Vermont's electric utilities, would enable alternative regulation, and, as finally passed, required a study into renewable portfolio standards legislation by the Public Service Board. Additionally, at this point in the bill's life, it had a required renewable portfolio standard, which would have mandated that a certain percentage of each utilities energy sources would have to be from renewable energy. This vote would have removed the mandated renewable portfolio standard. It failed, 7-20. The Vermont Chamber supported the removal of the mandated portfolio standard. A "no" vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.

6. S. 178 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to Minimum Wage

This proposal added an automatic COLA increase to Vermont minimum wage law. A motion was made to strike the COLA increase language and replace it with a sales tax holiday for computer purchases. The motion was defeated, 4-24. A vote in the affirmative supported the Vermont Chamber position, maintaining legislative responsibility and accountability, and keeping market-based wage consideration as an important and valuable minimum wage review variable.

7. S. 288 State Programs and Policies on Pharmaceutical Drugs

This bill was intended to lower pharmaceutical drug prices. An amendment to regulate pharmacies and Pharmaceutical Benefit Managers by capping drug prices was approved 16-14, further stating that if the wholesale price is higher than the cap, the state would make up the shortfall. Concerned that this would lead to higher taxes, the Chamber opposed this amendment because of its negative impact on taxpayers and competition. A "no" vote supported the Vermont Chamber's position.

8. H. 480 Education Funding

This bill, designed to modify Act 60, the education funding law, was approved by the Senate. A roll call vote of 21 to 8, on a point of order of germaneness allowed an amendment creating an income tax surcharge. A "no" vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.

9. H. 590 Open Containers of an Alcoholic Beverage in a Restaurant

This bill, changing Vermont's laws governing restaurant or bar patrons' control over alcoholic beverages, was also approved by the Senate on a vote of 27 to 2. An affirmative vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.

Results Key	Senate Issues Key	
+ Vote <i>for</i> economic opportunity	1. Environmental Permit Reform	6. COLA/Minimum Wage
- Vote <i>against</i> economic opportunity	2. Workers' Compensation	7. Pharmaceutical Drugs
A Absent at the time of the vote	3. Stormwater Discharge	8. Education Funding
NA Not a Senate member at the time	4. Energy Efficiency Mandates	9. Open Containers in Bars & Restaurants
Abs Abstaining	5. Mandated Electric Renewable Portfolio Standards	
P Presiding		

Senate Report Card 2003-2004 Session											
Sen. Claire Ayer	D-Addison	44%	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+
Sen. Susan Bartlett	D-Lamoille	33%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+
Sen. John Bloomer, Jr.	R-Rutland	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. John Campbell	D-Windsor	38%	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	A
Sen. Julius Canns	R-Caledonia	75%	+	-	+	A	+	+	+	-	+
Sen. Don Collins	D-Franklin	56%	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+
Sen. Jim Condos	D-Chittenden	33%	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Ann Cummings	D-Washington	44%	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+
Sen. Bill Doyle	R-Washington	89%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Sen. Matt Dunne	D-Windsor	44%	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+
Sen. Rod Gander	D-Windham	44%	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+
Sen. Gerry Gossens	D-Addison	38%	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	A
Sen. Jim Greenwood	R-Essex-Orleans	71%	+	A	+	+	Abs	-	+	-	+
Sen. Vince Illuzzi	R-Essex-Orleans	67%	-	+	+	A	A	A	+	-	+
Sen. Sara Kittell	D-Franklin	44%	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+
Sen. Jim Leddy	D-Chittenden	33%	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Ginny Lyons	D-Chittenden	33%	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sen. Mark MacDonald	D-Orange	44%	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+
Sen. Hull Maynard, Jr.	R-Rutland	88%	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Sen. Bernier Mayo	R-Caledonia	71%	+	-	+	+	NA	NA	+	+	-
Sen. Dick Mazza	D-Grand Isle	75%	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	P	+
Sen. Hinda Miller	D-Chittenden	56%	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+
Sen. Kevin Mullin	R-Rutland	89%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sen. Janet Munt	D-Chittenden	44%	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+
Sen. Phil Scott	R-Washington	75%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	A
Sen. Dick Sears	D-Bennington	44%	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+
Sen. Mark Shepard	R-Bennington	78%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Sen. Diane Snelling	R-Chittenden	78%	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+
Sen. Peter Welch	D-Windsor	17%	A	P	+	-	-	-	-	-	P
Sen. Jeanette White	D-Windham	44%	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+
Sen. Jeanette White	D-Windham	44%	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+



House Vote Explanations

1a. H.175 Consolidated Environmental Appeals and Revisions of Land Use Development Law

This significant revision to the land use permitting laws in Vermont will now consolidate all permitting appeals (local, Agency of Natural Resources, and Act 250) into an expanded Environmental Court. Also, in order to participate as a party before the Act 250 District Commission and therefore to have appeal rights to the Environmental Court, a “person” (organizations, corporations, etc.) must be an adjoining landowner or have “a particularized interest protected by this chapter that may be affected by an act or decision by the district commission.” There is a requirement to participate before the district commission to bring an appeal. Anyone with rights to appeal to the Environmental Court will now have appeal rights to the Supreme Court. The bill also made revisions to the local zoning statutes including that appeals must be brought within 30 days by an “interested person” who has participated in the municipal regulatory proceeding. An affirmative vote supported the Vermont Chamber position to adopt substantial changes to the environmental permit process. The vote sending this bill to the Senate passed 78-53.

1b. H.175 Consolidated Environmental Appeals and Revisions of Land Use Development Law

This bill was a major revision to the land use permitting laws in Vermont. One piece of this was to allow Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) permits to have dispositive (final) status in Act 250, which would have removed significant duplication of review in the permitting process. The Vermont Chamber opposed this amendment, which would have not allowed the ANR permits to be dispositive. The amendment failed 65-75. A “no” vote supported the Vermont Chamber position that ANR permits already granted should not be reviewed in another forum.

2. H. 632 Workers’ Compensation

This bill was a Workers’ Compensation reform package that was approved by the House on a 101 to 39 vote. An affirmative vote supported the Vermont Chamber position to ensure a competitive business environment by reducing workers’ compensation costs.

3. H. 784 Income Tax

This Corporate Income Tax Bill was approved in the 2004 Legislative session. One amendment, which was defeated by a vote of 40 to 94, was of particular concern to the Vermont Chamber. The amendment was designed to strip a provision that would reduce corporate tax rates for certain Vermont businesses. An “no” vote supported the Vermont Chamber position to phase out the corporate income tax, recognizing that Vermont businesses are already struggling to meet the high cost of doing business in Vermont.

4. H. 461a Automatic Escalation of Minimum Wage

This proposal called for an automatic 5% increase the minimum wage each January beginning in 2005. An Amendment to strike that provision was approved on 76 to 63 vote. An affirmative vote supported the Vermont Chamber position, maintaining legislative responsibility and accountability, and keeping market-based wage consideration as an important and valuable minimum wage review variable.

5. H. 590 Open Containers of an Alcoholic Beverage in a Restaurant

This bill, approved in the 2004 Legislative session, was deemed very important to the Vermont hospitality industry. This legislation allows individuals to carry two open containers of alcohol at once in a restaurant or bar. An amendment was approved that allowed customers to have their alcoholic beverages in their possession at all times, repealing the prohibition against taking drinks to the dance floor. The amendment was approved by the House on a vote of 126 to 15. An affirmative vote supported the Vermont Chamber position in support of the hospitality industry.

6. H. 480 Education Funding

This bill was enacted in the 2004 Legislative session to reduce reliance on the property tax to fund education. This amendment, which was approved by the House on a vote of 107 to 32, eliminated the so-called “shark pool.” An affirmative vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.

7. H. 461b Tipped Employees

This amendment sets the credit against the minimum wage for employees who earn gratuities in lodging and restaurant businesses at \$3.44 per hour, while increasing the tip credit every January 1 by the difference between \$3.44 and the prevailing Vermont minimum wage. The amendment was approved by the House on a vote of 78 to 61. An affirmative vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.

8. H.759 Improving Access to Health Insurance in the Small Group Markets

This was a health care reform bill created by the House Health and Welfare Committee. The bill was approved by the House on a 76 to 63 vote. An affirmative vote supported the Vermont Chamber position. (This bill was not taken up by the Senate.)

9. H.785 Stormwater Discharge

This bill sets up interim processes for the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) for a three year period so that they can proceed to issue stormwater permits (with some confidence that they will not be appealed) in stormwater impaired waters. During this period ANR must establish plans for the cleanup of the waters impaired by stormwater (19 in Vermont), and establish rulemaking for the administration of the permit program going forward. The bill also provides some clarity for the transfer of property in the impaired waterways where a property doesn't have a needed stormwater permit. The bill sets up a process whereby a property needing a stormwater permit will have clarity as to what will be required to get a permit. And if the needed stormwater measures can not be implemented on an applicant's property, a process is established whereby an applicant may perform remediate other property or pay an impact fee which will go to needed stormwater projects in the same watershed as the applicant's property, to help clean up that watershed. The vote passing this bill was 127-3. An affirmative vote supported the Vermont Chamber position to adopt stormwater regulations that allow development along Vermont waters while progressing in a scientifically acceptable manner to having Vermont waters be in compliance with water quality standards.

10. S.249 Allowing and Facilitating the use of Wastewater Disposal Systems Located in Clay Soils and Near Ledges

This Senate bill was an attempt to revise onsite septic regulations to address problems in Addison County. This amendment tried to reverse the House Natural Resources definition change of “subdivide” which would have exempted lots of 10 acres or more from the need for a state septic permit - the so-called 10 acre exemption. The Vermont Chamber opposed this amendment which failed, 56-65. A “no” vote supported the Vermont Chamber position.

Results Key		House Issues Key	
+ Vote for economic opportunity - Vote <i>against</i> economic opportunity A Absent at the time of the vote NA Not a House member at the time P Presiding		1a. Environmental Permit Reform	6. Education Funding
		1b. Environmental Permit Reform	7. Tipped Employees
		2. Workers' Compensation	8. Health Care Reform
		3. Income Tax	9. Stormwater Discharge
		4. Automatic Rise in Minimum Wage	10. On-Site Septic Permits
		5. Open Containers of an Alcoholic Beverage in a Bar or Restaurant	

House Report Card 2003-2004 Session													
Name	Party-Town	Score	1a	1b	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Rep. Steve Adams	R-Hartland	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A
Rep. David Allaire	R-Rutland City	100%	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	A	A
Rep. Ron Allard	D-St. Albans Town	91%	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Ed Amidon, Jr.	R-Charlotte	70%	A	A	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	-
Rep. Jack Anderson	I-Woodstock	67%	A	A	A	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	A
Rep. Bill Aswad	D-Burlington	18%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Rep. Ken Atkins	D-Winooski	30%	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	A	+	-
Rep. Sonny Audette	D-South Burlington	20%	-	-	A	-	-	A	+	-	-	+	-
Rep. Harold Bailey	R-Hyde Park	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Joe Baker	R-West Rutland	80%	+	+	A	A	+	+	+	+	+	A	+
Rep. Phil Bartlett	R-Dover	90%	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	-	+
Rep. Lynn Bohi	D-Hartford	18%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
Rep. David Bolduc	R-Barton	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Don Bostic	R-St. Johnsbury	91%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Rep. Bill Botzow	D-Pownal	27%	-	-	A	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Rep. Carolyn Branagan	R-Georgia	82%	+	+	A	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Pat Brennan	R-Colchester	100%	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	A	A	+	+
Rep. Francis Brooks	D-Montpelier	27%	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-
Rep. Dave Brown	R-Walden	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Erron Carey	R-Chester	91%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Harry Chen	D-Mendon	60%	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	A
Rep. Dave Clark	R-St. Johnsbury	91%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Rep. Gregory Clark	R-Vergennes	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Kinny Connell	D-Warren	36%	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-
Rep. Tim Corcoran, II	D-Bennington	91%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Rep. Howard Crawford	R-Burke	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	A	+
Rep. George Cross	D-Winooski	27%	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-
Rep. Judy Crowley	R-West Rutland	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+
Rep. Maureen Dakin	D-Colchester	40%	+	-	+	A	-	+	+	-	-	A	-
Rep. Steve Darrow	D-Dummerston	18%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
Rep. David Deen	D-Westminster	20%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	A	+	-
Rep. Tom DePoy	R-Rutland City	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A
Rep. Andrew Donaghy	D-Poultney	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	A	+
Rep. Anne Donahue	R-Northfield	73%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Rep. Joey Donovan	D-Burlington	27%	A	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-
Rep. Robert Dostis	D-Waterbury	45%	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-

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		1b. Environmental Permit Reform	7. Tipped Employees
		2. Workers' Compensation	8. Health Care Reform
		3. Income Tax	9. Stormwater Discharge
		4. Automatic Rise in Minimum Wage	10. On-Site Septic Permits
		5. Open Containers of an Alcoholic Beverage in a Bar or Restaurant	

House Report Card 2003-2004 Session													
Name	Party-Town	Score	1a	1b	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Rep. Ginny Duffy	R-Rutland City	91%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Rep. Brian Dunsmore	R-Georgia	91%	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Sarah Edwards	P-Brattleboro	20%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	A
Rep. Alice Emmons	D-Springfield	36%	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-
Rep. Kevin Endres	R-Milton	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Joyce Errecart	R-Shelburne	89%	+	-	+	+	A	+	+	A	+	+	+
Rep. Gail Fallar	D-Tinmouth	45%	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-
Rep. Michael Fisher	D-Lincoln	27%	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-
Rep. Peg Flory	R-Pittsford	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Walt Freed	R-Dorset	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Rep. Patsy French	D-Randolph	36%	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-
Rep. Avis Gervais	D-Enosburg Falls	44%	A	+	+	A	-	+	+	-	-	A	A
Rep. Maxine Grad	D-Moretown	33%	-	-	+	A	-	-	+	-	A	+	A
Rep. Henry Gray	R-Barre Town	82%	A	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Carl Haas	R-Rutland City	91%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Rep. John Hall	R-Newport City	91%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Rep. Helen Head	D-South Burlington	36%	A	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-
Rep. Martha Heath	D-Westford	36%	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-
Rep. Bob Helm	R-Castleton	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	A	A	+
Rep. Steve Hingtgen	P-Burlington	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	A
Rep. Connie Houston	R-Ferrisburgh	90%	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A
Rep. Richard Howrigan	D-Fairfield	50%	A	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	A
Rep. Rick Hube, Jr.	R-Londonderry	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Cola Hudson	R-Lyndon	82%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Rep. Margaret Hummel	D-Underhill	18%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
Rep. Peter Hunt	D-Essex Junction	33%	+	-	+	A	-	+	-	-	-	A	A
Rep. Willem Jewett	D-Ripton	36%	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-
Rep. Mitzi Johnson	D-South Hero	33%	-	-	-	-	A	A	+	-	+	+	-
Rep. Bill Johnson	R-Canaan	88%	+	+	+	+	A	+	-	A	A	+	+
Rep. Mike Kainen	R-Hartford	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Kathie Keenan	D-St. Albans City	17%	-	-	-	A	A	A	A	A	-	+	A
Rep. Sylvia Kennedy	R-Chelsea	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Wayne Kenyon	D-Bradford	18%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
Rep. Bill Keogh	D-Burlington	50%	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	A
Rep. Carroll Ketchum	R-Bethel	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Duncan Kilmartin	R-Newport City	91%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+

Results Key		House Issues Key	
+ Vote for economic opportunity - Vote <i>against</i> economic opportunity A Absent at the time of the vote NA Not a House member at the time P Presiding	1a. Environmental Permit Reform	6. Education Funding	
	1b. Environmental Permit Reform	7. Tipped Employees	
	2. Workers' Compensation	8. Health Care Reform	
	3. Income Tax	9. Stormwater Discharge	
	4. Automatic Rise in Minimum Wage	10. On-Site Septic Permits	
	5. Open Containers of an Alcoholic Beverage in a Bar or Restaurant		

House Report Card 2003-2004 Session													
Name	Party-Town	Score	1a	1b	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Rep. Carolyn Partridge	D-Windham	30%	-	-	-	+	-	+	A	-	-	+	-
Rep. Janice Peaslee	R-Guildhall	91%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Rep. Tom Pelham	I-Calais	29%	+	-	NA	NA	-	NA	+	-	NA	NA	NA
Rep. Al Perry	D-Richford	64%	A	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Rep. Mary Peterson	D-Williston	50%	-	-	+	+	-	A	+	+	-	+	-
Rep. Daryl Pillsbury	I-Brattleboro	30%	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	A
Rep. Ann Pugh	D-South Burlington	40%	-	-	+	+	-	A	+	-	-	+	-
Rep. Michael Reese	D-Pomfret	33%	-	-	+	A	-	-	+	+	-	A	A
Rep. Spike Robinson	R-Richmond	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. John Rodgers	D-Glover	78%	+	-	+	A	+	+	+	+	A	+	A
Rep. David Rogers	R-Bomoseen	56%	A	A	+	A	+	+	-	+	+	A	A
Rep. Bob Rusten	D-Halifax	73%	A	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Rep. George Schiavone	R-Shelburne	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Ann Seibert	D-Norwich	10%	A	A	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	+	-
Rep. Malcolm Severance	R-Colchester	71%	+	A	+	A	A	+	+	A	+	A	A
Rep. Ernie Shand	D-Weathersfield	36%	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-
Rep. Dave Sharpe	D-Bristol	30%	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	A	-	+	-
Rep. Loren Shaw	R-Derby	91%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Rep. Nancy Sheltra	R-Derby	91%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Rep. Heather Shouldice	I-East Calais	63%	NA	NA	+	+	NA	+	NA	NA	+	+	-
Rep. Harvey Smith	R-New Haven	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Shap Smith	D-Morristown	60%	A	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	A
Rep. Bob Starr, Jr.	D-Troy	67%	+	A	+	+	A	+	+	-	-	A	+
Rep. David Sunderland	R-Rutland Town	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Donna Sweaney	D-Windsor	18%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
Rep. Joyce Sweeney	R-Colchester	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Gene Sweetser	R-Essex	82%	A	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Rep. Gaye Symington	D-Jericho	36%	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-
Rep. Ruth Towne	R-Berlin	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. John Tracy	D-Burlington	27%	-	-	-	A	-	+	+	-	-	+	-
Rep. Ira Trombley	D-Grand Isle	50%	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	A	+	-
Rep. Leo Valliere	R-Barre City	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+
Rep. Val Vincent	D-Waterbury	50%	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	A
Rep. Perry Waite	D-Pawlet	44%	+	A	+	A	-	+	+	-	-	A	A
Rep. Steve Webster	R-Randolph	73%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-
Rep. Rich Westman	R-Cambridge	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. John Winters	R-Swanton	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Phil Winters	R-Williamstown	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+
Rep. Bob Wood, Jr.	R-Brandon	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Kurt Wright	R-Burlington	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rep. Mark Young	R-Orwell	78%	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	A	+	A	+
Rep. David Zuckerman	P-Burlington	18%	-	-	A	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-



2003-2004 Commendations

Sen. Jim Greenwood (R- Essex-Orleans), Chair of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Community Affairs

Sen. Greenwood deserves kudos for bringing practical needs of the business community to fellow Senators on the committee he chairs, Senate Economic Development, Housing and Community Affairs and the other committee he sits on, the Senate Committee on Finance.

In this largely Democratic body, he spent countless hours in committees, fostering a rational business point of view as the lone Republican on one committee and one of only two on the other.

Rep. Mark Young (R-Orwell), Chair of the House Committee on Commerce; Rep. Robert Dostis(D-Waterbury), Vice Chair of the House Committee on Commerce; and Rep. Joyce Errecart (R-Shelburne), Commerce Committee member.

Representatives Young, Dostis, and Errecart worked tirelessly to get a workers' comp bill passed out of their committee on an 11-0-0 vote, providing strong impetus for final passage in the House. This was a truly bipartisan effort, and these members led the way in seeking compromise and in hammering out the details to achieve that compromise.

Sen. Hinda Miller (D- Chittenden)

Sen. Miller is a former small business owner and entrepreneur. This was her first term in the Senate and she consistently sought out the business point of view. She is a champion of free enterprise and economic development.

Sen. Kevin J. Mullin (R - Rutland)

A businessman himself, Sen. Mullin sometimes seemed "a voice in the wilderness," continually bringing the concerns of the business community to the floor of the Senate and thoughtfully advocating for less government regulation. For example, regarding his vote on the workers' compensation bill (H.632), Senator Mullin explained his vote as follows: "While I fully support an effort to reduce the burden on Vermont businesses of the ever-escalating costs of workers' compensation insurance, I cannot in good conscience vote for a bill that may do more harm than good."

Rick Hube (R- Londonderry)

As Assistant Majority Leader, Rep. Hube was a force to be reckoned with behind the scenes. A key ally of Vermont businesses, he tirelessly advanced the interests of the business community and contributed significantly making 2002-2203 a successful biennium.

Rep. Steve Larrabee, Sr. (R- Danville), Chair, General Housing & Military Affairs

Steady as a rock, Rep. Larrabee is a strong supporter of the business community's agenda. He consistently defends the small employer and their need to do business with less government interference.

The permit reform conference committee members: Representatives Bill Johnson (R-Canaan), Alice Nitka (D-Ludlow), and Phil Winters (R-Williamstown); Senators Virginia Lyons (D-Chittenden), Phil Scott (R-Washington) and Peter Welch (D-Windsor).

The Vermont Chamber thanks the House and Senate conferees for their hard work and perseverance in completing the work on H.175, the Chamber's top priority for the last legislative session. The Vermont Chamber also applauds Governor Douglas for his leadership on this issue.

The House Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources Committee and especially its Chair, Steve Adams (R-Hartland); Committee member Margaret Hummel (D-Underhill); and Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Commissioner, Jeff Wennberg, and staff.

The leadership and willingness of these individuals to work on the stormwater bill (H.785) for almost the entire session, and their effort to get all parties to the issue to work together, resulted in a solution to the permitting of projects in waters impaired by stormwater.



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