



Vermont Voter's Report Card

***How Your Legislators Voted on
Key Votes in the
Vermont House and Senate 2011-12***

- **Health Provider Taxes**
- **Green Mountain Care**
- **Education Taxation**
- **Free Speech Rights**
- **Property Tax Rate**
- **Health Benefits Exchange**
- **Cloud Computing Tax**
- **Renewable Portfolio Standard**
- **CVPS Rebate**

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In this report card you will learn how your representative and senator voted on the key issues of 2011-12. It presents key votes in the House and the Senate, chosen to cover the issues of greatest public interest in this biennial session. Many other issues were voted upon, but we felt that these votes were the most clear-cut and indicative on issues of broad public interest.

In reading a report card, it should be kept in mind that any arbitrarily selected set of votes may not be a fair representation of the overall performance of any legislator.

The House and Senate charts show the names, districts, and party affiliation, and their votes on the numbered issues (House Speaker Shap Smith ordinarily does not vote.).

- Abbreviations:
- Y = Yes vote
 - N = No vote;
 - A = Absent
 - = Not a member at time of vote
 - D = Democrat
 - R = Republican
 - P = Progressive
 - W = Working Families
 - I = Independent

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House Votes 2011-12

1. **Health Provider Taxes** (H.436): Higley amendment to delete proposed Medicaid tax increases on hospitals, nursing homes and home health agencies. Failed 53-88 (3/23/11)
2. **Green Mountain Care** (H.202): Schuermann-Olsen amendment to exclude self-insured companies from Green Mountain Care. Failed 49-88 (3/23/11)
3. **Education Taxation** (H.441): Olsen amendment to delete Governor's proposal for reducing \$27.5 million from the General Fund transfer to the Education Fund, which would require increasing education property tax rates. Failed 38-99 (3/25/11)
4. **Green Mountain Care** (H.202): Bill to begin process of creating a universal and unified taxpayer-financed single payer health care system. Conference report adopted 94-49 (5/5/11) (Act 48)
5. **Education Property Tax Rate** (H.754): Increased education property tax rates by two cents per \$100 FMV. Passed 101-42 (2/9/2012)
6. **Health Benefits Exchange** (H.559): Higley-Clark amendment to allow small businesses to purchase health insurance outside the government Exchange. Failed 57-80 (2/23/12)
7. **Green Mountain Care** (H.559): Fagan amendment to require publication of GMC sustainable financing plan before 2012 election. Failed 49-86 (2/23/12)
8. **Renewable Portfolio Standard** (H.468): Create Renewable Portfolio Standard requiring mandated purchase of increasing percentages of "renewable" electricity for the next 20 years, driving up electric rates. Passed 91-46 (3/21/12)
9. **CVPS Rebate** (H.718): Browning amendment to compel the Public Service Board to require CVPS/Gaz Metro to pay back ratepayers in the form of cash instead of "societal benefits" as proposed by Gov. Shumlin. Failed 54-87 (4/27/2012)

House Report Card

Issues Key

1. Health Provider Taxes

2. Green Mountain Care

3. Education Taxation

4. Green Mountain Care

5. Property Tax Rate

6. Health Exchange

7. Green Mountain Care

8. Renewable Portfolio

9. CVPS Rebate

Representative	Party	Town	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Acinapura, Joe	R/D	Brandon	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Ancel, Janet	D	Calais	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Andrews, Peg	D	Rutland	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Aswad, William	D	Burlington	N	A	N	Y	Y	N	N	A	N
Atkins, Kenneth	D	Winooski	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Bartholomew, John	D	Hartland	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Batchelor, Lynn	R	Derby	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Bissonnette, Clem	D	Winooski	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Bohi, Charles	D	Hartford	N	N	N	A	Y	N	N	Y	N
Botzow, Bill	D	Bennington	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Bouchard, Bob	R	Colchester	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Branagan, Carolyn	R	Georgia	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Brennan, Patrick	R	Colchester	Y	Y	Y	A	N	Y	Y	N	A
Browning, Cynthia	D	Arlington	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Burditt, Tom	R	W. Rutland	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	A	Y
Burke, Mollie	P/D	Brattleboro	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Buxton, Sarah	D	Royalton	Y	N	N	Y	Y	A	A	Y	N
Campion, Brian	D	Bennington	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Canfield, William	R/D	Fair Haven	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cheney, Margaret	D	Norwich	N	N	N	Y	Y	A	A	Y	N
Christie, Kevin	D	Hartford	Y	A	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Clark, Gregory	R	Vergennes	A	A	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Clarkson, Alison	D	Woodstock	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Condon, Jim	D	Colchester	N	A	A	N	Y	Y	N	N	N
Conquest, Chip	D	Newbury	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Consejo, Michel	D	Sheldon	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y
Copeland-Hanzas, S.	D	Bradford	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Corcoran, Timothy	D	Bennington	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	A
Courcelle, Gale	D	Rutland	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Crawford, Howard	R/D	Burke	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N
Dakin, Leigh	D	Chester	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Davis, Susan	P/D	Washington	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	A	Y
Deen, David	D	Westminster	N	N	N	Y	Y	A	A	Y	N
Degree, Dustin	R	St. Albans	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N
Devereux, Dennis	R	Mt. Holly	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Dickinson, Lynn	R	St. Albans	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Donaghy, Andy	R	Poultney	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Donahue, Anne	R	Northfield	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Donovan, Johannah	D	Burlington	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Eckhardt, Jim	R	Chittenden	Y	Y	Y	N	N	A	A	N	Y
Edwards, Sarah	P/D	Brattleboro	N	N	N	Y	Y	A	A	Y	N
Ellis, Rebecca	D	Waterbury	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	A	N
Emmons, Alice	D/W	Springfield	N	N	N	Y	Y	A	A	Y	N
Evans, Debbie	D	Essex Jct.	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Fagan, Peter	R	Rutland	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Fisher, Michael	D	Lincoln	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Frank, Bill	D	Underhill	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
French, Eldred	D	Shrewsbury	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y
French, Patsy	D	Randolph	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N

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Gilbert, Gary	D	Fairfax	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	A
Grad, Maxine Jo	D	Moretown	A	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Greshin, Adam	I	Warren	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Haas, Sandy	P/D	Rochester	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	A	Y
Head, Helen	D	S. Burlington	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Heath, Martha	D	Westford	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Hebert, Michael	R	Vernon	A	Y	A	N	A	Y	Y	N	N
Helm, Bob	R/D	Fair Haven	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Higley, Mark	R	Lowell	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	A	Y
Hooper, Mary	D	Montpelier	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Howard, Adam	R	Cambridge	A	A	A	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Howrigan, Richard	D	Fairfield	N	A	N	A	A	N	N	N	Y
Hubert, Ronald	R	Milton	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Jerman, Tim	D	Essex Jct.	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Jewett, Willem	D	Ripton	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Johnson, Mitzi	D	S. Hero	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Johnson, William	R/D	Canaan	Y	Y	A	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Keenan, Kathleen	D	St. Albans	N	N	N	Y	A	N	N	Y	Y
Kilmartin, Duncan	R/D	Newport	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Kitzmillier, Warren	D	Montpelier	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Klein, Tony	D	E. Montpelier	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Koch, Thomas	R/D	Barre	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Komline, Patti	R	Dorset	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Krebs, Bob	D	S. Hero	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Krowinski, Jill	D	Burlington	-	-	-	-	-	N	N	Y	N
Kupersmith, Michele	D	S. Burlington	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Lanpher, Diane	D	Vergennes	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Larocque, Leigh	R	Barnet	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lawrence, Richard	R	Lyndon	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Lenes, Joan	D	Shelburne	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Leriche, Lucy	D	Hardwick	N	N	A	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Lewis, Patti	R	Berlin	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Lewis, Robert	R	Derby	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Lippert, William	D	Hinesburg	A	N	A	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Lorber, Jason	D	Burlington	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	A	N
Macaiga, Terry	D	Williston	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Malcolm, John	D	Pawlet	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Manwaring, Ann	D	Wilmington	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N
Marcotte, Michael	R/D	Coventry	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N
Marek, Richard	D	Newfane	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Martin, Cynthia	D/W	Springfield	N	N	N	Y	Y	A	A	Y	N
Martin, Linda	D	Wolcott	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Masland, Jim	D	Thetford	N	A	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
McAllister, Norm	R/D	Franklin	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	A	Y
McCullough, Jim	D	Williston	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
McFauln, Francis	R/D	Barre Town	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
McNeil, Jim	R/D	Rutland Town	Y	Y	Y	A	N	Y	Y	N	A
Miller, Alice	D	Shaftsbury	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	A	N
Mook, Anne	D	Bennington	N	A	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Moran, John	D	Wardsboro	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Morrissey, Mary	R	Bennington	Y	Y	N	N	A	Y	Y	A	Y

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Mrowicki, Michael	D	Putney	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Munger, Bert	D	S. Burlington	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Myers, Linda	R	Essex Jct.	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Nuovo, Betty	D	Middlebury	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
O'Brien, Anne	D	Richmond	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
O'Sullivan, Jean	D	Burlington	-	-	-	-	Y	A	A	Y	N
Olsen, Oliver	R	Jamaica	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N
Partridge, Carolyn	D	Windham	N	N	A	A	Y	N	N	Y	N
Pearce, Albert	R/D	Richford	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Pearson, Chris	P	Burlington	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Peaslee, Janice	R	Guildhall	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Peltz, Peter	D	Woodbury	N	N	A	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Perley, Peter E.	R	Enosburg	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Poirier, Paul N.	I	Barre	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Potter, Dave	D	Clarendon	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Pugh, Ann	D	S. Burlington	N	N	A	Y	Y	A	A	Y	N
Ralston, Paul	D	Middlebury	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Ram, Kesha	D	Burlington	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Reis, Gary	R	St. Johnsbury	Y	A	Y	N	N	A	A	N	Y
Russell, Herb	D	Rutland	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Savage, Brian	R	Swanton	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Scheuermann, Heidi	R	Stowe	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Shand, Ernie	D	Weathersfield	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Sharpe, Dave	D	Bristol	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Shaw, Butch	R/D	Pittsford	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Smith, Harvey	R	New Haven	Y	Y	A	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Smith, Shap	D	Morristown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South, Robert	D	St. Johnsbury	Y	A	N	Y	N	A	A	N	Y
Spengler, Kristy	D	Colchester	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	A	A
Stevens, Tom	D	Waterbury	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Stevens, Will	I	Shoreham	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Strong, Vicki	R	Irasburg	Y	Y	Y	N	N	A	A	N	Y
Stuart, Valerie	D	Brattleboro	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Sweaney, Donna	D	Windsor	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Taylor, Tess	D	Barre	A	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Till, George	D	Jericho	N	N	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Toll, Kitty	D	Danville	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	A
Townsend, Larry	D	Randolph	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Trieber, Matthew	D	Rockingham	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	A	N
Turner, Don	R	Milton	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Waite-Simpson, Linda	D	Essex Jct.	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Webb, Kate	D	Shelburne	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Wilson, Jeff	D	Manchester	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Winters, Philip	R	Williamstown	A	A	A	A	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Wizowaty, Suzi	D	Burlington	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Woodward, Mark	D	Johnson	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	A	N	A
Wright, Kurt	R	Burlington	Y	Y	Y	N	A	Y	N	Y	Y
Yantachka, Mike	D	Charlotte	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Young, Sam	D	Glover	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Zagar, Teo	D	Barnard	-	-	-	-	Y	N	A	Y	N

Senate Votes 2011-12

1. **National Popular Vote** (S.31): Require Vermont to assign its three electoral votes to the presidential candidate who wins the largest number of popular votes nationally, regardless of that candidate's performance in Vermont. Passed 20-10 (2/22/11) (Act 10)
2. **Green Mountain Care** (H.202): Brock amendment to require publication of GMC sustainable financing plan before 2012 election. Failed 8-22 (4/26/11).
3. **Green Mountain Care** (H.202): Miller-Brock-Illuzzi amendment to allow small businesses to purchase health insurance outside of the government Exchange. Failed 11-19 (4/26/11)
4. **Green Mountain Care** (H.202): Bill to create a universal and unified taxpayer-financed single payer health care system. Conference report adopted 21-9 (5/3/11) (Act 48)
5. **Tax Bill** (H.436): Bill to raise education property tax rates, cigarette and liquor taxes, health care provider taxes, and insurance claims. Conference report adopted 17-10 (5/5/11) (Act 45)
6. **Free Speech Rights** (JRS11): Resolution urging Congress to propose to the states to amend the Constitution to strip corporations of First Amendment rights. Adopted 26-3 (4/11/12)
7. **Health Benefits Exchange** (H.559): Create health insurance exchange in 2014 in order to attract federal tax credits, that could then be diverted to financing Green Mountain Care in 2017. Passed 20-7 (4/24/12) (Act 171).
8. **CVPS Rebate** (H.781): Galbraith et al amendment to require Public Service Board to require repayment of previous bailout funds to utility ratepayers, in event of a merger. Adopted 27-3 (later deleted in conference) (4/26/12).
9. **Cloud Computing Tax** (H.782): Illuzzi amendment exempting downloading of "cloud" software from 6 percent use tax. Adopted 15-14 (later changed by conference committee to one year tax moratorium.) (4/27/12).

Senate Report Card

Issues Key

1. National Popular Vote
2. Green Mountain Care
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5. Tax Bill
6. Free Speech

7. Health Exchange
8. CVPS Rebate
9. Cloud Computing

Senator	Party	District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Ashe, Timothy	D/P	Chittenden	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Ayer, Claire	D	Addison	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Baruth, Philip	D	Chittenden	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Benning, Joe	R	Caledonia	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y
Brock, Randy	R	Franklin	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y
Campbell, John	D	Windsor	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	N
Carris, William	D	Rutland	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Cummings, Ann	D	Washington	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Doyle, William	R	Washington	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Flory, Margaret	R	Rutland	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y
Fox, Sally	D	Chittenden	Y	N	N	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	N
Galbraith, Peter	D	Windham	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Giard, Harold	D	Addison	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hartwell, Robert	D	Bennington	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	A
Illuzzi, Vincent	R	Essex-Orleans	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kitchel, Jane	D	Caledonia	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y
Kittell, Sara	D	Franklin	Y	N	N	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lyons, Virginia	D	Chittenden	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
MacDonald, Mark	D	Orange	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Mazza, Dick	D	Grand Isle	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
McCormack, Dick	D	Windsor	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Miller, Hinda	D	Chittenden	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Mullin, Kevin	R	Rutland	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nitka, Alice	D	Windsor	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Pollina, Anthony	P/D	Washington	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Sears, Richard	D	Bennington	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Snelling, Diane	R	Chittenden	Y	N	N	N	A	Y	N	N	Y
Starr, Robert	D	Essex-Orleans	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	A	Y	Y
Westman, Richard	R	Lamoille	N	Y	Y	N	A	Y	N	Y	N
White, Jeanette	D	Windham	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N

Each July the Legislative Council (State House, Montpelier VT 05633) publishes a useful “Summary of the Acts and Resolves” of the just-concluded General Assembly. The Clerk of the House and Secretary of the Senate publish roll call vote records for each session of their respective chambers. It is, however, quite difficult to discover just what the legislators voted on, without consulting the House and Senate Journals. These documents are available online at the Vermont Legislature Home Page, www.leg.state.vt.us/. See also the EAI-PAI Vermont Transparency web site, www.vttransparency.org for useful information and “how to find ...” guidance.