



VERMONT VOTER'S REPORT CARD

How Your Legislator Voted on Key Votes
in the Vermont House and
Senate, 2001-2002.

- **Parental Choice in Education**
- **Drug Price Controls**
- **Health Care**
- **Act 250 Reform**
- **Taxes**
- **Small Business Issues**
- **Parental Notification**
- **Champion Lands**



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In this report card you will learn how your Representatives and Senators voted on the key issues of 2001-2002. It presents 10 key votes in the House and 7 key votes in the Senate, chosen to cover the issues of greatest public interest in this biennial session. Many other issues were voted upon (including notably Medicaid reform, Act 60 reform, and redistricting), 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, party affiliation, and the legislator's votes on the numbered issues. For complete information on the legislature, go to www.leg.state.vt.us.

Abbreviations: Y =Yes vote

N =No vote

A =Absent

* =Not a member at time of vote

D =Democrat

R =Republican

P =Progressive

I =Independent

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SENATE VOTES

2001-2002

- 1. Flag Protection (JRS 9):** Canns (R-Caledonia) amendment supporting a Constitutional Amendment to “prohibit the physical desecration of the flag.” Failed 14-15 (Lt. Gov. Racine voted No to break a tie.) (1/30/01) JRS 9 as ultimately adopted asked Congress to protect the flag without specifying the means.
- 2. Champion Lands (S 275):** Illuzzi -Greenwood amendment to require that a management plan for the West Mountain tract be professionally prepared and jointly approved by ANR and a citizens council, and that existing restrictive easements be amended to conform. Failed 13-15. (2/5/02).
- 3. Medicaid Buy-In (S. 254):** This bill would have allowed small businesses and their employees to “buy in” to the Medicaid program, to get the benefit of the state’s underpayments to medical providers. Passed 20-10. (3/26/02) (Died in House.)
- 4. Energy Price Fixing (S. 264):** This bill would have required electric utilities to buy government-specified amounts of “green” power at above market prices, appropriated \$750,000 to subsidize purchasers of “green” energy systems, and authorized “net metering” for farms. Passed 27-1. (3/28/02). (Died in House.)
- 5. Parental Choice in Education (H. 771):** Corrow (R-Orange) amendment to add the House-passed parental choice bill (H. 716) to this tax bill. The amendment was ruled non-germane, and an appeal failed 10-18. (Those voting Yes favored Senate consideration of the parental choice bill.) (6/1/02)
- 6. On-site Sewage (S. 27):** This bill ended the 10-acre exemption from percolation testing, authorized new sewage treatment technologies, required licensed septic system designers, and regulated repair of failed septic systems. Senate accepted House version 20-9 (6/3/02).
- 7. Capital Bill (Redistricting) (H. 763):** This vote was on suspending the rules to pass the capital construction bill. Had this motion succeeded, Senate President Peter Shumlin (D-Windham) intended to adjourn the session without passing a redistricting bill, leaving that issue to be settled by the Supreme Court. Failed 15-11 (3/4 vote required). (6/8/02). (The Senate returned four days later, passed the capital bill 28-0, adopted a redistricting plan, and then adjourned.)

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Issues Key

1. Flag Protection
2. Champion Lands
3. Medicaid Buy-in

4. Energy Price Fixing
5. Parental Choice in Education

6. On-site Sewage
7. Capital Bill (Redistricting)

Senator	Party	District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ankeney, Jean	D	Chittenden	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	A
Bahre, Tom	R	Addison	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Bartlett, Susan	D	Lamoille	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Bloomer, John Jr.	R	Rutland	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Campbell, John	D	Windsor	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Canns, Julius	R	Caledonia	Y	Y	N	Y	A	Y	N
Chard, Nancy	D	Windham	A	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Condos, James	D	Chittenden	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Corrow, William	R	Orange	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N
Costes, George	R	Franklin	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	A
Crowley, John	R	Rutland	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N
Cummings, Ann	D	Washington	N	A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Doyle, William	R	Washington	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	A
Gossens, Gerry	D	Addison	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Greenwood, James	R	Essex-Orleans	Y	Y	N	A	Y	N	N
Ide, Robert	R	Caledonia	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N
Illuzzi, Vince	R	Essex-Orleans	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Kittell, Sara	D	Franklin	N	A	Y	Y	N	A	Y
Leddy, James	D	Chittenden	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Lyons, Virginia	D	Chittenden	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Maynard, Hull	R	Rutland	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N
Mazza, Dick	D	Grand Isle	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
McCormack, Dick	D	Windsor	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Morrissey, Gerry	R	Bennington	A	Y	N	Y	Y	N	A
Munt, Janet	D	Chittenden	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Scott, Phil	R	Washington	Y	Y	N	Y	A	Y	A
Sears, Dick	D	Bennington	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Shumlin, Peter	D	Windham	N	N	Y	A	N	Y	Y
Snelling, Diane	R	Chittenden	*	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Welch, Peter	D	Windsor	*	N	Y	Y	N	Y	A

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HOUSE VOTES

2001-2002

- 1. Act 250 Reform (H. 475):** Metzger (R-Milton)-Endres (R-Milton) amendment to limit appeal rights in Act 250 cases only to statutory parties, not outside intervenors. Adopted 93-45. (3/16/01) (The bill died in the Senate.)
- 2. Drug Price Controls (H. 31):** Hingtgen (P-Burlington) amendment to legislate price controls on prescription drugs. Failed 37-103. (4/25/01)
- 3. Parental Notification (H. 218):** Required that parents (or a judge) be notified before a minor could have an abortion. Passed 78-55. (5/11/01) (Died in Senate).
- 4. Rainy Day Funds (H. 646):** Zuckerman (P-Burlington)-Seibert (D-Norwich) amendment to require the depletion of the state's "rainy day" funds to prevent reductions in spending. Failed 28-113. (2/6/02)
- 5. Estate Tax Repeal (H. 753):** Smith (R-New Haven) amendment to repeal the Vermont estate tax as the federal estate tax is repealed 2003-2011. Failed 59-78. (2/28/02)
- 6. Stormwater Growth Control (H.644):** Reversed the Water Resources Board ruling in the Lowe's Home Center case, to permit development with state of the art stormwater management even though Lake Champlain remained "impaired" by existing runoff. The language was approved 96-46. (3/13/02) (Compromise version enacted as Act 109.)
- 7. California Emissions Rule (H. 664):** Adoption of committee amendment to forbid Agency of Natural Resources from imposing a rule requiring auto dealers to sell a specified percentage of "zero emission" cars. Adopted 92-48 (3/21/02). (Died in Senate.)
- 8. Champion Lands (S. 275):** Declared that the state-owned portion of the Champion lands was to be managed to allow snowmobiling and logging as understood in 1999 when the legislature appropriated the funding to close the Champion land deal. Passed 90-47 (4/4/02). (Senate refused to concur.)
- 9. Parental Choice in Education (H 716):** Provided universal parental choice among public schools. Passed 72-67. (4/17/02) (Died in the Senate.)
- 10. Single Payor Health Care (H.765):** Alfano (D-Calais) amendment for a universal government-run health care system financed by income and payroll taxes. Failed 36-98. (4/18/02)

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Issues Key

1. Act 250 Reform
2. Drug Price Controls
3. Parental Notification
4. Rainy Day Funds

5. Estate Tax Repeal
6. Stormwater Control
7. California Emissions Rule

8. Champion Lands
9. Parental Choice
10. Single Payor Health Care

Representative	Party	Town	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Adams, Steven C.	R	Hartland	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Alfano, Elaine R.	D	Calais	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Allaire, David W.	R	Rutland City	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Allard, George R.	D	St. Albans	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	A	Y	N	N
Amidon, Edwin H.	R	Charlotte	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	A	N	N
Anderson, Jack	D	Woodstock	A	A	A	N	N	N	N	N	N	A
Angell, Philip A.	R	Randolph	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Aswad, William N.	D	Burlington	N	Y	N	Y	A	N	A	N	N	Y
Atkins, Kenneth W.	D	Winooski	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	N	A
Audette, Sonny	D	S. Burlington	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	A	A	A
Baker, Joseph	R	W. Rutland	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Barney, Jason	R	Swanton	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Bohi, Lynn L.	D	Hartford	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Bolduc, David P.	R	Barton	Y	N	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	N
Bolognani, Betty M.	D	Readsboro	*	*	*	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Bostic, Donald E.	R	St. Johnsbury	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Bourdeau, Stephanie	R	Hyde Park	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Brooks, Francis K.	D	Montpelier	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Brown, David A.	R	Walden	A	A	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Carey, Erron J.	R	Chester	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Clark, David T.	R	St. Johnsbury	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Cleland, William H.	R	Northfield	A	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Colvin, James H.	D	Bennington	Y	N	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	N	A
Connell, Kinny	D	Warren	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
Crawford, Howard T.	R	Burke	Y	N	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Cross, George C.	D	Winooski	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	A	N	Y
Crowley, Judy Bloomer	R	W. Rutland	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Dakin, Maureen P.	D	Colchester	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Darrow, Dan K.	D	Newfane	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Darrow, Steve	D	Putney	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Davis, Don P.	R	Cavendish	Y	N	Y	N	A	Y	Y	Y	A	N
Deen, David L.	D	Putney	N	Y	N	A	N	N	N	N	N	Y
DePoy, Thomas S.	R	Rutland City	Y	N	Y	N	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	N
Donovan, Johannah	D	Burlington	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Dostis, Robert	D	Waterbury	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Doyle, Patricia R.	D	Richmond	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Driscoll, Carina N.	P	Burlington	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Duffy, Virginia	R	Rutland	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Emmons, Alice M.	D	Springfield	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Endres, Kevin J.	R	Milton	A	N	Y	N	Y	A	A	Y	Y	A
Fisher, Michael	D	Lincoln	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Flory, Margaret	R	Pittsford	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Follett, John E.	R	Springfield	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Freed, Walter E.	R	Dorset	- Speaker Only Votes to Break a Tie -									
George, Dean C.	R	Middlebury	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Gervais, Avis L.	D	Enosburg	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Goodridge, Kevin	R	Irasburg	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Grad, Maxine Jo	D	Moretown	N	N	N	Y	N	A	N	N	N	N
Gray, Henry L.	R	Barre Town	Y	N	Y	N	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	N

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Osman, Donny	D	Plainfield	N	Y	A	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Otterman, Harvey B.	R	Topsham	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Palmer, Allen C.	R	Pownal	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Paquin, Edward H.	D	Fairfax	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Partridge, Carolyn W.	D	Windham	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Peaslee, Janice L.	R	Guildhall	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Pembroke, Dick	D	Bennington	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	A	A	A	A
Pike, Ira M.	R	Mendon	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A
Pillsbury, Daryl L.	I	Brattleboro	N	Y	Y	A	N	A	Y	Y	N	A
Pugh, Ann D.	D	S. Burlington	N	Y	A	N	N	Y	N	A	N	N
Quaid, Michael H.	R	Williston	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Randall, Neil	R	Bradford	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Reese, Michael S.	D	Pomfret	N	N	A	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Rogers, David	R	Castleton	Y	N	A	N	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	N
Rosenquist, Carl J.	R	Georgia	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Rusten, Robert	D	Brattleboro	Y	N	A	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N
Ryan, Timothy C.	D	Waltham	*	*	*	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N
Schaefer, Hank	R	Colchester	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Schiavone, George	R	Shelburne	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Scribner, Craig S.	R	Bristol	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Seibert, Ann	D	Norwich	N	A	N	Y	N	A	N	N	N	Y
Severance, Malcolm	R	Colchester	Y	N	N	A	Y	Y	Y	A	A	N
Shaw, Loren T.	R	Derby	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Sheltra, Nancy J.	R	Derby	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Smith, Harvey T.	R	New Haven	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Starr, Robert A.	D	Troy	Y	A	A	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	A	A
Stevens, Matthew	R	Essex	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	N
Sweaney, Donna G.	D	Windsor	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Sweetser, Gene	R	Essex	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Symington, Gaye R.	D	Jericho	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	A	N	N
Towne, Ruth H.	R	Montpelier	Y	N	Y	N	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Tracy, John Patrick	D	Burlington	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Valliere, Leo M.	R	Barre	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Vincent, Val	D	Waterbury	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Vinton, Michael C.	D	Colchester	N	N	N	N	A	Y	Y	A	N	N
Voyer, Cathy	R	Morristown	Y	N	A	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Waite, Perry D.	D	Pawlet	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Webster, Donald V.	D	Brattleboro	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Webster, Stephen W.	R	Randolph	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Weeks, Robert	R	Wallingford	Y	A	Y	A	A	A	A	Y	Y	A
Westman, Richard A.	R	Cambridge	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Wheeler, Susan	D	Burlington	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	A	A
Willett, James W.	D	St. Albans	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Winters, John S.	R	Swanton	Y	N	Y	N	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Winters, Philip C.	R	Williamstown	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Wood, Robert H.	R	Brandon	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Woodward, Mark	D	Johnson	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Wright, Kurt	R	Burlington	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Young, Mark S.	R	Orwell	Y	N	Y	N	A	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Zuckerman, David	P	Burlington	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y