

SENATE REPORT CARD

Issues Key

1. Minimum Wage	4. Electricity Rates	7. Adult Education
2. Income Tax Increase	5. Drug Price	8. Workers Compensation
3. Education Finance	6. Permit Reform	

Senator	Party	District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Ayer, Claire	D	Addison	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Bartlett, Susan	D	Lamoille	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Bloomer, John	R	Rutland	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Campbell, John	D	Windsor	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Canns, Julius	R	Caledonia	N	Y	N	A	N	Y	Y	Y
Collins, Don	D	Franklin	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N
Condos, James	D	Chittenden	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Cummings, Ann	D	Washington	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Doyle, William	R	Washington	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N
Dunne, Matt	D	Windsor	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Gander, Rod	D	Windham	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Gossens, Gerry	D	Addison	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Greenwood, Jim	R	Essex-Orleans	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	A
Illuzzi, Vincent	R	Essex-Orleans	N	Y	N	A	N	N	Y	N
Kittell, Sara	D	Franklin	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Leddy, James P.	D	Chittenden	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Lyons, Virginia	D	Chittenden	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
MacDonald, Mark	D	Orange	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Maynard, Hull	R	Rutland	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	A	A
Mayo, Bernier	R	Caledonia	*	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Mazza, Dick	D	Grand Isle	N	#	#	N	N	Y	Y	N
Miller, Hinda	D	Chittenden	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Mullin, Kevin	R	Rutland	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Munt, Janet	D	Chittenden	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Scott, Phil	R	Washington	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Sears, Dick	D	Bennington	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N
Shepard, Mark	R	Bennington	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Snelling, Diane	R	Chittenden	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N
Welch, Peter	D	Windsor	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	#
White, Jeanette	D	Windham	N	Y	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/



VERMONT VOTER'S REPORT CARD

How Your Legislator Voted on Key Votes
in the Vermont House and
Senate, 2003~2004.

- Education Finance
- Seat Belt Penalties
- Choice in Education
- Electric Rates
- Drug Price Controls
- Wilderness
- Health Care
- Minimum Wage
- Workers Compensation
- Permit Reform
- Adult Education



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THE VERMONT VOTERS REPORT CARD

In this report card you will learn how your representative and senator voted on the key issues of 2003-2004. It presents 9 key votes in the House and 8 key votes in 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.

Abbreviations: Y=Yes vote
N=No vote
A=Absent
* =Not a member at time of vote
#=Presiding – did not vote
D=Democrat
R=Republican
P=Progressive
I=Independent

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SENATE VOTES 2003-2004

1. **Minimum Wage** (S. 178): Amendment to remove minimum wage increase from bill to expand job creation. Failed 3-26. (4/10/03)
2. **Income Tax Increase** (H. 480). Welch (D-Windsor) amendment to impose a 1.5% tax increase on taxable income for calendar years 2004-2007. Adopted 21-8 (5/13/03). (Deleted in conference.)
3. **Education Finance** (H. 480): Bill to replace Act 60 “sharing pool” with variable property tax rates in towns, set \$1.59 state rate for non residential property, and increase sales tax from 5 to 6 percent. Passed 18-11. (5/13/03) (Conference subsequently replaced income tax increase with sales tax increase.)
4. **Electricity Rates** (S.261): Committee “renewable portfolio standard” provision, requiring utilities to buy wind and solar electricity at above market prices, thus increasing rates to consumers. Adopted 16-12. (2/25/04). (House did not act.)
5. **Drug Price Controls** (S.288): Committee amendment to authorize state price controls on sale of prescription drugs. Adopted 16-14. (3/17/04). (House did not act.)
6. **Permit Reform** (H.175): Bill to transfer Act 250 appeals to Environmental Court and allow all parties (including citizen groups) to appeal to Supreme Court. Passed 25-4. (4/22/04)
7. **Adult Education** (H.768): Shepard-Mayo amendment to partially pay adult education costs for high school dropouts by reducing state payment to school the dropout no longer attended, instead of letting the school keep the money. Failed 14-15. (4/28/04)
8. **Workers Compensation** (H.632): Mullin (R-Rutland) amendment to restore stiffer House-passed anti-fraud penalties (\$100,000, 3 years in jail vs. \$10,000 and 3 months), and three year (instead of 6) statute of limitations for initiating injury claims. Failed 5-22. (5/4/04)

Issues Key

1. Minimum Wage

2. Education Finance

3. Seat Belts

4. Tax Freedom Day

5. Education Choice

6. Wilderness

7. Medicaid Buy In

8. Single Payer

9. Health Care Bill

HOUSE VOTES

2003-2004

Representative	Party	Town	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Monti, Harry S.	D	Barre	Y	A	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N
Morrissey, Mary A.	R	Bennington	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Myers, Linda K.	R	Essex Junction	A	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Nease, Floyd W.	D	Johnson	N	Y	Y	N	N	A	Y	Y	N
Nitka, Alice W.	D	Ludlow	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Nuovo, Betty A.	D	Middlebury	A	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Obuchowski, Michael	D	Bellows Falls	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
O'Donnell, Pat	R	Vernon	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Otterman, Harvey B.	R	Topsham	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Parent, Alan	R	St. Albans	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Partridge, Carolyn W.	D	Windham	N	A	A	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Peaslee, Janice L.	R	Guildhall	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Perry, Albert J.	D	Richford	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N
Peterson, Mary N.	D	Williston	N	Y	Y	A	N	N	N	N	N
Pillsbury, Daryl	I	Brattleboro	N	N	N	A	N	N	A	Y	N
Pugh, Ann D.	D	S. Burlington	N	Y	Y	A	N	N	Y	Y	N
Reese, Michael S.	D	Pomfret	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N
Robinson, Spike	R	Richmond	Y	Y	N	A	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Rodgers, John S.	D	Glover	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	A	Y	A
Rogers, David	R	Castleton	Y	N	N	A	A	Y	N	N	Y
Rusten, Robert	D	Halifax	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Schiavone, George	R	Shelburne	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Seibert, Ann	D	Norwich	N	A	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Severance, Malcolm	R	Colchester	A	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Shand, Ernest	D	Weathersfield	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	A	Y	N
Sharpe, David	D	Bristol	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Shaw, Loren T.	R	Derby	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Sheltra, Nancy J.	R	Derby	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Shouldice, Heather F.	I	Calais	*	*	*	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
Smith, Harvey T.	R	New Haven	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Smith, Shap	D	Morristown	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N
Starr, Robert A.	D	Troy	A	Y	A	A	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Sunderland, David A.	R	Rutland Town	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Sweeney, Donna G.	D	Windsor	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Sweeney, Joyce S.	R	Colchester	Y	Y	A	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Sweetser, Gene	R	Essex Junction	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Symington, Gaye R.	D	Jericho	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Towne, Ruth H.	R	Montpelier	Y	Y	A	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Tracy, John Patrick	D	Burlington	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Trombley, Ira	D	Grand Isle	N	Y	Y	N	N	A	Y	A	A
Valliere, Leo M.	R	Barre	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	A
Vincent, Val	D	Waterbury	N	Y	N	A	A	N	N	N	Y
Waite, Perry D.	D	Pawlet	N	Y	N	N	A	Y	Y	Y	N
Webster, Stephen W.	R	Randolph	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Westman, Richard A.	R	Cambridge	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Winters, John S.	R	Swanton	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Winters, Philip C.	R	Williamstown	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	A
Wood, Robert H.	R	Brandon	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Wright, Kurt	R	Burlington	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Young, Mark S.	R	Orwell	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Zuckerman, David	P	Burlington	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N

- 1. Minimum Wage** (H. 461): Schiavone (R-Shelburne) amendment to delete automatic annual increases in minimum wage (following 50c/hr increase). Adopted 76-63. (4/25/03).
- 2. Education Finance** (H. 480): Bill to replace Act 60 “sharing pool” with variable property tax rates in towns, set \$1.59 state rate for non residential property, and increase sales tax from 5 to 6 percent. Passed 107-32 (5/2/03)
- 3. Seat Belts** (S. 25): Chen (D-Mendon) amendment to allow police to stop and ticket motorists for failure to wear seat belt or failure to require passengers to wear seat belts. Failed 65-72. (5/6/03)
- 4. Tax Freedom Day** (JRH60): Resolution expressing hope that taxes and spending will be reduced, resulting in earlier “Tax Freedom Day”. A “no” vote is a vote against the desirability of lower tax burdens on Vermonters. Adopted 68-66. (4/13/04).
- 5. Parental Choice in Education** (H.511): Webster (R-Randolph) motion to require a floor vote on Governor’s public school choice bill, bottled up in committee by liberal opponents. Failed 48-92. (4/8/04)
- 6. Wilderness** (JRH 52): Resolution opposing Congressional designation of additional wilderness in Green Mountain National Forest. Adopted 86-56. (4/17/04) (Senate did not act.)
- 7. Health Care** (H. 759): Fisher (D-Lincoln) amendment to allow small business employees to join Medicaid program to gain benefit of below-market government payments to providers. Failed 61-80. (4/20/04)
- 8. Health Care** (H. 759): Partridge (D-Windham) amendment to create Vermont Health Plan Board to propose government-run, tax-financed single payer health care plan. Failed 52-89. (4/21/04)
- 9. Health Care** (H. 759): Bill to give tax credit for small businesses adopting Health Savings Account insurance plans, support consumer friendly health care technology, offer healthy lifestyle premium discount, and create “cost containment panels” with sweeping regulatory powers. Passed 76-63. (4/21/04). (Senate did not act.)

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Adams, Steven C.	R	Hartland	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Allaire, David W.	R	Rutland	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Allard, George R.	D	St. Albans	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Amidon, Edwin H.	R	Charlotte	Y	A	A	A	N	N	N	N	Y
Anderson, Jack	I	Woodstock	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	A	N	Y
Aswad, William N.	D	Burlington	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Atkins, Kenneth W.	D	Winooski	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	A	A	A
Audette, Sonny	D	S. Burlington	N	Y	A	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Bailey, Harold L.	R	Hyde Park	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Baker, Joseph	R	West Rutland	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Bartlett, Philip E.	R	Dover	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Bohi, Lynn L.	D	Hartford	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Bolduc, David P.	R	Orleans	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Bostic, Donald E.	R	St. Johnsbury	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Botzow, Bill	D	Pownal	N	Y	A	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Branagan, Carolyn	R	Georgia	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	N	N	Y
Brennan, Patrick M.	R	Colchester	A	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	A	A
Brooks, Francis K.	D	Montpelier	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Brown, David A.	R	Hardwick	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
Carey, Erron J.	R	Chester	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Chen, Harry L.	D	Mendon	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Clark, David T.	R	St. Johnsbury	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Clark, Gregory S.	R	Vergennes	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Connell, Kinny	D	Warren	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Corcoran, Timothy R.	D	Bennington	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Crawford, Howard T.	R	Burke	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Cross, George C.	D	Winooski	N	Y	Y	N	N	A	Y	Y	N
Crowley, Judy	R	West Rutland	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Dakin, Maureen P.	D	Colchester	N	Y	Y	A	N	N	Y	N	N
Darrow, Steve	D	Putney	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Deen, David L.	D	Westminster	N	N	Y	N	N	A	A	A	A
DePoy, Thomas S.	R	Rutland	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Donaghy, Andrew P.	D	Poultney	Y	A	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Donahue, Anne B.	R	Northfield	Y	Y	N	A	Y	N	N	N	Y
Donovan, Johannah	D	Burlington	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Dostis, Robert	D	Waterbury	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N
Duffy, Virginia	R	Rutland	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Dunsmore, Brian C.	R	St. Albans	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Edwards, Sarah R.	P	Brattleboro	N	N	Y	N	N	N	A	Y	N
Emmons, Alice M.	D	Springfield	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Endres, Kevin J.	R	Milton	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Errecart, Joyce	R	Shelburne	A	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Fallar, Gail	D	Tinmouth	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N
Fisher, Michael	D	Lincoln	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Flory, Margaret	R	Pittsford	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Freed, Walter E.	R	Dorset	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
French, Patsy	D	Randolph	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Gervais, Avis L.	D	Enosburg	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N

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Grad, Maxine	D	Moretown	N	Y	Y	A	A	A	A	A	A
Gray, Henry L.	R	Barre	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Haas, Carl J.	R	Rutland	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Hall, John K.	R	Newport	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Head, Helen	D	S. Burlington	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Heath, Martha P.	D	Westford	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N
Helm, Robert	R	Fair Haven	Y	A	N	A	N	Y	N	A	A
Hingtgen, Steve	P	Burlington	N	N	Y	A	N	N	Y	Y	N
Houston, Connie T.	R	Vergennes	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Howrigan, Richard J.	D	Fairfield	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	A	N
Hube, Richard W.	R	Londonderry	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Hudson, Cola H.	R	Lyndon	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Hummel, Margaret	D	Underhill	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Hunt, Peter D.	D	Essex Jct.	N	N	Y	N	A	N	Y	Y	N
Jewett, Willem	D	Ripton	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Johnson, Mitzi	D	South Hero	A	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Johnson, William F.	R	Canaan	A	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	A	A
Kainen, Michael R.	R	Hartford	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Keenan, Kathleen C.	D	St. Albans	A	A	Y	N	A	N	Y	N	N
Kennedy, Sylvia R.	R	Chelsea	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Kenyon, Wayne G	D	Bradford	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Keogh, Bill	D	Burlington	N	Y	Y	A	N	N	N	N	Y
Ketchum, Carroll F.	R	Bethel	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	A	N	N	Y
Kilmartin, Duncan	R	Newport	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Kirker, Linda	R	Essex Junction	Y	Y	N	Y	A	Y	N	N	Y
Kiss, Robert	P	Burlington	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Kitzmillier, Warren	D	Montpelier	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Klein, Tony	D	East Montpelier	N	Y	Y	N	A	N	Y	Y	N
Koch, Thomas F.	R	Barre	Y	A	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Krawczyk, Albert C.	R	Bennington	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Krawczyk, Joseph	R	Bennington	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Larocque, Leigh	R	Barnet	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Larrabee, Steve	R	Danville	Y	N	N	Y	Y	A	N	N	Y
Larson, Mark	D	Burlington	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
LaVoie, Kathy	R	Swanton	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Lippert, William J.	D	Hinesburg	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N
Livingston, Judith	R	Manchester	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Maier, Steven	D	Middlebury	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Marek, Richard J.	D	Newfane	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Marron, Richard C.	R	Stowe	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Martin, Clint	D	Springfield	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Masland, Jim W.	D	Thetford	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Mazur, Frank M.	R	South Burlington	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
McAllister, Norman	R	Franklin	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
McCullough, Jim	D	Williston	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
McLaughlin, Rosemary D	Royalton		N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Metzger, Doran	R	Milton	A	A	A	A	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Milkey, Virginia A.	D	Brattleboro	N	A	A	N	N	N	Y	Y	N
Miller, Alice	D	Shaftsbury	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Miller, Warren	R	Elmore	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Molloy, Lawrence E.	D	Arlington	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N