



VERMONT VOTER'S REPORT CARD

How Your Legislator Voted
on Key Votes in the Vermont House
and Senate, 2005-2006.

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- **Health Care**
- **Electric Rates**
- **Universal Preschools**
- **Gas and Diesel Taxes**
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In this report card you will learn how your representative and senator voted on the key issues of 2005-2006. It presents nine key votes in the House and 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.

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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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HOUSE VOTES

2005-2006

1. **Minimum Wage** (S.80): Krawczyk motion to consider increasing Earned Income Tax Credit instead of minimum wage. Failed 52-82. (3/18/05)
2. **Health Care I** (H.524): Green Mountain Health bill to eliminate private health insurance and raise \$2 billion in new broad based taxes to finance fully government-controlled health care system. Passed 86-58 (4/21/05). (Bill was eventually vetoed).
3. **Electric Rates** (S.52): Require utilities to buy higher priced renewable energy, and grant Public Service Board unlimited authority to tax electric bills to support efficiency programs. Passed 94-35 (4/22/05)
4. **Teachers Union Dues** (H.299): Kilmartin amendment to provide that agency fees on non-union teachers could not exceed one third of Vermont-NEA dues. Failed 38-93. (4/26/05)
5. **Health Care II** (H.861): Catamount Health bill to create state-run program to cover the uninsured, financed in part by tobacco taxes and new tax on employers. Advanced 77-58. (3/3/06)
6. **Motor Fuel Taxes** (H.869): Sunderland amendment to delete 2 cent gasoline tax increase and 6 cent diesel tax increase. Failed 53-84. (3/16/06). (Taxes later replaced by fee increases in Senate).
7. **Voter Registration** (S.164): Bill to allow same day voter registration starting in 2008. Passed 63-45. (3/17/06). (Bill died in conference.)
8. **Property Taxes** (H.880): Livingston amendment to cut residential tax rate from \$0.95 to \$0.935 and non-residential rate from \$1.44 to \$1.425, and retain 2.0 percent income sensitivity factor. Failed 49-95. (3/23/06)
9. **Universal Preschools** (S.314): Branagan amendment to freeze Education Fund spending on new universal preschools until after completion of cost-effectiveness study in 2007. Failed 49-78. (4/14/06)

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Issues Key

1. Minimum Wage

2. Health Care I

3. Electric Rates

4. Teachers Union Dues

5. Health Care II

6. Motor Fuel Taxes

7. Voter Registration

8. Property Taxes

9. Universal Preschools

Representative	Party	Town	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Acinapura, Joe	R	Brandon	*	*	*	*	N	Y	N	Y	N
Adams, Steven C.	R	Hartland	A	A	A	A	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Allaire, David W.	R	Rutland	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Allard, George R.	D	St. Albans	A	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
Ancel, Janet	D	Calais	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	A	N	N
Aswad, William N.	D	Burlington	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	A	N	N
Atkins, Kenneth W.	D	Winooski	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Audette, Albert C.	D	S. Burlington	N	Y	A	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Baker, Joseph	R	W. Rutland	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Barnard, Denise B.	D	Richmond	N	Y	Y	N	A	N	Y	N	N
Bartlett, Philip E.	R	Dover	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Bohi, Lynn L.	D	Hartford	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Bostic, Donald E.	R	St. Johnsbury	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Botzow, Bill	D	Bennington	A	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Branagan, Carolyn	R	Georgia	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Brennan, Patrick M.	R	Colchester	Y	A	A	Y	N	Y	A	Y	N
Brooks, Francis K.	D	Montpelier	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Canfield, William	R	Fair Haven	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Chen, Harry L.	D	Mendon	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y
Clark, David T.	R	St. Johnsbury	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	A
Clark, Gregory S.	R	Vergennes	Y	N	Y	A	N	Y	N	Y	N
Clarkson, Alison H.	D	Woodstock	N	Y	Y	N	Y	A	A	N	N
Condon, Jim	D	Colchester	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	A	N	N
Copeland-Hanzas, S.	D	Bradford	A	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Corcoran, Timothy R.	D	Bennington	N	N	Y	N	N	N	A	N	N
Cross, George C.	D	Winooski	N	Y	A	A	Y	N	Y	N	N
Darrow, Steve	D	Putney	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Dates, Stephen B.	R	Shelburne	*	*	*	*	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Deen, David L.	D	Putney	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
DePoy, Thomas S.	R	Rutland	Y	N	N	Y	A	A	A	Y	Y
Donaghy, Andrew P.	R	Poultney	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Donahue, Anne B.	R	Northfield	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Donovan, Johannah	D	Burlington	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	A
Dostis, Robert	D	Waterbury	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Dowland, Winston E.	P	Derby	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	A
Dunsmore, Brian C.	R	St. Albans	Y	N	Y	A	N	Y	A	N	A
Edwards, Sarah R.	P	Brattleboro	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Emmons, Alice M.	D	Springfield	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Endres, Kevin J.	R	Milton	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Errecart, Joyce	R	Shelburne	A	N	Y	Y	N	A	A	Y	Y
Evans, Debbie	D	Essex Jct.	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Fallar, Gail	D	Tinmouth	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Fisher, Michael	D	Lincoln	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Flory, Margaret	R	Pittsford	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	A
Frank, William R.	D	Underhill	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
French, Patsy	D	Randolph	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Gervais, Avis L.	D	Enosburg	A	Y	Y	N	Y	N	A	N	Y
Grad, Maxine	D	Moretown	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	A	N	N
Green, Stephen	D	Berlin	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N

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Haas, Sandy	P	Rochester	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Head, Helen	D	S. Burlington	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Heath, Martha P.	D	Westford	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Helm, Robert	R	Fair Haven	Y	N	A	A	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Hosford, Carol	D	Waitsfield	N	Y	Y	A	Y	N	Y	N	A
Houston, Connie T.	R	Vergennes	Y	N	N	Y	N	A	A	Y	Y
Howard, Steven J.	D	Rutland	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Howrigan, Richard J.	D	Fairfield	N	Y	Y	N	A	N	A	N	Y
Hube, Richard W.	R	Londonderry	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	A	Y	Y
Hudson, Cola	R	Lyndon	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	A
Hunt, Peter D.	D	Essex Jct.	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Hutchinson, Jim	D	Randolph	N	Y	Y	N	Y	A	Y	N	N
Jerman, Tim	D	Essex Jct.	A	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	A
Jewett, Willem	D	Ripton	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	A	N	A
Johnson, Mitzi	D	South Hero	A	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Johnson, William F.	R	Canaan	Y	N	N	A	N	Y	A	Y	Y
Kainen, Michael R.	R	Hartford	A	N	Y	A	Y	N	A	Y	A
Keenan, Kathleen C.	D	St. Albans	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Kennedy, Sylvia R.	R	Chelsea	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Keogh, Bill	D	Burlington	N	Y	A	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Kilmartin, Duncan F.	R	Newport	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Kiss, Robert	P	Burlington	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	A	N	*
Kitzmiller, Warren F.	D	Montpelier	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Klein, Tony	D	E. Montpelier	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Koch, Thomas F.	R	Barre Town	Y	N	A	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Komline, Patti	R	Dorset	Y	N	Y	Y	A	Y	N	Y	Y
Krawczyk, Joseph L.	R	Bennington	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Kupersmith, Michele	D	S. Burlington	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Larocque, Leigh	R	Barnet	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	A	Y	Y
Larrabee, Steve	R	Danville	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Larson, Mark	D	Burlington	N	Y	Y	Y	A	N	Y	N	N
LaVoie, Kathy	R	Swanton	Y	N	N	A	A	Y	N	Y	Y
Lawrence, Richard	R	Lyndon	A	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Leriche, Lucy	D	Hardwick	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	A
Lippert, William J.	D	Hinesburg	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Livingston, Judith	R	Manchester	Y	A	A	A	N	Y	A	Y	A
Lorber, Jason P.	D	Burlington	N	Y	A	N	Y	Y	Y	N	A
Louras, Christopher C.	R	Rutland	Y	N	A	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Maier, Steven	D	Middlebury	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Malcolm, John W.	D	Pawlet	A	Y	Y	N	A	N	Y	N	N
Marcotte, Michael J.	R	Newport	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Marek, Richard J.	D	Newfane	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Marron, Richard C.	R	Stowe	Y	N	Y	N	N	A	N	N	A
Martin, Clint	D	Springfield	N	Y	Y	N	A	A	A	A	A
Martin, Linda J.	D	Wolcott	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Masland, Jim	D	Thetford Center	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	A	N	N
McAllister, Norman H.	R	Franklin	Y	N	A	N	N	Y	A	A	Y
McCullough, Jim	D	Williston	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
McFaun, Francis M.	R	Barre Town	Y	Y	A	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
McLaughlin, Rosemary	D	Royalton	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Milkey, Virginia A.	D	Brattleboro	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N

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Miller, Alice	D	Shaftsbury	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Miller, Warren	R	Elmore	Y	N	Y	N	N	A	N	Y	A
Minter, Sue	D	Waterbury	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Molloy, Lawrence E.	D	Arlington	N	N	Y	N	N	N	A	N	N
Monti, Harry S.	D	Barre	N	Y	A	N	A	A	A	N	N
Mook, Anne H.	D	Bennington	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N
Morley, John	R	Orleans	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Morrissey, Mary A.	R	Bennington	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Myers, Linda K.	R	Essex Jct.	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	A	Y	N
Nease, Floyd W.	D	Johnson	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Niquette, Kathrine R.	R	Colchester	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	A	Y
Nitka, Alice W.	D	Ludlow	N	Y	A	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Nuovo, Betty A.	D	Middlebury	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Obuchowski, Michael J.	D	Bellows Falls	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
O'Donnell, Pat	R	Vernon	Y	A	A	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Orr, Scott A.	D	Charlotte	A	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Otterman, Harvey B.	R	Topsham	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	A	N	Y
Parent, Alan	R	St. Albans	A	N	N	N	A	Y	N	Y	Y
Partridge, Carolyn W.	D	Windham	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Peaslee, Janice L.	R	Guildhall	A	N	N	A	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Pellett, Kathy	D	Chester	N	Y	Y	A	Y	N	A	N	A
Perry, Albert J.	D	Richford	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	A	N	N
Peterson, Mary N.	D	Williston	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	A	N	A
Pillsbury, Daryl L.	I	Brattleboro	N	Y	Y	N	A	N	A	N	N
Potter, Dave	D	Clarendon	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	A	N	N
Pugh, Ann D.	D	S. Burlington	N	Y	Y	A	Y	N	Y	N	N
Randall, Dexter	P	Troy	N	Y	A	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Reese, Michael S.	D	Pomfret	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y
Rodgers, John S.	D	Glover	N	Y	N	N	A	N	A	N	N
Rusten, Robert	D	Brattleboro	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Seibert, Ann	D	Norwich	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Severance, Malcolm	R	Colchester	N	Y	Y	N	A	Y	A	N	A
Shand, Ernest	D	Windsor	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Sharpe, David	D	Bristol	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	A	A
Shaw, Loren T.	R	Derby	Y	N	N	A	A	A	A	Y	A
Smith, Harvey T.	R	New Haven	Y	N	Y	Y	N	A	N	Y	Y
Smith, Shap	D	Morristown	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	A	N	N
Sunderland, David A.	R	Rutland Town	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	A	Y
Sweaney, Donna G.	D	Windsor	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Symington, Gaye R.	D	Jericho	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
Tracy, John	D	Burlington	N	Y	Y	A	Y	N	Y	N	N
Trombley, Ira	D	Grand Isle	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	A	N	N
Turner, Donald H.	R	Milton	*	*	*	*	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Valliere, Leo M.	R	Barre	Y	N	A	N	N	A	N	Y	Y
Westman, Richard A.	R	Cambridge	Y	N	A	A	N	N	A	Y	Y
Winters, John S.	R	Swanton	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	A	Y	Y
Winters, Philip C.	R	Williamstown	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	A	Y	Y
Wright, Kurt	R	Burlington	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	A	N	Y
Young, Mark S.	R	Orwell	Y	N	A	A	N	Y	Y	Y	A
Zuckerman, David	P	Burlington	A	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N

SENATE VOTES

2005-2006

1. **Property Taxes** (H.61): Shepard-Maynard amendment to cut residential tax rate from \$1.02 to 1.01 and non-residential rate from \$1.51 to \$1.50. Failed 8-18 (2/8/05)
2. **Health Care I** (H.524): Green Mountain Health bill, to cover uninsured through \$40 million in new income and/or payroll taxes. Passed 18-7. (5/18/05) (Vetoed)
3. **Taking of Property** (S.246): Copenrath amendment to remove urban renewal exemption to bill protecting property owners against use of eminent domain. Failed 3-25. (2/8/06)
4. **Nuclear Power** (S.124): Bill to require legislative approval before Vermont Yankee could be relicensed. Passed 18-5. (3/15/05)
5. **Labor Relations** (S.34): Bill to prevent privatizing work done by state employees regardless of cost savings. Passed 21-5. (3/16/06)
6. **Medical Malpractice** (S.198): Mullin motion to consider medical malpractice review panel in addition to “sorry works” apology. Failed 5-21. (3/16/06)
7. **Health Care II** (H.861): Catamount Health bill to create state-run program to cover the uninsured, financed in part by tobacco taxes and new tax on employers who don’t offer coverage. Passed 24-3 (4/14/06)
8. **Electric Rates** (H.860): Copenrath amendment to return half of proceeds of sale of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative emissions credits to ratepayers. Failed 6-23. (4/18/06)
9. **Property Taxes** (H.880): Maynard amendment to cut residential tax rate from \$0.98 to \$0.96 and non-residential rate from \$1.47 to \$1.45, and retain 2.0 percent income sensitivity factor. Failed 6-18. (5/3/06)

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5. Labor Relations

6. Medical Malpractice

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Senator	Party	District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Ayer, Claire D.	D	Addison	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Bartlett, Susan J.	D	Lamoille	N	Y	N	A	Y	N	Y	N	A
Campbell, John F.	D	Windsor	A	Y	N	Y	#	#	Y	N	N
Collins, Donald E.	D	Franklin	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Condos, James C.	D	Chittenden	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Coppenrath, George R.	R	Caledonia	*	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Cummings, Ann E.	D	Washington	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Doyle, William T.	R	Washington	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Dunne, Matt	D	Windsor	N	A	A	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Flanagan, Ed	D	Chittenden	N	Y	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Gander, Roderick M.	D	Windham	A	A	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Giard, Harold	D	Addison	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Illuzzi, Vincent	R	Essex-Orleans	Y	Y	A	A	Y	N	Y	N	N
Kitchel, Jane	D	Caledonia	N	Y	N	A	Y	N	Y	N	A
Kittell, Sara	D	Franklin	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Leddy, James P.	D	Chittenden	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	A
Lyons, Virginia V.	D	Chittenden	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
MacDonald, Mark A.	D	Orange	N	A	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Maynard, Hull P.	R	Rutland	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Mazza, Richard T.	D	Grand Isle	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Miller, Hinda	D	Chittenden	N	Y	A	A	A	A	Y	N	N
Mullin, Kevin J.	R	Rutland	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Scott, Philip B.	R	Washington	Y	A	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
Sears, Richard W.	D	Bennington	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	A
Shepard, Mark I.	R	Bennington	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	A	Y	Y
Snelling, Diane	R	Chittenden	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	A
Starr, Robert	D	Essex-Orleans	N	A	N	A	Y	N	A	N	Y
Welch, Peter F.	D	Windsor	#	Y	#	#	A	A	Y	N	N
White, Jeanette K.	D	Windham	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Wilton, Wendy L.	R	Rutland	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y

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/