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Accountability Project

A voting summary for the Maryland General Assembly

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Introduction

I began the monologue Accountability Project in 2008 as the successor to an earlier effort called the Maryland Accountability Project. It graded all 188 members of the General Assembly on whether they voted in what the author considered a conservative manner or not. Since the creator of the project moved on to other things I took up the baton, with my first year's work incorporating three sessions: the 2007 Regular Session, the 2007 Special Session, and the 2008 Regular Session. I continued the project for the entire 2007-10 electoral term and begin anew with this year's sessions. This year I cover the both 2011 sessions, although there's only one vote I took from the Special Session which dealt with Congressional redistricting.

Having done this for the fifth year, I can now begin to have a large body of work for "lifetime" grades, which are now incorporated into the charts for those who have been in office for more than one term. Aside from that, the basic premise and format is the same as in previous years; however, the 2012 edition will likely have to change somewhat because the legislature will be redistricted to prepare for the 2014 elections and some legislators may end up in a different district.

The method to my madness

This portion of the monologue Accountability Project explains why votes are tabulated as they are.

The first few pages will cover the bills I used for this year's monologue Accountability Project and the rationale for my determining whether a vote is "right" or "wrong." This year I simplified my math by using 25 votes from each body (House of Delegates and Senate), with 21 of them being floor votes from the regular session, 3 votes coming from the committee a legislator

serves on, and the one vote from the special session. A "right" vote is worth four points and a "wrong" vote is worth zero.

I also have a policy where I deduct points for being absent or ducking a vote. Since absences can't always be helped – a good example from this year is Senator J.B. Jennings, who is a reservist in the military – in this term the absentee is only docked one point. But those who are present and don't vote have two points deducted. An absentee listed in the roll as "excused" has no deduction. I also do not deduct for certain committee votes, since some committee chairs have a policy of not voting while the Speaker of the House and Senate President do not participate in any committee votes.

There is also a policy in the House where a member can change his or her vote, which I account for. If a member changes a vote from a "wrong" vote to a "right" vote, they get half-credit, or two points. Going the other way is docked at 1.5 times the value of the vote, or six points.

I consider myself a conservative with libertarian leanings so it's no surprise that Republicans in the General Assembly tend to score higher than Democrats, although there are a few exceptions.

In this upcoming portion I will go through each of the votes I use, although some of the information may be repeated as the House and Senate occasionally voted on bills that were crossfiled. An example of crossfiling: in the 2011 regular session House Bill 573 (or HB573) and Senate Bill 487 (or SB487) are bills which essentially mirror each other, with one being introduced for consideration in the House of Delegates and the other in the Senate.

I'll also follow up on the current status of each bill.

To begin, here are the votes I used which were taken by the House of Delegates, with the Senate votes to follow.

House votes used for the monologue Accountability Project

HB8: Eminent Domain – Condemnation Proceedings and Limitation on Condemnation Authority

Why I'd vote yes: This bill would have placed a measure on the ballot, allowing Maryland voters to decide whether private property should be taken by eminent domain proceedings and given to another private entity for the purposes of economic development.

Disposition: HB8 failed to pass through the House Environmental Matters Committee on February 17.

HB10: Maryland Constitution – Laws Making an Appropriation Made Subject to Petition Referendum

Why I'd vote no: This bill would allow laws passed by the General Assembly containing an appropriation to be subject to the referendum process; currently they are not. Because the motion made in committee was unfavorable, a no vote keeps the bill alive.

Disposition: HB10 failed to pass the House Appropriations Committee on March 11.

HB53: Environment – Phosphorus – Commercial Dishwashing Detergent

Why I'd vote no: Personally, I'd like to see a moratorium for a few years on continued restrictions for consumer products because we have no idea whether the onerous restrictions already in place are making a dent. This is another bill which will drive up the bottom line for business but present dubious benefits.

Disposition: HB53 passed the House 133-5, the Senate 45-0, and as

amended again passed the House 130-9. It was signed into law by Governor O'Malley May 19.

HB70: Budget Bill – Fiscal Year 2012

Why I'd vote no: Considering the Republicans put up an alternative budget that would have saved the taxpayers billions, the O'Malley budget was a bloated mess.

Disposition: HB70, as amended by conference, passed the House 96-41 and the Senate 37-10. By state statute, the budget went into effect without the Governor's signature.

McDonough Amendment: Required contractors doing business with the state to use the federal E-Verify program.

Why I'd vote yes: While the idea of E-Verify doesn't sit well with the civil libertarian in me, for the time being we need to use this measure to discourage illegal immigration.

Disposition: The amendment failed by a 55-80 vote on March 23.

Ready Amendment: Established that no Executive Branch employee can make a larger salary than the Governor.

Why I'd vote yes: Of course, this is largely symbolic but the point is well made and would save the state a small sum of money. After all, the Governor is supposed to be our chief executive.

Disposition: The amendment failed by a 39-96 vote on March 23.

HB71: Creation of a State Debt – Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 (etc.)

Why I'd vote no: In an era when the state uses bonding to pay for projects they formerly paid cash for, the idea of creating almost \$1

billion of further debt for pet projects doesn't appeal to me.

Disposition: After both houses passed their versions of the bill and refused to recede, the conference committee report passed the House 98-41 and the Senate 42-4. It was signed into law by Governor O'Malley on May 19.

McDermott Amendment: Provided a 5% across the board cut.

Why I'd vote yes: This was part of a test vote designed to see if any cuts were possible, but most Democrats wouldn't accept 5 percent, 3 percent, or even 1 percent. I would have accepted 100 percent.

Disposition: The amendment failed by a 42-92 vote on March 31.

Smigiel Amendment: Essentially zeroed out the pork projects Delegates and Senators wished for, to the tune of \$15 million.

Why I'd vote yes: To save the money, of course. Most of these projects are worthwhile but the state has to draw the line someplace in these times.

Disposition: The amendment failed by a 41-97 vote on March 31.

HB72: Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2011

Why I'd vote no: Throwing aside the fee increases, the fact that we have to place ourselves in this situation frosts me.

Disposition: After both the House and Senate passed competing versions, the conference report passed the House 97-41 and Senate 37-10. The bill was signed by Governor O'Malley May 19.

HB171: Collective Bargaining – Independent Home Care Providers

Why I'd vote no: Because those who choose not to join the union would have to pay a 'service fee.' Maryland should be a right-to-work state.

Disposition: The House originally passed the bill 93-44, but after the Senate amended the bill and passed it 31-16 the House passed it again 93-45. The bill was signed into law by Governor O'Malley May 10.

HB173: Business and Economic Development – Invest Maryland Program

Why I'd vote no: The state shouldn't be in a position to use taxpayer money to select winners and losers among businesses, not to mention risk the money collected from the investors. I think this wouldn't be a worthwhile use of taxpayer money for the dubious prospects of job creation. We tried this stimulus thing once already.

Disposition: The House originally passed the bill 92-43, but after the Senate amended the bill and passed it 34-12, the House had to pass it again and they did by a 94-43 count.

HB182: Alcohol Energy Drinks – Prohibition

Why I'd vote yes: The motion was unfavorable, so a yes vote would kill a bad bill. Last time I checked, alcohol was a legal product and in essence these drinks were like having coffee with your whiskey.

Disposition: The bill was indeed killed in the House Economic Matters Committee on March 18.

HB221: Motor Vehicles – Use of Text Messaging Device While Driving

Why I'd vote no: Aren't there already laws against inattentive driving? Certainly I don't like people who are texting when they are

in front of me poking along, but this action already falls under existing law if they cause an accident.

Disposition: The bill passed the House 122-13 but died in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

HB285: Human Relations – Discrimination by a Place of Public Accommodation – Enforcement and Remedies

Why I'd vote no: Talk about your invitation to clog up the courts with frivolous lawsuits. This broadly worded law will be taken advantage of by every whiner who thinks the world is out to get him.

Disposition: The bill passed the House 91-44 but only received a first reading in the Senate.

HB330: Firearms – Detachable Magazines – Maximum Capacity for Ammunition

Why I'd vote yes: If I want a large capacity magazine, by God and the Second Amendment I should be able to get it. Since the motion was unfavorable, a yes vote killed the bill.

Disposition: The bill was killed in the House Judiciary Committee on March 16.

HB342: Criminal Procedure – Undocumented Immigrants – Prohibition on Pretrial Release

Why I'd vote no: Considering the obvious flight risk of an illegal alien, this only makes sense to me. Since the motion was unfavorable, a no vote would be to save the bill.

Disposition: The bill was killed in the House Judiciary Committee on February 18.

HB380: Public Benefits – Requirement of Proof of Lawful Presence

Why I'd vote no: We should verify that recipients of public aid are eligible to be in this country. The United States has plenty of generosity but there's only so much public money out there, and making Maryland a magnet for illegal aliens insults the immigrants who are here legally.

Disposition: The bill was killed in the House Appropriations Committee on March 11.

HB411: Natural Gas Exploration and Production – Marcellus Shale Formation

Why I'd vote yes: Because opponents are using the perceived need for regulations to stall the project, in their eyes preferably to death. This would have called their bluff and made the MDE set up regulations by the end of this year.

Disposition: The bill failed to make it out of the House Environmental Matters Committee on March 10.

HB465: Sales and Use Tax – Rate

Why I'd vote no: The taxpayers of Maryland deserve a break, as do the retailers locally who have to compete against tax-free Delaware for sales. Since the motion was unfavorable, a no vote was to save the bill.

Disposition: The bill was killed in the House Ways and Means Committee on March 4.

HB573: Fertilizer Use Act of 2011

Why I'd vote no: Three reasons: the law is too restrictive on average

homeowners who simply want to make their lawn greener, adds extra regulation to those who manufacture fertilizer, and creates another class of professional which includes continuing education and only allows them to fertilize certain areas. It's not government's business.

Disposition: Originally passed by the House 135-4, the bill was changed by the Senate (which passed it 42-5) enough that the House had to vote again and passed it 130-4. It was signed by Governor O'Malley on May 19.

HB743: Labor and Employment – Labor Organizations – Right to Work

Why I'd vote no: I wish I knew who made the unfavorable motion on this absolutely common-sense bill that would bring workplace freedom back to Maryland so I could call him or her out for the idiot he or she is. A no vote kept the bill alive.

Disposition: This bill was killed in the House Economic Matters Committee on March 11.

HB744: Citizens Rights Act

Why I'd vote no: This bill would have ended Maryland's days as a sanctuary state for illegal aliens, so the CASA de Maryland crowd pushed some committee member to make an unfavorable motion. A no vote was to save the bill.

Disposition: The bill was killed in the House Judiciary Committee on March 24.

HB761: State Government – E-Verify Program

Why I'd vote yes: This is similar to the McDonough Amendment to HB70, and I would support it for the same reasons.

Disposition: The bill failed to pass through the House Health and Government Operations Committee on April 7.

HB850: Election Law – Early Voting – Repeal

Why I'd vote no: Isn't this why we have absentee ballots? In a state which issues absentee ballots without cause, we don't need early (and often) voting. Since the motion was unfavorable, a no vote would save the bill.

Disposition: The bill was killed in the House Ways and Means Committee on February 25.

HB880: Health Care Freedom Act of 2011

Why I'd vote yes: This law, if it had passed, would have provided a ballot initiative similar to Ohio's Issue 3 – a measure which enshrined in the Ohio's Constitution a provision prohibiting government from compelling people to purchase health insurance. What were the opponents afraid of?

Disposition: The bill failed to pass through the House Health and Government Operations Committee on March 24.

HB904: Vehicle Laws – Use of Work Zone Speed Control Systems – Presence of Workers Required

Why I'd vote yes: The fact that the speed camera bill doesn't require workers to be present proves to me that the bill was less about safety and more about extracting money from unwary drivers. Speed cameras suck.

Disposition: The bill failed to pass through the House Environmental Matters Committee on March 10.

HB927: Taxpayers' Bill of Rights

Why I'd vote no: This was a bill which would give voters the opportunity to amend the Maryland Constitution and make the legislature state its case for tax increases directly to the public because they would require voter approval. In both committees, the motion was unfavorable so a no vote would preserve the bill.

Disposition: The bill failed to pass both the House Appropriations Committee on March 23 and the House Ways and Means Committee on March 18.

HB1040: Maryland Personhood Amendment

Why I'd vote yes: I'm pro-life and I feel the proper venue for this question is the state level. I have no doubt this would actually pass if it went to a statewide vote, but it can't get out of the General Assembly because of its entrenched pro-abortion lobby. It's a little tougher to lobby three or four million voters.

Disposition: The bill failed to pass the House Health and Government Operations Committee on March 24.

HB1133: Procurement – Prevailing Wage – Rates

Why I'd vote no: Personally, I think the prevailing wage is a crock. But changing the system in this manner would, I believe, make things a little more affordable because it would take into account rural areas of the state where wages are a bit lower. Those areas would see a slight increase in wages but the urban areas (where more construction takes place) may see a decrease, leading to lower costs. The motion was unfavorable, meaning a no vote was required to keep the bill alive.

Disposition: The bill was killed in the House Economic Matters Committee on March 24.

HB1213: Sales and Use Tax – Alcoholic Beverages – Supplementary Appropriation

Why I'd vote no: Sin taxes never create the revenue projected, so all they did was drive more of our business to Delaware and other surrounding states. And those who were supposed to receive the funding get little benefit.

Disposition: Passed the House 78-62, the Senate 26-19, and was signed into law by Governor O'Malley on May 19.

SB120: Procurement – Minority Business Participation

Why I'd vote no: Because I want the best businesses participating, not necessarily the ones which are owned by a particular group. I really don't give a rat's rear end what color or gender a business owner is, but apparently the sponsors aren't as colorblind.

Disposition: The bill passed the Senate 44-0 (pretty gutless there) and the House 132-6. It was signed by Governor O'Malley on May 10.

SB167: Public Institutions of Higher Education – Tuition Rates - Exemptions

Why I'd vote no: We have now established a precedent where a qualified citizen student who happens to live outside the state now pays a higher rate than a non-citizen whose parents are squatting here illegally. If they were here via legal means I would have no problem with it.

Disposition: A conference committee report passed the House 74-65 and the Senate 27-19. It was signed by Governor O'Malley on May 10 but a successful referendum drive placed the issue on the November 2012 ballot, pending a legal challenge by bill proponents.

SB182: Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Act of 2011

Why I'd vote no: They're already trying to comply with Obamacare, which is both an unnecessary intrusion on our rights and of dubious Constitutionality. The system we have in place is the best in the world, so leave it to government to screw it up more.

Disposition: Passed the Senate 34-11, the House 106-29, and was signed into bad law by Governor O'Malley April 12. He wasted zero time on that, didn't he?

SB183: Health Insurance – Conformity with Federal Law

Why I'd vote no: Why conform with bad federal law? You know, it's interesting that we had to rush to conform with this law but we don't hasten to conform with federal immigration laws like Arizona did.

Disposition: The bill passed the Senate 45-1, the House 95-43, and was signed by Governor O'Malley on April 12. See postscript for SB182 above.

SB424 – Motor Vehicles – Use of Text Messaging Device While Driving – Prohibited Acts

Why I'd vote no: See the HB221 summary above; it's a simpler version of that bill which adds reading text messages to the other prohibitions on writing them.

Disposition: Passed the Senate 35-11, the House 114-24, and was signed into law by Governor O'Malley May 19.

SB743: Family Planning Works Act

Why I'd vote no: It expands state-funded family planning services to all women who make less than double the poverty level, as opposed to women who recently had children. Is that really a poor person?

And where does the state find that money?

Disposition: Passed the Senate 40-6, the House 113-22, and was signed into law by Governor O'Malley on May 19.

SB882: Unemployment Insurance – Federal Extended Benefits for the Long-Term Unemployed

Why I'd vote no: Just because we don't meet certain criteria and the federal spigot is temporarily turned on doesn't mean we need to tap Uncle Sam for something we'll have to pay for later. I was a long-term unemployed who didn't get UE benefits and I survived.

Disposition: Passed the Senate 39-8 and the House 97-43, but was vetoed as duplicative by Governor O'Malley. He instead signed the crossfiled HB1228.

SB1 (Special Session): Congressional Districting Plan

Why I'd vote no: Because it was a gerrymandered hack job.

Disposition: Passed the Senate 33-13, was amended by the House where it passed 91-46, and passed again by the Senate 32-13. It was approved by Governor O'Malley; however, as of this writing the lines are being challenged in federal court.

Senate votes used for the monologue Accountability Project

HB70: Budget Bill – Fiscal Year 2012

Why I'd vote no: Considering the Republicans put up an alternative budget that would have saved the taxpayers billions, the O'Malley budget was a bloated mess.

Disposition: HB70, as amended by conference, passed the House 96-41 and the Senate 37-10. By state statute, the budget went into effect without the Governor's signature.

Reilly Amendment: Defunded stem cell research.

Why I'd vote yes: I don't think it's the government's place to fund this sort of research, particularly when there's a good change it would involve embryonic stem cells.

Disposition: The amendment failed by a 15-31 vote on March 27.

Shank Amendment: Required contractors doing business with the state to use the federal E-Verify program.

Why I'd vote yes: While the idea of E-Verify doesn't sit well with the civil libertarian in me, for the time being we need to use this measure to discourage illegal immigration.

Disposition: The amendment failed by a 18-29 vote on March 27.

HB71: Creation of a State Debt – Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 (etc.)

Why I'd vote no: In an era when the state uses bonding to pay for projects they formerly paid cash for, the idea of creating almost \$1 billion of further debt for pet projects doesn't appeal to me.

Disposition: After both houses passed their versions of the bill and refused to recede, the conference committee report passed the House 98-41 and the Senate 42-4. It was signed into law by Governor O'Malley on May 19.

HB72: Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2011

Why I'd vote no: Throwing aside the fee increases, the fact that we

have to place ourselves in this situation frosts me.

Disposition: After both the House and Senate passed competing versions, the conference report passed the House 97-41 and Senate 37-10. The bill was signed by Governor O'Malley May 19.

Kittleman Amendment 1: Prohibits project labor agreements on state projects.

Why I'd vote yes: Project labor agreements have tended to force unionism onto contractors, so they have no place in state business. Let the unions do their own work.

Disposition: The amendment failed on an 11-36 vote on March 27.

Kittleman Amendment 2: Wipes out the provision that unions can charge service fees to nonmembers.

Why I'd vote yes: Similar to HB171, I don't believe that unions should be able to charge these fees to nonmembers.

Disposition: The amendment failed on an 12-35 vote on March 27.

HB166: Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Act of 2011

Why I'd vote no: They're already trying to comply with Obamacare, which is both an unnecessary intrusion on our rights and of dubious Constitutionality. The system we have in place is the best in the world, so leave it to government to screw it up more.

Disposition: Passed the House 115-22, the Senate 33-12, and was signed into bad law by Governor O'Malley April 12. He wasted zero time on that, didn't he?

HB171: Collective Bargaining – Independent Home Care Providers

Why I'd vote no: Because those who choose not to join the union would have to pay a 'service fee.' Maryland should be a right-to-work state.

Disposition: The House originally passed the bill 93-44, but after the Senate amended the bill and passed it 31-16 the House passed it again 93-45. The bill was signed into law by Governor O'Malley May 10.

HB173: Business and Economic Development – Invest Maryland Program

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Disposition: The House originally passed the bill 92-43, but after the Senate amended the bill and passed it 34-12, the House had to pass it again and they did by a 94-43 count.

HB196: Motor Vehicles – Use of Text Messaging Device While Driving – Prohibited Acts

Why I'd vote no: See the HB221 summary above; it's a simpler version of that bill which adds reading text messages to the other prohibitions on writing them.

Disposition: Passed the House 115-23, the Senate 36-10, and was signed into law by Governor O'Malley May 19.

HB222: Motor Vehicles – Use of Wireless Communication Device – Prohibited Acts, Enforcement, and Penalties

Why I'd vote no: Aren't there already laws against inattentive driving? Certainly I don't like people who are texting when they are in front of me poking along, but this action already falls under existing law if they cause an accident.

Disposition: The bill passed the House 92-39 but died in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee March 31.

HB235: Human Relations – Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity – Antidiscrimination

Why I'd vote yes: The vote in this case was to recommit the bill to committee, which was the proper vote since the bill should have never made it to the floor. It adds "gender identity" to the list of various items one can't discriminate against.

Disposition: The bill passed the House 86-52, but was recommitted to the Judicial Proceedings Committee on a 27-20 vote.

HB241: Criminal Law – Restrictions Against Use and Possession of Firearms

Why I'd vote no: Being convicted of a crime of violence doesn't mean you forfeit your Second Amendment rights.

Disposition: A conference committee report passed the House 138-0, but the Senate only passed it 28-18. It was eventually signed by Governor O'Malley on May 10.

HB778: Family Planning Works Act

Why I'd vote no: It expands state-funded family planning services to all women who make less than double the poverty level, as opposed

to women who recently had children. Is that really a poor person? And where does the state find that money?

Disposition: Passed the House 121-15, the Senate 39-7, and was signed into law by Governor O'Malley on May 19.

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SB882: Unemployment Insurance – Federal Extended Benefits for the Long-Term Unemployed

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Disposition: Passed the House 96-42 and the Senate 38-7, and was signed by Governor O'Malley on May 10.

SB116: Civil Marriage Protection Act

Why I'd vote no: Despite its appealing name, this bill's intent was to legalize same-sex marriage in Maryland. Next thing you know, we'll remove the provision about marrying children – some people can't help it they're attracted to children, you know. The line needs to be maintained someplace.

Disposition: The bill passed the Senate 25-21, but after debate in the House and several attempts at floor amendments, it was recommitted to the the House Judiciary Committee in a surprise motion by its Chair, Delegate Joseph Vallario.

SB153: Reorganization of State Government – Consolidating the Department of the Environment into the Department of Natural Resources

Why I'd vote no: This bill would combine two departments into one, and while the savings wasn't predicted to be all that great it makes sense that these two relatively similar areas become one. Yet this bill would require a 20 percent cut between the two, and on \$2.6 billion that's a nice chunk of change. Since the motion was unfavorable, a "no" vote keeps the bill alive.

Disposition: The bill was killed in the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee on February 17.

SB167: Public Institutions of Higher Education – Tuition Rates - Exemptions

Why I'd vote no: We have now established a precedent where a qualified citizen student who happens to live outside the state now pays a higher rate than a non-citizen whose parents are squatting here illegally. If they were here via legal means I would have no problem with it.

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Why I'd vote no: Why conform with bad federal law? You know, it's

interesting that we had to rush to conform with this law but we don't hasten to conform with federal immigration laws like Arizona did.

Disposition: The bill passed the Senate 45-1, the House 95-43, and was signed by Governor O'Malley on April 12.

SB198: Stormwater Management – Regulations – Applicability

Why I'd vote yes: I think the 2009 stormwater regulations are draconian and anti-development, so any attempt to chip away at their overzealousness should be supported. This bill would have exempted from the current regulations an instance where one piece of property is subdivided into two, with the new residential lot being more than 5 acres. That situation wouldn't make a dent in the overall stormwater characteristics of an area, but was thoughtless addition to the 2009 regulations.

Disposition: The bill failed to pass the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee on February 17.

SB308: Medical Marijuana – Affirmative Defenses – Maryland Medical Marijuana Model Program Workgroup

Why I'd vote yes: This is one of the rare instances where the majority Democrats are correct and the staunchly conservative anti-drug forces are wrong. I have no problem with allowing people who wish to alleviate their pain from chronic illness this treatment choice, although I'm aware the privilege can be abused. So can a number of other treatments.

Disposition: The bill passed the Senate 41-6, was amended in the House and passed 83-50, and passed the Senate again 38-6. It was signed by Governor O'Malley May 10.

SB415: Vehicle Laws – Prohibition Against Smoking in a Vehicle Containing Young Child

Why I'd vote no: It's interesting to me that the same group who pushed this also voted in favor of the medical marijuana bill above. The last time I checked, tobacco was a legal product and the state make lots of money from it – case closed.

Disposition: The bill failed to pass the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee on March 17.

SB487: Fertilizer Use Act of 2011

Why I'd vote no: Three reasons: the law is too restrictive on average homeowners who simply want to make their lawn greener, adds extra regulation to those who manufacture fertilizer, and creates another class of professional which includes continuing education and only allows them to fertilize certain areas. It's not government's business.

Disposition: Originally passed by the Senate 40-5, the bill was changed by the House (which passed it 131-5) enough that the Senate had to vote again and passed it 37-7. It was signed by Governor O'Malley on May 19.

SB521: Electricity Market – Goal of the State – Best Possible Price for Ratepayers via Reregulation

Why I'd vote yes: I'm not convinced that deregulation of the electricity industry, done properly, wouldn't work well for consumers. The key phrase, though, is "done properly." I don't think regulating what a utility can charge is good for attracting new players and energy production to our state. The yes vote killed the bill.

Disposition: The bill was killed in the Senate Finance Committee on

March 18.

SB579: Health Insurance – Limit on Copayments

Why I'd vote yes: In their never-ending attempt to make health insurance as unprofitable for providers as possible – thus creating the situation where the giant sugar daddy known as government has to come pay the way – this bill would limit co-pays to 50% of the service fee. It doesn't bend the cost curve down, so a yes vote was to kill the bill.

Disposition: The bill was killed in the Senate Finance Committee on March 1.

SB650 – Peace Orders – Surrender of Firearms

Why I'd vote no: Like HB241 before, having a peace order placed against you also doesn't mean you forfeit your Second Amendment rights. This one turned out better, though.

Disposition: The bill failed to pass through the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee on March 9.

SB654: Tobacco Tax – Rates and Distribution of Revenues

Why I'd vote yes: The old liberal Democratic standby of jacking up the cigarette tax by a dollar a pack (and taxing cigars at up to \$3 apiece) was at stake here. The proper vote was yes because the motion in the committee was unfavorable.

Disposition: The bill was killed in the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee on March 18.

SB660: Labor and Employment – Right to Work

Why I'd vote no: Like HB743 above, I wish I knew who made the

unfavorable motion on this absolutely common-sense bill that would bring workplace freedom back to Maryland so I could call him or her out for the idiot he or she is. A no vote kept the bill alive.

Disposition: This bill was killed in the Senate Finance Committee on April 6.

SB727: Small Business Growth Initiative

Why I'd vote no: The bill was intended to give businesses which used the federal Small Business Administration a break by allowing them to write off the SBA financing fees on their state taxes. Granted, this would “cost” the state about \$2 million a year, but helping business out might bring a greater return. The motion in committee was unfavorable, meaning a no vote supported the bill.

Disposition: The bill was unwisely killed in the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee on March 25.

SB800: Corporate Income Tax Reform

Why I'd vote yes: It seems like this state's idea of “reform” is figuring out ways to increase the burden on businesses, like in this case. By imposing taxes on nonoperational income and enacting a “throwback” rule the state tries to stick their fingers deeper into the corporate till. Since the motion was unfavorable a yes vote kills the bill.

Disposition: The bill was killed in the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee on March 23.

SB807: State Procurement – Employment of Unauthorized Aliens and the Federal E-Verify Program

Why I'd vote no: Again, this is similar to the McDonough Amendment to HB70 and HB761 – both wished to enact E-Verify in

the state. While I'm not a fan of the intrusive nature of E-Verify, it makes sense to use it in the situation we're in now. A no vote was to preserve the bill since the motion in committee was unfavorable.

Disposition: The bill was killed in the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee on March 17.

SBI (Special Session): Congressional Districting Plan

Why I'd vote no: Because it was a gerrymandered hack job.

Disposition: Passed the Senate 33-13, was amended by the House where it passed 91-46, and passed again by the Senate 32-13. It was approved by Governor O'Malley; however, as of this writing the lines are being challenged in federal court.

Legislative Accolades and Admonishments

Each year I give out a series of awards and admonishments to deserving members of the Maryland General Assembly based on their voting records. The list of this year's winners will be enhanced by a list of prior winners, with those in **bold** being active members of the Maryland General Assembly.

D. Page Elmore RINO Hunttee Award

Page was a nice guy but sided far too often with the Democrats in his last four years in the House of Delegates. After Elmore received this admonishment four straight years, I decided to name the award after him because I often thought of him as someone who tried to straddle the party line.

But the 2011 winner actually underperformed Page at his best. The person with the lowest rating, who bent over backward to party with the other party, is **Delegate Robert Costa**.

Previous winner: D. Page Elmore (2007-10)

Top (Blue) Dog Award

This award is given to the Democrat who ranks the highest in my ratings, showing signs that there is a centrist element to the Maryland Democratic Party. Unfortunately, these members are few and far between.

The 2011 winner has now won for three years in a row, as he represents a district that sends both parties to Annapolis. Delegate **John Wood, Jr.** has now won or shared the award four times.

Previous winners: **John Wood, Jr.** (2007, 2009-11), **Joseph Minnick** (2008), **Kevin Kelly** (2007-08)

Legislative All-Stars

Each year I give this award to those legislators who either rank atop their legislative body and/or score above 90 on the ratings. I'm pleased to report I have several qualifiers this year.

The 2011 winners are Delegates **Neil Parrott, Joseph Boteler, Gail Bates** and **Warren Miller**, along with Senators **Christopher Shank, Joseph Getty, Edward Reilly**, and **Nancy Jacobs**.

Parrott, Bates, Getty, Reilly, and Jacobs are a first-time winners, while Boteler previously won in 2008, Miller won in 2009, and Shank won as a Delegate in 2008. Other previous winners still serving in the General Assembly are Anthony O'Donnell (2007 and 2009), Pat McDonough (2009), and Don Dwyer (2009).

And finally...the Legislator of the Year

In the history of the monologue Accountability Project I have only had two legislators achieve a "perfect" score of getting all of the votes correct.

Former Senator (and now United States Congressman) Andy Harris turned the trick in the 2007 regular session as he got all 25 votes correct. Obviously he parlayed that conservative success into a seat in the United States Congress three years later, in 2010.

What makes this year's honoree even more special is the fact he is a rookie legislator who lost out on getting the seat a year earlier because the two counties in his district sent two different names to the Governor for appointment.

The 2011 Legislator of the Year is Delegate **Michael Hough**. He joins a roster of previous winners which includes Andy Harris (2007), **Anthony O'Donnell** (2008), **Joseph Boteler** (2009) and **Don Dwyer** (2010).

Delegate

- 1A – Wendell Beitzel
- 1B – Kevin Kelly
- 1C – Leroy Myers, Jr.
- 2A – Andrew Serafini
- 2B – Neil Parrott
- 2C – John Donoghue
- 3A – Galen Clagett
- 3A – Patrick Hogan
- 3B – Michael Hough
- 4A – Kathy Afzali
- 4A – Kelly Schulz
- 4B – Donald Elliott
- 5A – Justin Ready
- 5A – Nancy Stocksdale
- 5B – Wade Kach
- 6 – Joseph Minnick
- 6 – John Olszewski, Jr.
- 6 – Michael Weir, Jr.
- 7 – Rick Impallaria
- 7 – Pat McDonough
- 7 – Kathy Szeliga
- 8 – Joseph Boteler III
- 8 – Eric Bromwell
- 8 – John Cluster
- 9A – Gail Bates
- 9A – Warren Miller
- 9B – Susan Krebs
- 10 – Emmett Burns, Jr.
- 10 – Adrienne Jones
- 10 – Shirley Nathan-Pulliam
- 11 – Jon Cardin
- 11 – Dan Morhaim
- 11 – Dana Stein
- 12A – Steven DeBoy, Sr.
- 12A – James Malone, Jr.
- 12B – Elizabeth Bobo

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9	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	A	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	A	N	N	A	N	N	N	Y	N	51	50	
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
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Delegate

- 13 – Guy Guzzone
- 13 – Shane Pendergrass
- 13 – Frank Turner
- 14 – Anne R. Kaiser
- 14 – Eric Luedtke
- 14 – Craig Zucker
- 15 – Kathleen M. Dumais
- 15 – Brian J. Feldman
- 15 – Aruna Miller
- 16 – C. William Frick
- 16 – Ariana Kelly
- 16 – Susan Lee
- 17 – Kumar Barve
- 17 – James Gilchrist
- 17 – Luiz Simmons
- 18 – Alfred Carr, Jr.
- 18 – Ana Sol Gutierrez
- 18 – Jeff Waldstreicher
- 19 – Sam Arora
- 19 – Bonnie Cullison
- 19 – Benjamin Kramer
- 20 – Sheila Hixson
- 20 – Tom Hucker
- 20 – Heather Mizeur
- 21 – Ben Barnes
- 21 – Barbara Frush
- 21 – Joseline Pena-Melnyk
- 22 – Tawanna Gaines
- 22 – Anne Healey
- 22 – Justin Ross
- 23A – James Hubbard
- 23A – G. Valentino-Smith
- 23B – Marvin Holmes, Jr.
- 24 – Tiffany Alston
- 24 – Carolyn Howard
- 24 – Michael Vaughn

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21	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	-2	2
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Delegate

- 25 – Aisha Braveboy
- 25 – Dereck Davis
- 25 – Melony Griffith
- 26 – Veronica Turner
- 26 – Kriselda Valderrama
- 26 – Jay Walker
- 27A – James Proctor, Jr.
- 27A – Joseph Vallario, Jr.
- 27B – Mark Fisher
- 28 – Sally Jameson
- 28 – Peter Murphy
- 28 – C.T. Wilson
- 29A – John Wood, Jr.
- 29B – John Bohanan, Jr.
- 29C – Anthony O'Donnell
- 30 – Michael Busch
- 30 – Ron George
- 30 – Herb McMillan
- 31 – Don Dwyer, Jr.
- 31 – Nicholas Kipke
- 31 – Steven Schuh
- 32 – Pamela Beidle
- 32 – Mary Ann Love
- 32 – Theodore Sophocleus
- 33A – Tony McConkey
- 33A – Cathy Vitale
- 33B – Robert Costa
- 34A – Glen Glass
- 34A – Mary-Dulany James
- 34B – David Rudolph
- 35A – H. Wayne Norman
- 35A – Donna Stifler
- 35B – Susan McComas
- 36 – Stephen Hershey, Jr.
- 36 – Jay Jacobs
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9	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	5
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9	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y*	N	N	Y	N	N	N	82	72

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	ECO – (1) HB182, (2) HB743, (3) HB1133		JUD – (1) HB330, (2) HB342, (3) HB744
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




Delegate

- 37A – Rudolph Cane
- 37B – Adelaide Eckardt
- 37B – J. Haddaway-Riccio
- 38A – Charles Otto
- 38B – Norman Conway
- 38B – Michael McDermott
- 39 – Charles Barkley
- 39 – Kirill Reznik
- 39 – Shane Robinson
- 40 – Frank Conaway, Jr.
- 40 – Barbara Robinson
- 40 – Shawn Tarrant
- 41 – Jill Carter
- 41 – Nathaniel Oaks
- 41 – Samuel Rosenberg
- 42 – Susan Aumann
- 42 – William Frank
- 42 – Stephen Lafferty
- 43 – Curt Anderson
- 43 – Maggie McIntosh
- 43 – Mary Washington
- 44 – Keith Haynes
- 44 – Keiffer Mitchell
- 44 – Melvin Stukes
- 45 – Talmadge Branch
- 45 – Cheryl Glenn
- 45 – Hattie Harrison
- 46 – Luke Clippinger
- 46 – Peter Hammen
- 46 – Brian McHale
- 47 – Jolene Ivey
- 47 – Doyle Niemann
- 47 – Michael Summers

	Years Service	HB53	HB70	McDonough Am	Ready Amt.	HB71	McDermott Amt	Smigiel Amt.	HB72	HB171	HB173	HB221	HB285	HB573	HB1213	SB120	SB167	SB182	SB183	SB424	SB743	SB882	Comm. Vote 1	Comm. Vote 2	Comm. Vote 3	SB1 (2011 SS)	2011 Rating	Lifetime Rating	
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	8	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	68	67	
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Committees and votes:

98 Democrat, 43 Republican
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Senate

- 1 – George Edwards
- 2 – Christopher Shank
- 3 – Ronald Young
- 4 – David Brinkley
- 5 – Joseph Getty
- 6 – Norman Stone, Jr.
- 7 – J.B. Jennings
- 8 – Katherine Klausmeier
- 9 – Allan Kittleman
- 10 – Delores Kelley
- 11 – Bobby Zirkin
- 12 – Edward Kasemeyer
- 13 – James Robey
- 14 – Karen Montgomery
- 15 – Rob Garagiola
- 16 – Brian Frosh
- 17 – Jennie Forehand
- 18 – Richard Madaleno, Jr.
- 19 – Roger Manno
- 20 – Jamie Raskin
- 21 – James C. Rosapepe
- 22 – Paul G. Pinsky
- 23 – Douglas J.J. Peters
- 24 – Joanne Benson

Years service	HB70	Reilly Amt.	Shank Amt.	HB71	HB72	Kittleman 1	Kittleman 2	HB166	HB171	HB173	HB196	HB235	HB241	HB778	HB1213	HB1228	SB116	SB167	SB183	SB308	SB487	Comm. Vote 1	Comm. Vote 2	Comm. Vote 3	SB1 (2011 SS)	2011 Total	Lifetime Total	
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21	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	14	13
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Committees and votes:



B&T – (1) SB654, (2) SB727, (3) SB800
 EHE – (1) SB153, (2) SB198, (3) SB807



FIN – (1) SB521, (2) SB579, (3) SB660
 JUD – (1) HB222, (2) SB415, (3) SB650

Senate

- 25 – Ulysses Currie
- 26 – C. Anthony Muse
- 27 – Thomas ‘Mike’ Miller, Jr.
- 28 – Thomas Middleton
- 29 – Roy Dyson
- 30 – John Astle
- 31 – Bryan Simonaire
- 32 – James DeGrange, Sr.
- 33 – Edward Reilly
- 34 – Nancy Jacobs
- 35 – Barry Glassman
- 36 – E. J. Pipkin
- 37 – Richard Colburn
- 38 – James Mathias
- 39 – Nancy King
- 40 – Catherine Pugh
- 41 – Lisa Gladden
- 42 – James Brochin
- 43 – Joan Carter Conway
- 44 – Verna Jones-Rodwell
- 45 – Nathaniel McFadden
- 46 – William Ferguson
- 47 – Victor Ramirez

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5	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	28	13	
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17	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	80	73	
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Committees and votes:

35 Democrat, 12 Republican
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Conclusion

Conservatives in Maryland have a lot of work to do, but there are some encouraging signs of common sense reform in this state.

For example, those on the right side of the political spectrum are much more organized than they were just a few short years ago. With the birth of the TEA Party, the conservative movement enjoyed a renaissance that continues to this day. A few victories under our belts include the additional six Delegates elected in 2010, the stoppage of same-sex marriage legislation that proponents were already celebrating the passage of, and the historic referendum drive that showed a large percentage of Free State residents wanted no part of rewarding illegal aliens for breaking the law.

It also seems to be showing up in the general voting trend. Out of 36 Republicans who were holdovers, 23 improved their score. Moreover, the freshman crop of GOP legislators posted some of the highest scores, with 11 of the 18 scoring at least 80 on the scale. I've also noticed a lot more uniformity in the voting, although there are some exceptions.

But how can the average activist use this information?

First of all, the voting record serves to disprove the old theory that there isn't a dime's worth of difference between the two parties. Consider districts which turned over from one party to the other – generally they showed huge swings in the rating, with probably the best example being Senate District 3. There they went from former Senator Alex Mooney's lifetime rating of 88 to Senator Ronald Young's paltry rating of 12. Elections matter, and losing two Republican seats in the Senate may have allowed some bad bills to get through.

Another instance where those in the conservative movement can use

this research is identifying what issues long-entrenched Democrats and wobbly Republicans are vulnerable on. Obviously we have a long way to go in educating voters in certain districts, but there will be many opportunities with redistricting to take out legislators who no longer make the grade. While we had around ¼ of the General Assembly turn over in 2010, counting those who made the jump from the House to the Senate, the 2014 crop may be larger because of all the opportunities which will present themselves on the statewide ballot. A number of statewide officials may take their shot at moving up to the open Governor's seat, which creates opportunities in lesser offices that ambitious members of the General Assembly will want to fill, perhaps because they see no future in a reshaped legislative district.

Yet even the average voter should use this tool to build awareness about how their legislator voted. Unlike other sources who gather this information but focus on a particular topic, such as environmental or business issues, I attempt to work across the political spectrum. While the scope of this project varies from year to year – some sessions I've tended to concentrate more on tax and budget issues, sometimes it's what I call Radical Green, and others may focus a little extra on the Second Amendment or immigration – overall I try to present a broad palette of issues and fill in the blanks others may not provide. A good activist will use this as one piece of the puzzle.

But I encourage you not to wait until my 2012 edition comes out to be an active citizen. There's ample opportunity to influence the General Assembly in real time and conservatives should make every effort to do so. Let's see if we can improve these scores the next time I undertake this endeavor!

Michael Swartz
November, 2011