

2012
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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 last year's sessions.

This year I cover the all three sessions. Two votes come from the Special Session called in May to deal with the "doomsday" budget (which only doomed us to a \$500 million spending increase) and one from the August Special Session on gambling.

Having done this for several years, I can now begin to have a large body of work for "lifetime" grades, which are now incorporated into these charts. Aside from that, the basic premise and format is the same as in previous years.

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 19 of them being floor votes from the regular session, 3 votes coming from the committee a legislator serves on, and three votes from the Special Sessions. 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, 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 missing 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, though it's worth noting the House and Senate occasionally voted on bills that were crossfiled. An example of crossfiling: in the 2012 regular session House Bill 1087 (or HB1087) and Senate Bill 746 (or SB746) are bills which essentially mirror each other, with one being introduced for consideration in each body. This year I tried to use the same bills for each body, although they may be crossfiled versions. I used the last vote in each body if the two were different, so occasionally I used a Senate bill vote for the House tally and vice versa. Also, I eliminated the use of amendments this time, so all votes are on the final version of each bill.

I also follow up on the current status of each measure.

Floor votes used for the monologue Accountability Project

HB167: Agriculture – Commercial Feed – Arsenic Prohibition

Why I'd vote no: This bill is actually piling on to a self-imposed prohibition by feed manufacturers, even though the organic arsenic generally found in chicken feed isn't a carcinogenic substance according to the FDA. But if the products come back on the market Maryland farmers are placed at a disadvantage.

Disposition: HB167 passed the House 100-32, the Senate 32-14, and was signed by Governor O'Malley May 22.

HB366/SB602: Public Safety – Building Performance Standards – Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems

Why I'd vote no: It's a bill which will stifle growth and development in rural areas by mandating new homes install fire sprinkler systems. I have no doubt that buildings are safer, but the cost/benefit analysis should be up to the owner and not forced on them.

Disposition: HB366 passed the House 95-37 and the Senate 34-10 while the companion SB602 passed the Senate 35-10 and House 99-39. Both were signed by Governor O'Malley May 2. I used the HB366 vote on the Senate tally and the SB602 vote for the House – the first of two bills so treated.

HB438: Civil Marriage Protection Act

Why I'd vote no: This horribly misnamed bill makes gay marriage legal in Maryland and opens the door to discrimination against those who hold traditional values and the view that marriage should only be between a man and a woman.

Disposition: HB438 passed the House 72-67, the Senate 25-22, and was signed into law March 1 by Governor O'Malley. However, a subsequent petition drive forced the bill to referendum where it unfortunately passed with 52% of the vote.

HB443: Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Act of 2012

Why I'd vote no: The last thing Maryland needs is a state insurance exchange. If the federal government wants to screw up the health care system with Obamacare, let them own it.

Disposition: HB443 passed the House 94-44, the Senate 35-11, and was signed into law May 2 by Governor O'Malley.

HB446: Environment – Bay Restoration Fund – Fees and Uses

Why I'd vote no: The last thing hard-working Maryland families need is government taking money out of their pockets for the dubious purpose of “restoring the Bay,” a never-ending problem which simply acts as an excuse for reaching into our pockets. It also discriminates against rural landowners because their fees are higher.

Disposition: HB446 passed the House 89-48, the Senate 28-18, and was signed into law May 2 by Governor O'Malley.

HB987: Stormwater Management – Watershed Protection and Restoration Program

Why I'd vote no: More state imposition on local units of government which better understand the situation on the ground. It forces counties and municipalities to assess and collect a “stormwater remediation fee” that, unlike the state, they can't transfer to their general funds. Once again, those who wish to grow and create jobs are asked to take it in the shorts for Radical Green.

Disposition: HB987 passed the House 91-45 and the Senate 33-14. It

was signed into law May 2 by Governor O'Malley.

HB1087/SB746: Communications Companies – Universal Service Trust Fund - Surcharge

Why I'd vote no: This surcharge is for a noble purpose but sets a precedent for chasing down more fees from wireless and VOIP users.

Disposition: HB1087 passed the House 98-39 and Senate 32-15; meanwhile SB746 passed those bodies 91-39 and 33-13. Both were signed by Governor O'Malley May 22. Like HB366/SB602 I used the SB746 vote for the House tally and HB1087 vote for the Senate tally.

HB1123: Environment – Presumptive Impact Areas – Contamination Caused By Deep Gas Wells in Deep Shale Deposits

Why I'd vote no: It's pick on job producers again from the Maryland General Assembly, and those who take advantage of abundant gas deposits in Maryland's Marcellus Shale formation are guilty until presumed innocent. This bill would assume any water contamination within 2500 feet from a wellhead is due to drilling, even if that's not the case.

Disposition: HB1123 passed the House 101-36 and Senate 45-1 (talk about gutless) before being signed by Governor O'Malley on May 22.

SB150: Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2013)

Why I'd vote no: Even though this was later derided as the "doomsday" budget, it still increased state spending by a half-billion dollars. Haven't we learned about fiscal responsibility yet?

Disposition: SB150 passed the Senate 37-10 and House 95-43. By

law once it passed the General Assembly it became law without the Governor's approval.

SB151: Creation of a State Debt – Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, and 2005

Why I'd vote no: Once again, the lack of fiscal responsibility from the state is appalling. Many of these projects were either unnecessary or could have been handled on a cash basis.

Disposition: SB151 passed the Senate 40-7 and House 96-41 before being signed into law by Governor O'Malley May 22.

SB152: Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2012

Why I'd vote no: This bill continues the budgetary fiction of the O'Malley administration. Originally intended as a vehicle to raise taxes and transfer the payment of certain pensions to counties, the deal bogged down when the House and Senate couldn't come to an agreement.

Disposition: SB152 passed the Senate 33-14 while a different version passed the House 88-50. Because the two bodies couldn't come to terms before *sine die*, the bill died.

SB214: Criminal Law – Possession of Marijuana – De Minimus Quantity

Why I'd vote yes: With the so-called War on Drugs becoming more and more of a failure, the idea of minimizing the sentence for small-time possession has its merits. Those who use or possess less than 10 grams of marijuana now have a reduced penalty, which may help lessen the prison population. This was one bill where I went against a number in my party and, for several Democrats, this was the only vote they got right.

Disposition: SB214 passed the Senate 41-5 and the House 92-31 before being signed into law by Governor O'Malley May 2.

SB234: Maryland Health Improvement and Disparities Reduction Act of 2012

Why I'd vote no: It seems to me the idea is to improve the health care system for all, not target dollars to specific populations and areas at the expense of others. Modeled on the concept of enterprise zones (which don't work as well as desired economically) this bill is simply a sop to populations which whine about being underserved.

Disposition: SB234 passed the Senate 37-10 and the House 94-29 before being signed into law by Governor O'Malley April 10.

SB236: Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012

Why I'd vote no: Another phase of the War on Rural Maryland, this is the infamous bill which establishes development tiers based on septic capacity and usurps more local control from county planning and zoning departments.

Disposition: SB236 passed the Senate 32-15 and the House 93-45 before being signed into law by Governor O'Malley May 2.

SB309: Mopeds and Motor Scooters – Titling, Insurance, and Required Use of Protective Headgear

Why I'd vote no: This is a twofer bill, with both the nanny state and state treasury benefiting at the expense of working-class Marylanders who use scooters to get around because they can't afford cars or the gas and insurance for them.

Disposition: SB309 passed the Senate 32-15 and the House 93-33 before being signed into law by Governor O'Malley May 2.

SB523: State and Local Revenue and Financing Act of 2012

Why I'd vote no: Not only is this a general tax increase, but this hits people like me who make a little bit on internet affiliate sales with taxes as well. A bad deal all around.

Disposition: SB523 passed the Senate 26-20, while a differing version passed the House 81-56. The two sides couldn't iron out differences before *sine die*, so the bill died.

SB783: State Personnel – Collective Bargaining – Applicability

Why I'd vote no: It adds more state employees to the union rolls. Public employees really shouldn't have collective bargaining to begin with because there's no true adversarial relationship between the sides – both are against the taxpaying citizens of Maryland.

Disposition: Naturally in this Big Labor-controlled state, SB783 passed the Senate 36-10, passed in the House 89-42, and was signed into law by Governor O'Malley May 22. What took him so long?

SB791: Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Solar Energy and Solar Water Heating Systems

Why I'd vote no: Obviously solar energy is very cost-effective in many instances, particularly at a small scale. But it's not ready to have a specific portion of the retail electricity market simply given away to it, let alone a percentage which is increased under this bill that accelerates the ramping up of the solar energy boondoggle in Maryland.

Disposition: SB791 passed the Senate 37-9 and the House 129-6 before being signed into law by Governor O'Malley May 22.

SB848: Education – Maintenance of Effort

Why I'd vote no: This bill is the Norm Conway special, even though he wasn't listed as a sponsor because it was originated out of the Senate (and had no cross-filed House counterpart.) Simply put, if the voters of your jurisdiction placed a property tax cap in effect with the expectation of that entity holding the line on spending, well, you are now out of luck. The state can (and will) bypass your desired tax cap and also allow the local entity to violate the voters' trust if it's not deemed that local schools received enough county aid. It's yet another effort at top-down control from Annapolis, to whom counties are just artificial lines on a map.

Disposition: SB848 passed in the Senate 32-14 and passed in the House 93-44 before being signed into law as an emergency bill by Governor O'Malley on April 10. The only emergency was the one created in several county budgets when they had to figure out where they'd get the extra money.

2012 First Special Session

SB1301: Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2012

Why I'd vote no: I didn't like the first effort they took at this, so add in the fact that it absolutely hoses certain counties and rapes a number of dedicated funds to create a “slush fund” of over \$250 million, and you have a steaming pile of excrement.

Disposition: SB1301 passed the Senate 33-13 and the House 86-51 before being signed by Governor O'Malley May 22. With that, the “doomsday” budget was no more.

SB1302: State and Local Revenue and Financing Act of 2012

Why I'd vote no: Not content with doing the budget shuffle, the powers that be decided they needed to pillage a large number of

hard-working Maryland families by raising their taxes, too. This also increased a number of fees.

Disposition: SB1302 passed the Senate 27-19 and the House 77-60 before being signed into law by Governor O'Malley May 22.

2012 Second Special Session

SBI: Gaming Expansion – Video Lottery Terminals and Table Games – Lottery Machines – Veterans' Organizations

Why I'd vote no: Since I have been known to walk into a casino, it's not like I'm against gambling in general. But the way Maryland has boxed itself into a corner by having a system requiring voter approval is nothing short of moronic in my view. The General Assembly should do its job.

Disposition: On final passage, SB1 passed the Senate 32-14 and passed the House 71-59 – literally the minimum vote required. It was signed the day after the Special Session ended, on August 15 and passed via the required referendum November 6. Over \$80 million was spent by both sides contesting the ballot issue.

House Committee votes used for the monologue Accountability Project

Note: Unless otherwise noted, all of these bills failed to advance out of committee. A “favorable” motion is for the bill to proceed, while an “unfavorable” motion is to stop consideration.

HB35: Private Property Rights – Regulatory Infringement – Compensation

Motion: Favorable.

Why I'd vote yes: This bill was intended to protect private property owners from the long regulatory arm of the government via the courts, spelling out legal recourse property owners could take if the value of their land was diminished. It's essentially a response to PlanMaryland.

HB36: Department of Planning – State Development Plan – Approval or Modification by the General Assembly

Motion: Favorable.

Why I'd vote yes: This places a check and balance on the Department of Planning, requiring the approval of the General Assembly on revisions and allowing them to make suggestions. Perhaps a slight infringement on the executive branch, but a worthwhile one.

HB43: Maryland Constitution – Laws Making an Appropriation Made Subject to Petition Referendum

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: This bill literally changes one word in the law, but

at the risk of making this state more like California with its frequent ballot issues, this would make the General Assembly think twice before increasing our taxes. What politician wants to be on the same ballot as the tax increase he or she voted for?

HB46: Flash Mob Theft Act of 2012

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: The idea behind this proposal was to combine the aggregate value of all items taken by a “flash mob” into one valuation, which would generally change the seriousness of the crime from a misdemeanor to a felony theft, and make it applicable to all participants. Perhaps some would think twice before participating.

HB47: Environment – County Plans – Authority

Motion: Favorable.

Why I'd vote yes: This restores the authority of counties to conduct their own zoning affairs.

HB82: State Government – E-Verify Program

Motion: Favorable.

Why I'd vote yes: It requires employers to check the status of prospective employees through the federal E-Verify program. Since Maryland is a magnet state, we need to do something to discourage the influx of illegal immigrants.

HB91: Labor and Employment – Labor Organizations – Right to Work

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: With Michigan becoming the 24th state to pass a right-to-work law, Maryland should join neighboring Virginia as a state which allows their workers the freedom of choice whether they wish to join the union or not.

HB146: Transportation Trust Fund Protection Act

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: To combat the budgetary sleight-of-hand regularly performed by our Governor, we need to provide voters with the chance to prevent him from raiding the Transportation Trust Fund in order to balance his budget and give him another excuse to raise the gasoline tax.

HB183: State Government – Human Relations – Discrimination in Housing, Employment, and Places of Public Accommodation

Motion: Favorable.

Why I'd vote no: This would open up a tremendously large can of worms if it passed; in other words it would be an expansion of the litigious state we don't need.

HB226: Election Law – Citizens Who Have Not Lived in the United States – Right to Vote

Motion: Favorable (with Amendment)

Why I'd vote no: In theory, this bill would give the right to vote in federal elections to a citizen who has never set foot in Maryland but has a relative who lives here. It's a tenuous connection at best, and doesn't work in the best interests of the state.

Disposition: HB226 passed out of committee and passed the House on an 84-52 vote, but did not receive consideration in the Senate.

HB387: Presidential Elections – Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote – Repeal

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: The entire idea of national popular vote to elect the President is sour grapes from the 2000 election because Democrats lost despite having more popular votes for Al Gore. If the nation ever decided to go in that direction, anywhere outside of major media and population centers would be ignored in the Presidential election. Important states in 2012 like Virginia, Wisconsin, and Missouri which don't have huge cities would be skipped by campaigns that would concentrate on the ten or twelve largest population areas (coincidentally run lock, stock, and barrel by corrupticrat Democrats.)

HB388: Public Benefits – Requirement of Proof of Lawful Presence

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: Those who supported killing this bill obviously wish to keep Maryland a magnet state for illegal aliens. I don't. If people need assistance, that's fine, but let's make sure they are supposed to be here.

HB413: Public Officials – Chauffeured Transportation Services

Motion: Favorable.

Why I'd vote yes: While it's symbolic to a point, the question really should be asked: why should hard-working Maryland taxpayers be paying to ferry high-level public officials around? (The Governor and Lieutenant Governor were exempted from this proposal.) It may not be a multi-million dollar budget item but should be cut out nonetheless.

HB535: Drunk and Drugged Driving – Refusal to Take a Blood or Breath Test – Prohibition

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote yes: To me, this bill smacks of both a violation of the Fifth Amendment and being guilty until proven innocent. Just because someone has a prior conviction for a particular offense doesn't mean he or she has to forfeit civil rights in all cases.

HB739: Bow Hunting – Possession of Handguns for Protection

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: Because bow hunters have Second Amendment rights, too.

HB840: Procurement – Living Wage – Repeal

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: There are many things in Maryland that are complete crocks, and the so-called “living wage” is one of them. Let the market determine what a worker is worth and don't artificially inflate our costs by retaining this incredibly asinine concept.

HB996: Renewable Energy for All Act

Motion: Favorable.

Why I'd vote no: It's not a lot of money – yet – and the purpose may sound noble, although it's not as high-minded as the bill title indicates. But we shouldn't play favorites in the market and this bill would have established one.

SB1078: Election Law – Absentee Ballots – Facsimile or Internet

Transmission

Motion: Favorable with Amendment

Why I'd vote no: At this time I see too much opportunity for fraud and deceit with these methods of transport. Certainly it would be handy for military ballots but we open ourselves to a lot of problems by facsimile balloting.

Disposition: As you may have noticed, this is a Senate bill which passed that body on a 43-4 vote. This passed in the House Ways and Means Committee but died when a motion was denied for a second reading in one session day. (That can only be waived by a majority vote of the whole House.)

Senate Committee votes used for the monologue Accountability Project

Note: Unless otherwise noted, all of these bills failed to advance out of committee. Again, a “favorable” motion is for the bill to proceed, while an “unfavorable” motion is to stop consideration.

SB65: Dedicated Funds – Prohibition of Transfer – Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund and Bay Restoration Fund

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: While I'm probably the last person to advocate even having this fund, the reason this bill was made necessary was the track record of our Governor in raiding any and all funds he could find to balance the General Fund. Now if they would like to transfer the portion of the Coastal Bays fund which comes from the gas tax back to where it belongs I'd be all for it.

SB101: Department of Natural Resources – Tracking Device on Vessel – Prohibition Without Court Order

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: I happen to think this would set a bad precedent for extending the power of Big Brother to other modes of transport. Let the state show probable cause in a court of law before placing a tracking device on anything.

Note: This bill was also voted on in the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee as well as in Judicial Proceedings. I used the Judicial vote for the appropriate committee members but chose not to use the EHE vote for that group, although I seriously considered using it.

SB213: Tanning Devices – Use By Minors – Prohibition

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote yes: The nanny state reared its ugly head with this bill, which probably never should have seen the light of day. I'll grant that overuse of tanning devices by anyone can be unhealthy but the same people who wouldn't bat an eye at a pregnant minor exercising her right to “choice” without necessarily notifying parents voted to save this silly bill.

SB233: Transportation Trust Fund – Appropriation of General Fund Surplus

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: To turn a phrase on its head, Martin O'Malley taketh away, the General Assembly attempted to giveth back. I'd prefer the money be returned to taxpayers, but staving off an inevitable gas tax increase by fixing the TTF is the next best option.

SB625: Tobacco-Free Schools Act

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote yes: The utter hypocrisy of collecting (and constantly trying to increase) cigarette taxes yet trying to prevent the usage of the product never ceases to amaze me. This bill would have extended the idea of the tobacco-free campus to off-campus school-sponsored events.

SB637: Nuclear Power Transparency Act of 2012

Motion: Favorable.

Why I'd vote no: If it weren't for a couple environmental provisions I would be more inclined to support this. But as it stands the bill seems too intrusive in an area which is already heavily regulated on the federal level.

SB701: State Development Plan – Restriction on Use

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: The key provision of this bill is the one which denies the state from using PlanMaryland or similar schemes as a cause for the denial of a project. I'd like to see the bill strengthened to include funding decisions as well, but this was a start.

SB753: Real Property – Blighted Property – Required Sale or Nuisance Abatement

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote yes: While it certainly can be argued that someone who falls under the definitions in this law are abusing their private property rights, they have rights all the same. Forcing a property

owner to fix or sell could put him in a financial bind which jeopardizes his other holdings – boarded up may be unsightly, but it is safer than just left open to vandalize. The bill is an uncomfortable encroachment the state shouldn't take.

SB793: Corporate Tax Rate – Rate in Economically Depressed Counties

Motion: Favorable.

Why I'd vote yes: While I'd prefer to lower the rate across the board for everyone, this was a chance to help a deserving portion of the state. But the biggest problem I have with the bill (which would need to be worked out) is isolating the income produced in the counties in question.

SB827: Environment – Sewage Disposal Systems

Motion: Unfavorable

Why I'd vote no: I don't always agree with Senator Pipkin (see SB637 above) but he has a way of addressing hypocrisy via legislation. This example states that the state can't ban septic systems in rural areas until the urban sewage treatment plants which spill millions of gallons of effluent directly into the Bay and its tributaries are upgraded and their messes mitigated. That's one way to slow down the War on Rural Maryland.

SB872: Death Penalty Repeal and Appropriation from Savings to Aid Survivors of Homicide Victims

Motion: Favorable.

Why I'd vote no: Because the recidivism rate of those executed is zero. It's a pity Maryland doesn't use the death penalty more often.

SB876: Public School Teachers and Administrators – Appeals and Layoffs – Rights and Limitations

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote yes: This bill would add teacher layoff policies to the multitude of issues already dictated to be negotiated in collective bargaining agreements. While the bill's sponsor added performance evaluations as the key decision-maker, the school board should be allowed maximum flexibility.

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 blur the distinction between parties.

But for the second year in a row, the 2012 winner actually underperformed Page at his worst. The Republican with the lowest rating, who bent over backward to party with the other party, is Delegate **Robert Costa**.

Previous winners: D. Page Elmore (2007-10), **Robert Costa** (2011)

Top (Blue) Dog Award

This award is given to the Democrat who ranks the highest in my ratings, showing signs that there is a small but rarely-seen centrist element to the Maryland Democratic Party. It's the way the aisle should be crossed.

The 2012 winner has won for four 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 five 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 a high number of House qualifiers this year.

The 2012 winners are Delegates **Kathy Afzali, Kelly Schulz, Kathy Szeliga, Joseph Boteler, John Cluster, Warren Miller, Susan Krebs, Tony McConkey, Glen Glass, H. Wayne Norman, Stephen Hershey, Michael Smigiel, Charles Otto, and William Frank.**

Afzali, Schulz, Szeliga, Cluster, Krebs, McConkey, Glass, Norman, Hershey, Smigiel, Otto, and Frank are all first-time winners, while Bates won in 2011, Boteler won in 2008 and 2011, and Miller won in 2009 and 2011. Other previous winners still serving in the General Assembly are Anthony O'Donnell (2007 and 2009), Pat McDonough (2009), Don Dwyer (2009), Neil Parrott (2011), Christopher Shank (in 2008 as a Delegate and 2011 as a Senator), Joseph Getty (2011), and Nancy Jacobs (2011).

And finally...the Legislator of the Year

This year it came down to three legislators who tied with the highest rating; although none of them were perfect, they could be excused for the one vote they didn't get right in my eyes. Because there was a tie, I used the tiebreaker of lifetime score to dissolve it.

The 2012 Legislator of the Year brings the award to the Senate for only the second time, as a matter of fact he is the lone Senator who qualifies to be a Legislative All-Star. The 2012 Legislator of the Year is **Senator Edward Reilly**. He joins a roster of previous winners which includes Andy Harris (2007), **Anthony O'Donnell** (2008), **Joseph Boteler** (2009), **Don Dwyer** (2010), and **Michael Hough** (2011).

Conclusion

As I said last year, conservatives in Maryland have a lot of work to do. Unfortunately, as we saw at the ballot box this year, a majority of Maryland's electorate must think the General Assembly is doing a good job because they rubber-stamped three bad laws our side petitioned to referendum.

In looking at my results, this year it seemed one of two things was true: either I picked the most obvious issues conservatives could rally around for my votes, or most of the Republican General Assembly members fall more squarely in the conservative camp. As we stand athwart history and try to yell "stop!" there seems to be a growing disconnect between our side and the unwashed masses who are force-fed their information from a variety of leftwing media outlets. My bet is not a one of those trumpets the release of this information, seeing that I judge from a conservative point of view.

Guess what, though: I'm not going to back down. Ignore me at your peril.

Because Maryland has a four-year election cycle and all of its representatives come up for election at the same time, 2013 will probably not feature as many controversial bills like we saw with gay marriage or in-state tuition for illegal aliens. The liberals in Annapolis now know that we can use our power of referendum to place controversial items on the ballot, and the next time questions like the seven we dealt with this past November will be on the ballot so will many of them. It's likely some will tread lightly for that reason.

Ironically, one proposal which will almost certainly end up as a vote for the 2013 rendition (and would be petitioned to referendum in a heartbeat) would be Governor O'Malley's idea that getting to referendum should be more difficult. Whether you like the idea of

government by referendum or not, it's a right which should be maintained as is.

Some other items which are on the horizon include efforts yet again to raise the gasoline tax and cigarette tax, along with the prospect of a mileage tax where you would be required to submit an odometer reading each year and pay a fee based on miles driven. We also may see a "well bill" similar to the "septic bill" as big-city and suburban liberals try to force everyone into moving to the cities. "Plumbing" of a different kind may also be on the agenda, with what's known as a "bathroom bill" allowing those who are questioning gender identity to use the facilities they deem appropriate at the time.

The latter bill could be a referendum item, while the others will probably be crafted to make an appropriation in order to be exempt from the referendum process. You'll note that one bill I covered from committee addressed this Maryland Constitutional issue.

Another change in the body itself will come as, for the first time this term, we will have some turnover in the General Assembly on the Democratic side. With that change and the redistricting taking effect in 2014, next year (for one year only) I will have to present legislators in alphabetical order rather than by district. In 2014 I'll return to a district format, at least by general district if not subdistrict (*i.e.* District 38 instead of District 38B.)

But no longer can Annapolis liberals, or conservatives who forget where they come from, be assured that the work they did two to three years before an election wouldn't come back to haunt them when they returned to the ballot. It's my job to keep them honest and as I said above I'm not backing down.

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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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22	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	42	40
10	A	N	N	N	NV	N	N	N	N	A	A	N	A	N	N	A	A	NV	N	X	N	Y	N	N	Y	46	50
5	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	X	N	N	A	A	N	70	62
2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	88	92
22	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	24	10
10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	7	7
2	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	X	Y	Y	N	N	N	72	65
2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	88	94
2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	92	90
2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	92	86
26	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	64	68
2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	88	86
18	N	N	N	A	A	A	A	A	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	A	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	62	68
38	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	72	65
21	A	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	A	A	N	A	N	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	42	35
7	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	16	16
10	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	40	30
10	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	88	78
14	N	N	A	N	N	N	N	N	N	A	A	N	A	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	80	78
2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	92	86
10	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	92	87
10	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	30	21
2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	92	86
10	A	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	A	A	N	A	N	N	A	A	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	66	78
10	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	94	90
10	N	N	N	N	N	N*	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	90	73
18	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	N	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	12	3
15	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	1
16	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	-1
10	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-12	0
18	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	11	5
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	6
10	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	N	Y	16	13
18	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	7
18	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	N	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	0	2

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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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18	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	1	1	
18	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	-3	
10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	2	
2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	1	
2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	2	
10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	4	
10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	4	
2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	8	4	
5	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-2	2	
2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	20	10	
11	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	12	3	
22	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	4	2	
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	16	4	
14	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	N	14	8	
5	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	A	-7	0	
10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	A	11	4	
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	7	
2	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	4	
2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	8	4	
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	16	8	
36	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	X	Y	Y	4	2
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	7	2	
6	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	A	A	Y	A	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	N	Y	N	6	3	
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	2	
18	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	8	3	
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	12	4	
11	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	1	
22	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	1	0	
10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	A	X	Y	Y	Y	3	2	
20	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	3	1	
2	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	6	
10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	A	A	N*	-2	3	
2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	20	16	
24	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6	-1	
10	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	12	4	

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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 – Nicholaus 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
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18	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	X	X	Y	Y	Y	8	2
14	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	12	5	
10	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	X	X	X	Y	Y	Y	-19	-2
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	A	A	Y	4	2
6	Y	N	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	5	2	
22	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	7	-1	
38	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	X	X	Y	Y	Y	8	-1
2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	A	N	N	N	N	87	82
10	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	6	
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	20	6
2	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	16	9
26	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	68	48
13	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	N	Y	8	5
18	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	X	Y	N	N	N	84	85
26	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	X	X	Y	Y	Y	4	2
6	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N*	N*	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	84	73
6	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y*	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	X	N	N	N	70	71
10	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	A	83	86
6	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	76	64
6	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	A	A	Y	A	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	61	67
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	16	11
19	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	2
15	Y	N	A	Y	N	N	Y	Y	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	X	N	Y	N	N	15	19
10	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	92	80
2	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N*	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	78	76
10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	N	N	Y	A	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	33	48	
2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	96	85
14	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	N	N	7	14
18	Y	A	Y	N*	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	21	16
5	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	92	85
6	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	88	75
10	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	88	80
2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	92	86
2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	88	84
10	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	92	75

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- 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

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14	A	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	A	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	A	-3	-1
18	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	88	72
9	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	88	70
2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	96	86
26	N*	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6	4	
2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	88	88
14	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	N	N	N	19	11
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	16	4
2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	8	4
6	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-4	2
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	1
6	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	A	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	-7	1
10	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	6	3
24	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	4	8
30	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	4	1
10	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	84	67
10	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	92	78
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	2	6	
22	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	4
20	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	4	0
2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	-1
10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	2
2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	7	8
6	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	3
18	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	8	1
6	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	8	3
39	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	A	Y	Y	X	X	X	Y	Y	A	-9	0
2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	4
18	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	12	5
22	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	8	5
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	2
10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	8	3
2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	2

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ECO – (1) HB91, (2) HB840, (3) HB996
ENV – (1) HB35, (2) HB36, (3) HB47



HGO – (1) HB82, (2) HB183, (3) HB413
JUD – (1) HB46, (2) HB535, (3) HB739
W&M – (1) HB226, (2) HB387, (3) SB1078

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

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6	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	52	61	
2	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	84	90	
2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	10	
10	A	A	N	A	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	65	74	
2	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	80	88	
46	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	40	30		
2	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	84	67		
10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	A	A	Y	18	20	
8	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	80	80
18	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	12	11	
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	24	14	
22	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	4	12	
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	7	
2	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	16	10	
10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	X	Y	Y	12	11	
18	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	24	7	
18	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	4	8	
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	4	6	
2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	8	6	
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	6	5	
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	5	
14	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	12	4	
6	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	16	13	
2	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	8	4	

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 JUD – (1) SB101, (2) SB753, (3) SB872

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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6	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	A	A	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	A	25	15	
38	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	X	X	Y	Y	Y	8	7
18	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	20	13	
18	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	52	27	
18	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	44	25	
6	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	88	74
14	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	28	29	
3	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	96	91
14	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	NV	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	86	78
5	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	X	Y	N	N	Y	76	57	
10	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	88	82
18	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	76	74
2	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	A	Y	Y	A	X	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	34	35	
5	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	4	10	
6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	4	5	
10	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	6	
10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	28	26	
16	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6	4	
10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	2	7	
18	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	7	9	
2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	4	
2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	6	

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