2015 monoblogue Accountability Project

A voting summary for the Maryland General Assembly

Introduction

I began the monoblogue 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 began anew with the 2011 session. Now I embark on the third term for the mAP.

In the last term I streamlined the project to some extent: standardizing the number of bills covered to 22, adding three committee votes to the mix (to get 25 total votes, making math easier) and integrating any Special Sessions into the overall summary for the year. While the 2007 Special Session was an example of one where many key votes were taken, those since have only featured one or two key votes and could easily be folded into an overall summary for the year. I'm assuming 2015 will not have a Special Session; if it does I can add it to the 2016 report.

This year I have returned to alphabetical order, which makes it easy to compile votes because the MGA tally sheets are almost completely alphabetical (with the exception of the chamber leaders listed first.) This is particularly helpful with so many new members.

Speaking of new members, there were some who were added during the session: Justin Ready and Andrew Serafini were promoted to the Senate to replace Joe Getty in District 5 and Christopher Shank in District 2, respectively; in turn, April Rose was added to the House of Delegates to replace Ready and William Wivell took Serafini's place. Delegate Barrie Ciliberti replaced Kelly Schulz in District 4 and Delegate Michael Malone took over for Cathy Vitale in District

33. Instead of listed absences, if a vote took place before they were sworn in it will be listed with an asterisk (*). Note also that their score for this term will be slightly different than their "lifetime" score as I have a spreadsheet which averages it out – it became necessary because the early years did not have a standard number of votes. All three new members missed some of my votes so their maximum score for this year would be lower; however, the lifetime score could be 100.

The method to my madness

The next portion of the monoblogue Accountability Project explains why votes are tabulated as they are.

The first few pages will cover the bills I used for this year's monoblogue Accountability Project and the rationale for my determining whether a vote is "right" or "wrong." 25 votes from each body (House of Delegates and Senate) are tallied, with 22 of them being floor votes and 3 votes coming from the committee on which a legislator serves. With a perfect possible score of 100 for getting all 25 votes correct, a correct vote is worth four points and an incorrect vote is worth none.

I also have a policy where I deduct points for being absent or ducking a vote (with the exception of new members added during session, as I noted above.) Since absences can't always be helped, the absentee is only docked one point for each. Those who are present and don't vote, however, have two points deducted. An absentee listed in the roll as "excused" receives no deduction – it's scored the same as an incorrect vote. As I noted above, if a new member is not in place when the vote is taken the box will have an asterisk only.

On that note, 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, their lack of a vote is considered as excused and they are not penalized.

There is also a policy in the House where a member can change his or her vote. If a member changes a vote from an incorrect vote to a correct 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 generally score higher than Democrats – although there have been a few exceptions.

In this upcoming portion I will go through each of the votes I used, though it's worth noting the House and Senate occasionally voted on bills that were crossfiled. An example of crossfiling: in the 2015 session House Bill 838 (or HB838) and Senate Bill 416 (or SB416) are bills which essentially mirror each other, with one being introduced for consideration in each body. This year I used the same bills for each body, although they may be crossfiled versions, and featured the latest vote – if the House voted on its bill March 25 and the Senate bill April 2, I scored the bill based on the Senate bill vote. Thus, there ere a few instances where I used a Senate bill vote for the House tally and vice versa. With rare exceptions I use the last vote for each bill, which generally is a conference vote.

I also follow up on the current status of each measure. One thing which will be different with a new governor is the probability of some bills being vetoed; in turn, the 2016 mAP may have a handful of veto overturn votes included.

Now that you know the ins and outs, let's get started. This year, more than most, led itself to a very interesting mix of bills to consider and I have to say many Democrats had their highest scores ever because my libertarian leanings were very strong this year and they tended to favor those bills. Perhaps a half-dozen of my selections had significant Democratic support.

Floor votes used for the monoblogue Accountability Project

HB51: Circuit Court – Real Property Records Improvement Fund - Funding (Chair, Judiciary Committee – by request of Maryland Judicial Conference)

Why I'd vote no: Originally enacted in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2011, this fee increase for recordable instruments from \$20 to \$40 was supposed to sunset on June 30 of this year. Granted, the original version of the bill made the fee increase permanent but here was a chance to eliminate one Martin O'Malley fee increase. Something I've learned in life is that "temporary" tax increases are anything but, yet we could have created an exception.

Disposition: HB51 passed the House 97-40 and the Senate 34-13. It became law without Governor Hogan's signature.

HB54: Circuit Court – Real Property Records Improvement Fund - Funding (Chair, Judiciary Committee – by request of Maryland Judicial Conference)

Why I'd vote no: This is not deja vu all over again – while the title of the bill is the same, this establishes three NEW fees: one of \$11 per case and another ranging from \$6 to \$30 from the state court administrator, as well as a \$3 to \$8 fee from the chief judge of the district court. These also accrue to the fund HB51 references.

Disposition: HB54 actually failed on its initial third reading in the House by a 59-77 vote, only to be reconsidered and passed 82-58. The Senate then passed it 38-9. Just like HB51, it also became law without Governor Hogan's approval. So much for no new taxes or fees under this governor.

HB70: Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2016) (Speaker, by request of Administration)

Why I'd vote no: If the original Hogan budget had survived unscathed, I may have given this a "yes" vote. But Democratic amendments to rob the pension fund and return us to a position of structural deficit made it an unpalatable bill, one which went from comfortable margins of 129-10 and 46-0 in the House and Senate, respectively, to the much more partisan divide the conference bill came out with.

Disposition: HB70 passed the House 90-49 and Senate 33-13. Per the Maryland Constitution it becomes law without the need for the Governor's signature approval.

HB71: Creation of a State Debt – Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2014, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 (Speaker, by request of Administration)

Why I'd vote no: See those first few words: "Creation of a State Debt"? While it was about \$117 million smaller than the 2014 version, I still think we need to lay off the state credit card to the extent we are using it. The fact we are paying on debt from 2004 worries me.

Disposition: HB71 passed the House 125-14 and the Senate 47-0 — meaning all 47 Senators got it wrong. There goes their perfect scores. Aside from one line-item veto, this also became law without the blessing of Governor Hogan.

HB72: Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2015 (Speaker, by request of Administration)

Why I'd vote no: Instead of passing budgets we can live with in the first place, we annually figure out how to make things balance by

shifting funds and raiding from the future that which is needed now. Of course, next year we'll have to do this all over again to fix those holes, many of which were created by the amendments to the original bill.

Disposition: HB72 passed the House 90-49 and the Senate 33-13. Again, Governor Hogan did not sign the bill but allowed it to pass.

HB105: Criminal Law – Drug Paraphernalia and Marijuana – Penalties (Delegate Anderson/31 co-sponsors, all D)

Why I'd vote yes: To me, this bill makes the penalty fit the crime. The "War on Drugs" is over and we lost, so why make criminals out of small-time users? I'm not sold on full legalization, but this is a prudent step which should help to clear a little bit of the court backlog. This is one of the few times I align with the Democrats in the General Assembly.

Disposition: HB105 passed the House 90-48 and the Senate 44-3. But the two versions were different enough that a conference was needed, and none was called.

HB194: Vehicle Laws – Maximum Speed Limits on Highways (Delegate Beitzel/38 co-sponsors, 12 D and 26 R)

Why I'd vote yes: It's a start on what we should have: autobahn rules for the left lane (no speed limit on rural highways) and "reasonable and prudent" otherwise. Highways were designed 50 years ago for 70 miles per hour, which doesn't take into account the numerous subsequent safety improvements. Most cars can easily handle 85 miles per hour, which is the limit in some rural portions of Texas.

Disposition: HB194 passed the House 126-10 and the Senate 40-6. The House version was vetoed as duplicative, but crossfiled SB44 was signed into law by Governor Hogan May 12.

HB339: Vehicle Laws – Race-Based Traffic Stops – Policy and Reporting Requirements (Delegate Carter/8 co-sponsors, all D)

Why I'd vote no: First of all, I disagree with the notion that people are stopped for "driving while black." Does enforcement target certain neighborhoods? Perhaps, but we already know this without going through all of the paperwork. Considering I thought we were in a post-racial society, there's no need for this law or study.

Disposition: HB339 passed the House 120-18 and Senate 33-14, but it was vetoed as duplicative by Governor Hogan in favor of the crossfiled SB413.

HB345: Labor and Employment – Flexible Leave – Use of Leave for Family Illness (Delegate Lierman/1 co-sponsor, D)

Why I'd vote no: If an employee and employer have an agreement that they cannot use flexible leave, then it's not the state's right to declare that agreement null and void. We are approaching the day and age when employers will be expected to pay employees regardless of whether they show up or not.

Disposition: HB345 passed the House 86-52 and the Senate 36-10. Again, Hogan eschewed the chance to veto this bill and allowed it to become law.

HB360: Criminal Procedure – Seizure and Forfeiture (Delegate Vallario/19 co-sponsors, 17 D and 2 R)

Why I'd vote yes: This bill works toward accomplishing two goals for civil libertarians: removing several provisions allowing the state to seize any money or weapons it deems to be in "close proximity" to a contraband controlled dangerous substance, and placing the burden of proof on the state as to why they should keep this property rather than the owner reclaiming it. I'm not crazy about the reporting provisions but they were only in effect for three years anyway.

Disposition: HB360 passed the House 85-53 and Senate 46-1; however, there was no agreement on a conference bill for HB360. The crossfiled SB528, which as amended is a little more favorable to the state and omits the reporting requirement, did pass both chambers and was signed by Governor Hogan May 12.

HB449: Environment – Hydraulic Fracturing – Regulations (Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo/40 co-sponsors, all D)

Why I'd vote no: First of all, this is a misnamed bill as it is in fact a prohibition on the practice until 2017, when it's supposed suitable regulations developed by MDE would become effective (MDE has until October 2016 to do this, but it's doubtful they would be regulations compatible with exploration.) Once again, it's a job-killing stalling tactic from General Assembly Democrats – who originally intended this ban to be effective until 2023!

Disposition: HB449 passed the House 103-33 and Senate 45-2. If the MDE put its mind to it, they could have the regulations in place already and it should be a priority for Governor Hogan to get them moving. Instead, he missed the opportunity and let this become law without his signature – not a business-friendly move.

HB490: Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission – Miscellaneous Revisions (Delegate Morhaim/12 co-sponsors, 11 D and 1 R)

Why I'd vote yes: It would be a very, very cautious yes. I think the removal of academic medical centers makes this bill more palatable. To me, the jury is still out on full legalization of cannabis but this bill relaxes the restrictions which were previously put in place. As it eliminated the residency requirement, time will tell if Maryland is a leader or a laggard as far as benefits (or drawbacks) go.

Disposition: HB490 passed the House 131-5 and Senate 37-9, and received Governor Hogan's signature May 12.

HB514: Maryland Commission on Climate Change (Delegate Stein/6 co-sponsors, all D)

Why I'd vote no: We already have a Commission on Climate Change, per two executive orders from Governor O'Malley. My guess is that the Democrats wanted these to have the force of stature given that we have a GOP governor now. Still unnecessary, at least until the premise that climate change is man-made is corrected.

Disposition: HB514 passed the House 96-42 and Senate 35-12, and was signed into law by Governor Hogan May 12.

HB838/SB416: Health Insurance – Coverage for Infertility Services (Delegate Hill/16 co-sponsors, all D and Senator Kagan/18 co-sponsors, 17 D, 1 R)

Why I'd vote no: Simply put, I don't believe we should mandate coverage of infertility services for same-sex couples.

Disposition: HB838 passed the House 94-44 and Senate 32-14 while SB416 passed the Senate 37-10 and House 93-45. I used the votes in the opposite chamber because they were later. Honestly, I'm disgusted that Governor Hogan punted on this one and did not veto it. It will make our health insurance just that much more expensive.

HB939: Proposed Regulations – Determination of Impact on Small Businesses (Speaker, by request of Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission/44 co-sponsors, 28 D, 16 R)

Why I'd vote yes: I would vote yes to form this group but I think it needs to be strengthened. I suspect some of the opponents believed it was too weak, or just was another overreach of government to correct overreaches of government.

Disposition: HB939 passed the House 136-3 and the Senate 44-1. Governor Hogan signed it into law on May 12.

HB943: Economic Competitiveness and Commerce -Restructuring ((Speaker, by request of Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission/18 co-sponsors, 16 D, 2 R)

Why I'd vote no: The thing that really bothers me about this bill is the aspect of a public-private partnership corporation. To me that just smacks of cronyism, and if there's something the private sector won't invest in that's probably because it's a money pit. Reworking the DBED to the Commerce Department is fine, but that PPP change was added in later.

Disposition: HB943 passed the House 100-39 and the Senate 39-6. Governor Hogan signed it (and the above HB939) as part of the broader adoption of Augustine Commission reforms on May 12.

SB190: Sales and Use Tax – Taxable Price – Accommodations (Senator Madaleno/5 co-sponsors, 4 D, 1 R)

Why I'd vote no: This is better known as the "travel tax." Based on a court case, the sponsors wish to make those companies who resell rooms at a profit pay sales tax based on the resale rate, not the rate they paid to the facility. It's a sneaky way to try and pin a tax increase on Governor Hogan.

Disposition: SB190 passed the Senate 32-15 and House 84-56. Governor Hogan did get this one right and vetoed it May 22.

SB198: Health Care Disparities, Cultural and Linguistic Competency, and Health Literacy – Recommended Courses (Senator Nathan-Pulliam/7 co-sponsors, all D)

Why I'd vote no: As originally written, this was to be part of continuing education, and I suspect that will be the next step in the evolution of this concept. That's why I'm going to use the original 41-5 third reader vote for the Senate rather than the 45-0 vote which

occurred later, because it reflects who may have understood the direction we would be heading.

Disposition: SB198 passed the Senate 45-0 (after the initial 41-5 vote noted above) and the House 126-13. This version was vetoed by Governor Hogan as duplicative; he chose instead to sign the crossfiled HB580 on May 12.

SB340: Election Law – Voting Rights – Ex-Felons (Senator Conway)

Why I'd vote no: Personally, I believe that one of the penalties for committing a felony should be the loss of voting rights. However, this bill takes the previously-passed guideline of end of sentence, including parole or probation, and removes the prohibition of voting from those who are on parole or probation. That means their sentence is not over as far as I'm concerned.

Disposition: SB340 passed the Senate 29-18 and the House 82-56, but Governor Hogan also vetoed this on May 22.

SB651: Criminal Procedure – Expungement – Conviction of a Crime That Is No Longer a Crime (Senator Muse/3 co-sponsors, all D)

Why I'd vote yes: The idea behind this is to make it easier for all those who were convicted under the old marijuana laws to have their record cleaned up. I can agree with that.

Disposition: SB651 passed the Senate 41-6 and House 91-47, and met with the approval of Governor Hogan on May 12.

SB743: Vital Records – New Certificates of Birth – Sex Change or Diagnosis of an Intersex Condition (Senator Lee/11 co-sponsors, all D)

Why I'd vote no: This would not have bothered me nearly as much if there were a notation of amendment. Just because someone like Bruce/"Caitlyn" Jenner (as a recent and well-known example) believes he is now a woman, his sex at birth was male and that can't be eradicated. The same holds true for anyone; even those with an intersex condition are generally identified and raised under a specific gender.

Disposition: SB743 passed the Senate 31-16 and the House 91-49. It became law without Governor Hogan's signature as did the crossfiled HB862 that passed by a similar House margin and identical Senate vote.

SJ2: United States Constitution – Amendments Convention – Democracy Amendment (Senator Pinsky/14 co-sponsors, all D)

Why I'd vote no: There are legitimate reasons why we could call an Article V amendment, but enacting a convention because their panties are in a wad over the *Citizens United* decision is not one of them.

Disposition: SJ2 passed the Senate 29-18 but a slightly amended version passed the House 89-49. The Senate refused to concur with the House amendments, and time ran out on the session before a conference vote could be held. Pity.

House Committee votes used for the monoblogue 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.

Appropriations Committee

HB559: University System of Maryland – Law School Clinic – Prohibited Activities (Delegate Buckel/18 co-sponsors, all R)

Motion: Favorable.

Why I'd vote yes: This bill would have provided some needed oversight to the Law Clinic, which overstepped its bounds when it assisted in suing the Hudson Farm in Worcester County. In this case, it would have been prohibited from opposing a determination by a state agency.

HB787: Dedicated State Funds Protection Act (Delegate McMillan/4 co-sponsors, 2 D, 2 R)

Motion: Favorable.

Why I'd vote yes: This is somewhat similar to the Transportation Trust Fund referendum from 2014, but is worded in such a way that, instead of a simple "fiscal emergency," the state has to be under an actual declared state of emergency. I would still prefer a ¾ majority for approving transfers but could support this package.

HB1014: Higher Education – Sexual Assault Disciplinary Proceedings – Presence of Attorney or Nonattorney Advocate (Delegate Jalisi/5 co-sponsors, 4 D, 1 R)

Motion: Favorable.

Why I'd vote yes: Honestly, I didn't realize the college campus took away the right to counsel when disciplinary proceedings with a penalty up to and including expulsion was at stake. When the policy note cites the bogus "1 in 5" assault statistic and we read stories about campus rapes that never happened except in the mind of the

"victim," you better believe they should have a right to counsel.

Economic Matters Committee

HB249: Labor and Employment – Labor Organizations – Right to Work (Delegate W. Miller/18 co-sponsors, all R)

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: This is a perennial bill I use, but it's still true: I wouldn't just vote no, I'd vote "hell no!" Maryland should join the truly progressive (and growing) list of states which allow worker freedom.

HB478: Labor and Employment – Discrimination Based on the Use of Tobacco Products – Prohibition (Delegate McDonough)

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: Because it's none of the employer's business if the employee uses tobacco off-site. Last time I checked, tobacco was still a legal product and the state taxes the snot out of it. If the employee is at home, in their car, or otherwise not on the clock let 'em puff away. (By the way, I do not smoke and have asthma.)

HB1072: Labor and Employment – Discrimination Based on Engagement in Lawful Activities – Prohibition (Delegate W. Miller/15 co-sponsors, 9 D, 6 R)

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: This is similar to Delegate McDonough's bill above, but covers many more possibilities. It's necessary protection for those who partake in politically incorrect activities like shooting sports or expressing faith-based opinions.

Environment and Transportation Committee

HB458: Environment – Exploration and Production Waste and Waste From Hydraulic Fracturing (Delegate S. Robinson/17 cosponsors, all D)

Motion: Favorable.

Why I'd vote no: In essence this bill bans any waste from hydraulic fracturing, which is a backhanded way of prohibiting the practice. More job-killing ideas from Radical Green.

HB481: Stormwater Management – Watershed Protection and Restoration Program – Repeal (Speaker, by request of Administration/44 co-sponsors, 1 D, 43 R)

Motion: Favorable.

Why I'd vote yes: As opposed to that dimestore phony bill Mike Miller put together (SB863) this was the REAL repeal of the "rain tax" and the one which should have passed.

HB1038: Vehicle Laws – Speed Monitoring, Work Zone Speed Control, and Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems – Repeal (Delegate Shoemaker/8 co-sponsors, 1 D, 7 R)

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: This is another holdover, with the addition of red light cameras. Speed cameras not only violate my Sixth Amendment rights because I cannot face my accuser but they are simply about raping the taxpayer. If local jurisdictions were concerned about safety they would staff a traffic officer at each school because that would catch truly reckless drivers – but not nearly as much money.

Health and Government Operations Committee

HB305: Administrative Procedure Act – Limitation on Adoption of Regulations (Delegate W. Miller/33 co-sponsors, all R)

Motion: Favorable

Why I'd vote yes: I think you can call this the PMT regulations act. It restricts a lame-duck governor from throwing in all manner of red tape on his way out the door. Now I wouldn't be surprised if Democrats don't enact something similar in 2018 if Larry Hogan looks beatable. In that case, the law would just have to be amended to only cover future governors.

HB662: Consultation, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Mental and Emotional Disorders – Consent by Minors (Delegate Cullison/1 co-sponsor, D)

Motion: Favorable with Amendment.

Why I'd vote no: I am just a little leery of expanding the current law to cover "health care providers." I would have rather had the specifics spelled out. To me, this one needs a little more study because I don't have the comfort level that a minor would seek out the most qualified treatment.

Disposition: HB662 passed the House 126-11 and the Senate 46-0. It was vetoed as duplicative by Governor Hogan but its crossfiled SB157 was signed May 12.

HB1053: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Workgroup to Evaluate Mental Health Delivery on the Eastern Shore (Delegate Jacobs/7 co-sponsors, all R)

Motion: Favorable.

Why I'd vote yes: As the "shithouse" of Maryland, the Eastern Shore often gets short shrift. One aspect of this study would be to determine how the closure of the former Upper Shore Community Health Center impacted service delivery in the region, particularly with regard to whether patients are now going out of state.

Judiciary Committee

HB457: Criminal Law – Death Penalty – Murder of Law Enforcement Officer, Correctional Officer, First Responder, or Witness (Delegate McDonough/3 co-sponsors, all R)

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: After our erstwhile Governor O'Malley foolishly did away with the death penalty, there have been several attempts to resurrect it. As usual, lovers of crime without punishment thwarted the effort..

HB817: Health Care – Limitation on Noneconomic Damages (Delegate McComas/18 co-sponsors, 1 D, 17 R)

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: It was an effort to end the legal lottery, hopefully making malpractice insurance a little less expensive. \$500,000 is still a quite fair cap when compared to one which constantly increased with each passing year.

HB891: Voting Disclosure Act of 2015 (Delegate McDonough)

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: There have been instances where people try to get out of jury duty by claiming not to be a citizen, but more often those

who are pulled from the DMV rolls are not citizens. This provides for a crosscheck that they are not registered to vote illegally (as noncitizens.)

Ways and Means Committee

HB146: Income Tax – Standard Deduction – Inflation Adjustment (Delegate Krebs/15 co-sponsors, all R)

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: So we can raise taxes, such as the gas tax, annually due to inflation and higher cost of living, but we can't raise the standard deduction for income tax. Yep, I see how this works.

HB251: Corporate Income Tax – Rate Reduction (Delegate Afzali/31 co-sponsors, all R)

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: The corporate income tax supplies roughly \$1.06 billion to the state, or 3% of revenue. So why can't we give corporations a little break and try to make Maryland a more business-friendly state? Because the majority on this committee is addicted to tax revenue however they can get it.

HB253: Election Law – Voter Registration – Interstate Crosscheck Program (Delegate McDonough)

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: Apparently there are some on the committee who are comfortable with people voting twice – after all, they probably supported Wendy Rosen, too. This probably could be done as an Executive Order, and I would encourage Governor Hogan to do so.

Senate Committee votes used for the monoblogue Accountability Project

Budget and Taxation Committee

SB73: Committee on Tax Policy, Reform, and Fairness (Senator Feldman)

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: Okay, I'm not crazy about a commission to study taxation but perhaps they'll see just how bad the situation has become here in the state.

SB447: Sales and Use Tax – Tax-Free Periods – Hunting and Sporting Goods (Senator Ready/4 co-sponsors, all R)

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: It's definitely a gimmick, but if we can give school supplies a week without taxes we certainly can give sporting goods one. Think of it as practice for being like Delaware.

SB594: Income Tax Subtraction Modification – Law Enforcement, Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Personnel (Hometown Heroes Act) (President, by request of Administration/16 co-sponsors, 3 D, 13 R)

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: I'm not a big fan of mucking up the tax system, but if someone deserves a break it's these guys. This was one of the bills requested by Governor Hogan that Democrats laughed in their sleeves at.

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

SB257: Agriculture – Nutrient Management – Phosphorus Management Tool (Senator Pinsky/14 co-sponsors, all D)

Motion: Favorable with Amendment.

Why I'd vote no: These were the original Martin O'Malley PMT regulations made into statute, the ones Larry Hogan pulled from the *Maryland Register* hours before the deadline.

Disposition: Unfortunately, Hogan put new PMT regulations in place but part of the deal was recommitting this bill (that passed the committee) before third reading, which Pinsky did.

SB699: Primary Education – State Standardized Assessments – Moratorium (Senator Jennings)

Motion: Favorable with Amendment.

Why I'd vote yes: Instead of too-frequent testing, this bill would have halted it in primary grades (pre-K through 2) for two school years so the effectiveness of the program could be assessed. As I think there is plenty of testing already, I could live with this as written, although the vote was for "favorable with amendment" and I don't know what the amendment was. The fiscal note states we would lose some federal money, but that doesn't bother me.

Disposition: Of those who voted in committee, the majority were in favor – but the chair and vice-chair of the committee abstained so it did not advance on that technicality (only 5 of 11 votes were for it.)

SB919: Environment – Implementation of Watershed Implementation Plan - Limitation (Senator Hershey)

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote no: This would have held off implementation of the state's WIP until the EPA finished its 2017 midpoint assessment and the University of Maryland completed a two-year study of sediment entering Chesapeake Bay from the Susquehanna River. In other words, wait until we have actual science.

Finance Committee

SB279: Procurement – Public Works Contracts – Contractor Occupations Health and Safety Requirements (Senator Montgomery/14 co-sponsors, all D)

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote yes: This would have been more red tape for contractors who wish to work on state projects. The initial paperwork would eventually become boilerplate, but the additional reporting would be a hassle.

SB373: Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Revisions (Maryland Clean Energy Advancement Act of 2015) (Senator Feldman/15 co-sponsors, all D)

Motion: Favorable with Amendment.

Why I'd vote no: Instead of properly doing away with renewable portfolio standards as other states have done, this doubles down on stupid by making them even larger and extending the ramp-up period to that higher plateau.

HB1094: Consumer Protection – Monitoring Consumer Behavior and Shopping Habits – Required Notice (Delegate Smith/25 cosponsors, all D)

Motion: Favorable with Amendment.

Why I'd vote no: I don't like spying and data mining any more than anyone else, but this bill is loosely written in such a way that it could be interpreted that security cameras are covered.

Disposition: It passed the House 92-47 before being killed in the Senate committee.

Judicial Proceedings Committee

SB184: Criminal Law – Gaming – Home Games (Senator King/15 co-sponsors, 13 D, 2 R)

Motion: Unfavorable

Why I'd vote no: As I read this, people who want to have poker games at their house are covered and would be exempt from prosecution under the law. I guess the state hates competition — never mind we spend millions on fantasy sports, betting on the Super Bowl and NCAA pools, and so forth.

SB847: Judges – Mandatory Retirement Age (Senator Miller/1 cosponsor, R)

Motion: Favorable with Amendment.

Why I'd vote no: It's interesting that this comes up in the year after a Republican governor was elected – here in Wicomico County we indeed have a judge who turns 70 later this year. It was originally the idea to run the retirement age to 75, but later amended to 73. I think 70 is an appropriate age.

Disposition: Oddly enough, the bill with opposition in committee passed the Senate 47-0. But it did not receive a House vote.

HB476: Motor Vehicles – Wearable Computer With Head-Mounted Display – Prohibition (Delegate Kramer/5 co-sponsors, 4 D, 1 R)

Motion: Unfavorable.

Why I'd vote yes: This would take us along the same trajectory as we had with cell phones, banning something for which we already had distracted driving laws to cover the situation. It's also practically unenforceable – what officer can see Google Glass from a car on the side of the road. Will they pull me over because I wear glasses?

Disposition: This turkey of a bill passed the House 110-29 before the Senate committee killed it so it will likely be back next year.

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, as always, enhanced by a list of prior winners, with those in **bold** being active members of the Maryland General Assembly.

D. Page Elmore RINO Huntee 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.

A freshman from the Eastern Shore is the "winner" of this award, which is a real shame because I voted for the guy. To say his voting record so far is a disappointment is an understatement; however, I will concede that he is better than the Delegate he replaced, Norm

Conway. So here's hoping for steady improvement over the next three years as he learns the ropes. He did good for the district, but as you'll see some of these votes were just plain awful.

It's worth noting that this recipient doesn't have the lowest numerical rating, but Delegate Susan Aumann missed a significant part of the session and those absences affected her score. So she's not necessarily a RINO – had she stayed in proportion with her limited voting pattern she would have been in the average range.

Instead, the Republican with the lowest percentage of "good" votes – who is hopefully "one and done" with this award – is Delegate **Carl Anderton.** Sadly, he "won" only because four or five others, mainly fellow freshmen, managed to get just one more vote right.

Previous "winners": D. Page Elmore (2007-10), Robert Costa (2011-13), **George Edwards** (2014)

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 winner this year has had a reputation of being a "centrist" Democrat and was a target of the GOP last year. Perhaps that close election scared him straight, but Senator **James Brochin** becomes the latest winner of the award. Worth noting: all three previous winners were replaced by Republicans this year.

Previous winners: John Wood, Jr. (2007, 2009-13), Joseph Minnick (2008), Kevin Kelly (2007-08, 2014)

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. If winners have won before, previous years are noted in parentheses. Sadly, I have only one this year who made it by leading the House with 88 points.

The lone 2015 Legislative All-Star is a freshman: **Delegate Robin Grammer**. His 88 score led the House.

Previous winners still serving: Senators Gail Bates (2011, as a Delegate), Stephen Hershey (2012, as a Delegate), and Justin Ready (2013, as a Delegate) as well as Delegates Kathy Afzali (2012), John Cluster (2012), Mark Fisher (2013), Glen Glass (2012), Jay Jacobs (2013), Susan Krebs (2013), Tony McConkey (2012), Pat McDonough (2009), Warren Miller (2009, 2011-13), Tony O'Donnell (2007, 2009, 2013), Charles Otto (2012-13), Neil Parrott (2013), and Kathy Szeliga (2012).

And finally...the Legislator of the Year

For the longest time as I compiled this, Grammer was running a perfect score. It took 15 House votes before he missed out. Meanwhile, the Senate folded its tents early on a perfect score when they all voted for HB71.

But a funny thing happened on the way to the Legislator of the Year award. Grammer had the tough luck of being on a committee where few people voted the correct way on the bills I selected, while over in the Senate my eventual winner was going against the grain on several key bills. In the end, it was enough for Senator **Justin Ready** to come out on top with the highest score. Maybe Larry Hogan knew what he was doing when he prevailed on the Carroll County GOP to rescind their initial choice for the Senate seat, but not really. Justin may have won as a Delegate, too.

Regardless, he joins a roster of previous winners which includes now-Congressman Andy Harris (2007), **Tony O'Donnell** (2008), Joseph Boteler III (2009, 2014), Don Dwyer (2010), **Michael Hough** (2011), **Edward Reilly** (2012), and **Wayne Norman** (2013).

Conclusion

What a long, strange trip it's been.

First of all, this was originally slated to come out in May as I figured Larry Hogan would sign or veto the bills before the middle of May. Instead, as you'll note, he let several hang around long enough to become law – to the overall detriment of the state.

But May turned into June and my computer crashed. There was a time I thought all my work was lost – fortunately it wasn't the case.

Yet it wasn't just that. In my wildest dreams I never thought I would ever line up with the Democratic majority so much.

But the combination of several bills which dealt with civil libertarian issues and marijuana legalization – both of which tend to cut against the GOP grain – and the fact that having a new Republican administration seemed to cut down on the loony environmentalism, tax increases, and other Martin O'Malley/Democratic pet projects such as the so-called "smart, green, and growing" agenda all meant that Republican scores tended to be somewhat lower and Democratic scores were generally higher.

Add to that the vast number of freshmen legislators trying to find their way and at times it was hard to find an encompassing theme. Certainly Governor Hogan's agenda did not sail through the General Assembly like Martin O'Malley's efforts did, but there were a few bills where I actually picked the winning side, which drew scores up overall.

While finding 22 good floor votes was somewhat difficult this year, I think next year the pickings will be much less slim. There are several reasons why I believe this.

For one thing. I would imagine there will be a handful of veto override votes which I can add in. Given the margin of victory on the felon bill, it is on the fence but in the wake of the unrest in Baltimore a couple wavering Democrats could be picked off from the opposition. Another bill, the "travel tax," may have its day in court and the legislature may decide this bill would satisfy the judgment. The bad guys are only one House vote short and it was a Democrat who missed the vote this year.

Secondly, I think this year's decline in the overall number of bills was an anomaly – I predict we should be back to the 2,500-2.700 range next year. With the return of pre-filing for all legislators I suspect the folks who do this for a living will be busy as the 2016 session approaches.

Lastly, I believe the health of our governor will also be a consideration. In the days leading up to the release of this document, it was revealed that Governor Hogan has an aggressive form of cancer for which the course of treatment will be lengthy. Sensing weakness, the opposition may be ready to test his leadership ability.

I also have to give a little credit where credit is due before I wrap this up for the year.

This is mainly my own work, but I have to give a shout out to the Maryland Legislative Watch website. Without them, I would have had to wade through a lot of 138-0 votes on bills I thought interesting. They helped me eliminate a lot of work, and they are truly a valuable resource.

Hopefully you will be more informed about your legislators now, particularly if you (as I) are in a freshman legislator's district. Mine

could stand some improvement, but hopefully he will find his way in the coming sessions and yours will too. I don't expect every legislator to score 100 – although I think it would be great for the state if they did - but overall, thanks to my selection of some issues which straddle the line between libertarian and plain old liberal, the overall score edged higher this year.

I wouldn't think, though, Democrats will make a habit of scores in the 20s every session.

Accountability charts for both the House and Senate begin on the next page.

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46	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	24	
34A	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y NV	Y	Y	Y	Y N	Y	Y	N	Y N	N	Y N	Y	Y N	N	X	Y	Y	36 70	36 70
6 14	5	N Y	N Y	N Y	N Y	N Y	N Y	Y N	Y	Y	N Y	N Y	Y	Y	Y	N Y	N Y	Y	N Y	Y	N Y	Y	N Y	Y	Y	N Y	20	5
33	1	*	N	N	N	N	N	*	*	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	68	
37B	1	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	72	
34B	13	N	N	N	Y*	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	66	79
33	13	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	N*	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	70	
45	1	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	32	
7	17	Α	N	N	N	N	N	Α	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	66	
43	23	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ν	N	N	24	
1C	1	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	60	
30A	9	N	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	68	68
6	1	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	84	
8	1	N	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	Y *	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	58	58
15	5	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	28	9
9A	13	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	84	
20	1	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	24	
19	1	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	20	20
29A	1	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	Y	N	Υ	Υ	N	64	
11	21	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	24	7
41	27	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	24	
29C		N	N	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	Α	Υ	Y	67	
38A		N	N	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	76	
2A	5	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	84	88
28	1	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	
21	9	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	28	6
13	21	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	24	4
17	1	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	
27A	-	Υ	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Y	Υ	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	N	N	N	15	2
35B	1	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	80	80
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29B	1	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N*	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	66	66
39	9	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ν	Υ	N	24	6
40	9	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ν	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ν	Х	N	20	3
39	5	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Z	Υ	24	6
5	1	*	N	N	Υ	N	Ν	*	*	Ν	Ν	N	Υ	N	Υ	N*	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	*	Υ	N	58	69
41	33	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	24	4
33	1	N	N	N	Y*	N	Ν	Υ	Υ	Ν	Ν	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	N	Ν	N	N	Υ	Z	Υ	70	70
37A	1	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ν	Υ	Υ	28	28
5	1	N	N	N	Υ	N	Ν	Υ	Υ	Ν	Ν	Υ	Υ	Ν	Υ	N*	N	Υ	N	N	Ν	N	N	N	Z	N	70	70
31B	1	N	N	N	Υ	N	Ν	Υ	Υ	Ν	Ν	Α	Υ	NV	Y	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	Ν	N	N	N	Z	N	61	61
20	1	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	24
32	18	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ν	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ζ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	NV	N	N	Υ	Ν	Y	N	30	20
11	9	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Z	Υ	28	8
44B	1	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	24
7	5	N	N	N	Υ	N	Ν	Υ	Υ	Ν	Ν	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	N	Ν	N	N	N	Υ	Υ	72	83
47A	1	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ν	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	24
13	21	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	1
26	9	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	5
23A	5	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	10
23B	41	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Х	Χ	Х	24	2
24	13	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	7
4	1	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	Y	Υ	N	Ν	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	Α	N	67	67
18	9	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	7
26	9	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	N*	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NV	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	8	3
22	3	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y*	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	18	7
43	5	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	5
42B	1	N	N	N	Υ	N	Y	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	N	56	56
2B	1	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	68	68
28	5	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ν	Υ	Υ	NV	Υ	Υ	Υ	NV	NV	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	14	10
2A	1	*	N	N	N	N	N	*	*	N	Υ	N	NV	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	*	*	*	58	76
3A	1	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ :	N	24	24
44B	1	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	N	Z	N	24	24
14	5	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Ν	N	24	7

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9	1*	N	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	Y	N	N	Y	Υ	N	N	N	Y	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	80	78
24	5*	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	28	5
42	13	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	52	27
34	1	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	72	72
43	19	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NV	Υ	22	5
25	21	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	9
32	17	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	40	29
37	1*	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	56	69
1	9	Υ	Υ	Α	Υ	Α	Υ	Y	N	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	N	Ν	Y	Α	N	Υ	N	Y	N	N	Υ	N	N	57	57
15	2*	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	24	6
46	5	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	9
41	13	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ν	24	7
13	1*	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	4
36	2*	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	76	82
4	1*	N	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	80	86
7	5*	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	72	75
17	9	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	36	36
12	25	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NV	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	22	12
10	21	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NV	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NV	NV	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Х	N	N	18	12
39	8*	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	9
8	13	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Ν	N	32	21
16	1*	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Ν	24	6
18	9	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	7

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38	5*	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	40	23
45	21	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	10
28	21	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	24	15
27	41	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Χ	Χ	Χ	24	8
14	5*	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	4
26	9	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	20	14
44	1*	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	3
35	1*	N	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	Α	N	Υ	N	N	N	Χ	Υ	75	84
23	9	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	28	12
22	17	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NV	Υ	18	5
40	9	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Χ	N	Υ	28	7
47	5	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	24	9
20	9	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Α	Υ	Υ	Α	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	14	5
5	1*	N	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	92	89
33	6	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	76	83
21	9	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	28	6
6	1	N	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	N	Ν	N	80	80
2	1*	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	76	65
31	9	N	N	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	64	73
29	1	N	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	N	Z	Υ	68	68
3	5	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	28	11
11	9	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Ν	28	15

Committees and votes:



B&T – (1) SB73. (2) SB447, (3) SB594 EHE – (1) SB257, (2) SB699, (3) SB919



FIN – (1) SB279, (2) SB373, (3) HB1094 JUD – (1) SB184, (2) SB847, (3) HB476

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