



Kansas Natural Resource Council

How to use the Scorecard.

The total correct votes for each legislator are in the far left column. A higher score indicates a better environmental voting record. Individual votes are shown in the columns further to the right, with green indicating the correct vote and red the incorrect vote.

An explanation of what each vote was about is in the note at the bottom of the document.

The fall election status of each legislator is in the 3rd column to the right of the legislator's name. What each letter in that column stands for is in the other note at the bottom of the document.

Every effort was made to ensure accuracy of this document. If any errors are found herein, they will be corrected if reported to the Kansas Natural Resource Council.

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2008/09/16 update - corrected vote explanations at bottom of each tally sheet.

2008/09/20 update - corrected election status of Sens. Gilstrap and Steineger.

Green Votes 10	DATE				2/5/2007	3/15/2007	2/27/2008	3/27/2008	3/28/2008	2/19/2008	3/5/2008	4/4/2008	5/1/2008	5/7/2008
	DESCRIPTION				Nuclear Incntv	Mercury Monitor	Net Metering	Weatherization	Nuclear CWIP	Holcomb 1	Holcomb 1	Holcomb 2	Holcomb2 Ovrd	Holcomb 3
	BILL				HB2038	HB2526	amnd HB2632	SB580	SB586	Hsub SB327 FA	CCR Hsub SB327	Hsub SB148	Hsub SB148	H adpt CCR Ssub HB 2412
	VOTE TOTALS				50 13 0	54 8 1	25 34 4	57 4 2	51 11 1	37 24 2	37 25 1	41 22 0	40 23 0	38 24 1
	REPRESENTATIVE				YES NO A-NV	YES NO A-NV	YES NO A-NV	YES NO A-NV	YES NO A-NV	YES NO A-NV	YES NO A-NV	YES NO A-NV	YES NO A-NV	YES NO A-NV
1	Vickrey, Jene	6	R a	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
9	Ward, Jim	88	D a	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
2	Watkins, Jason	105	R a	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
4	Wetta, Vincent	80	D a	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
2	Whitham, Jeff	123	R a	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
2	Wilk, Kenny	42	R b	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
2	Williams, Jerry	8	D a	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
9	Winn, Valdenia	34	D a	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
2	Wolf, Bill (William)	112	R a	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
7	Wolf, Kay	21	R a	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
7	Worley, Ron	30	R a	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
2	Yoder, Kevin	20	R a	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	

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Explanation of House Bills

- 2/5/07 House Bill 2038, Nuclear Incntv, gives a ten-year property tax exemption for nuclear power plants to expand their facilities.
- 3/15/07 House Bill 2526, Mercury Monitor, provides for an atmospheric mercury deposition-monitoring network to be developed having no fewer than six sites throughout Kansas.
- 2/27/08 Amendment to House Bill 2632, Net Metering, by Rep. Holland concerning net metering, said that electricity suppliers were to develop contracts where customers could generate wind or solar energy. Electricity generated by the customer and provided by the utility would go through a single meter. If there were a net amount over what was supplied, the utility would pay the customer 150% of avoided costs. Rep. Holland also wrote HB 2881 that was similar to this amendment.
- 3/27/08 Senate Bill 580, Weatherization, when proposed would have taken \$2 million from the state general fund and put it into a Weatherization Assistance Program for low- and moderate- income homeowners. It was amended to set up the Weatherization Assistance Program but to fund it from a percent of federal low-income energy assistance block grant.
- 3/28/08 Senate Bill 586, Nuclear CWIP (Construction Work In Progress), allows utilities to include the cost of constructing nuclear power plants in the rate base of customers before construction is completed. The risk of construction is thus transferred from stockholders to ratepayers. Furthermore, the final bill requires KCC to authorize rate increases to allow utilities to recover expenditures for development costs for new nuclear power plants.
- 2/19/08 House Substitute for Senate Bill 327 Final Action vote, Holcomb 1, 327 limits the authority of KDHE to regulate and allows Sunflower to re-submit a permit application for the Holcomb coal fired power plant. Additional items are included in the bill to make it look "greener."
- 3/5/08 House Substitute for Senate Bill 327 vote on Conference Committee Report vote.
- 4/4/08 House Substitute for Senate Bill 148, Holcomb 2, Final Action vote, 148 limits the authority of KDHE to regulate and allows Sunflower to re-submit a permit application for the Holcomb coal fired power plant. 148 also includes 327 plus additional items to make the bill look "greener."
- 5/1/08 House Substitute for Senate Bill 148 Veto override vote.
- 5/7/08 Senate Substitute for House Bill 2412 vote on Conference Committee Report, (only vote by House), Holcomb 3, limits the authority of KDHE to regulate and allows Sunflower to re-submit a permit application for the Holcomb coal fired power plant. It includes aspects of 327 and 148 plus a number of economic development measures. It was titled, "The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008."

KANSAS ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD - SENATE

Green Votes - 9	DATE				3/22/2007			3/28/2007			2/28/2008			2/28/2008			3/6/2008			4/3/2008			4/4/2008			4/30/2008			5/6/2008		
	DESCRIPTION				Nuclear Incntv			Mercury Monitor			Weatherization			Nuclear CWIP			Holcomb 1 S Adpt CCR Hsub SB327			Holcomb 1Ovrd			Holcomb 2			Holcomb 2 Ovrd			Holcomb 3		
	BILL				HB2038			HB2526			SB580			SB586						Hsub SB327			Hsub SB148			Hsub S148			Ssub HB2412		
	VOTE TOTALS				19	1	0	19	1	0	20	0	0	13	7	0	16	4	0	16	4	0	16	4	0	16	4	0	11	6	3
SENATOR				DISTRICT	PARTY	STATUS	YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV	
2	Allen, Barbara	8	R	b	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
2	Apple, Pat	12	R	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1		1		
2	Barnett, Jim	17	R	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
3	Barone, Jim	13	D	b	1				1			1		1			1			1			1			1					
7	Betts, Donald	29	D	e	1				1			1			1		1			1			1			1		1			
2	Brownlee, Karin	23	R	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
2	Bruce, Terry	34	R	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1		1		
3	Brungardt, Pete	24	R	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
2	Donovan, Leslie (Les)	27	R	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
2	Emler, Jay	35	R	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1		1		
9	Francisco, Marci	2	D	a		1			1			1		1			1			1			1			1		1			
3	Gilstrap, Mark	5	D	b	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
3	Goodwin, Greta	32	D	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
3	Haley, David	4	D	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
8	Hensley, Anthony	19	D	a	1				1			1		1			1			1			1			1		1			
1	Huelskamp, Tim	38	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1		1			
2	Jordan, Nick	10	R	d	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
2	Journey, Phillip	26	R	g	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
8	Kelly, Laura	18	D	a	1				1			1		1			1			1			1			1		1			
3	Lee, Janis	36	D	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
2	Lynn, Julia	9	R	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
2	McGinn, Carolyn	31	R	a	1				1			1			1		1			1			1			1		1			
1	Morris, Stephen	39	R	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
1	Ostmeyer, Ralph	40	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1		1			
2	Palmer, Peggy	16	R	b	1				1			1			1			1		1			1			1		1			
2	Petersen, Mike	28	R	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
2	Pine, Roger	3	R	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
1	Pyle, Dennis	1	R	a	1				1		1			1			1			1			1			1		1			
3	Reitz, Roger	22	R	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1		1		
2	Schmidt, Derek	15	R	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
2	Schmidt, Vicki	20	R	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
7	Schodorf, Jean	25	R	a	1				1			1			1		1			1			1			1		1			
7	Steineger, Chris	6	D	a	1				1			1		1			1			1			1			1		1			
2	Taddiken, Mark	21	R	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1		1		
2	Teichman, Ruth	33	R	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
2	Umbarger, Dwayne	14	R	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
3	Vratil, John	11	R	a	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1		1		
2	Wagle, Susan	30	R	a	1				1			1			1		1			1			1			1		1			
2	Wilson, Dennis	37	R	b	1				1			1			1			1			1			1			1				
7	Wysong, David	7	R	a	1				1			1			1		1			1			1			1		1			

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