

Our scorecard follows seven key public interest votes considered in the Massachusetts Legislature during the 2009-2010 legislative session. The Senate recorded votes on seven of these bills, the House of Representatives voted on six.

VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

**1. S. 2022- Auto Insurance Appeals Board, No. 21, (3/25/09)
 H. 2022- Auto Insurance Appeals Board, No. 48, (4/2/09)**

The passage of the bill preserved the auto insurance appeals board. The appeals board allows drivers to appeal the "at-fault" determinations that can often result in significant increases in auto insurance premiums. The bill passed after the state's insurance commissioner announced plans to eliminate the board.

**2. S. 2087- Transportation Reform, No. 83 (6/18/09)
 House voted on S. 2087- Transportation Reform, No. 151 (6/18/09)**

The passage of this bill mandated an overhaul of the Commonwealth's transportation agency, consolidating all of the former transportation authorities into a single, integrated agency. MassDOT encompasses the former Executive Office of Transportation and Public Works and its divisions within the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, the Massachusetts Highway Department, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, and the Tobin Bridge Authority. MassDOT will also provide oversight for the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) and the Commonwealth's 15 Regional Transit Authorities.

In addition to consolidation measures, the reform law ended the practice of allowing new MBTA employees to retire after 23 years, and shifted employees and retirees to the state health insurance program.

3. S. 2324- Economic Development, Transparency and Fiscal Accountability, Amend# 69, No. 213, (4/8/10)

If passed, this amendment would have allowed the public to see details about all of the state's economic development investments by requiring the DOR to report on tax reductions, tax credits and subsidies, direct grants and more. All investments would have included economic development benchmarks by which the investments could have been measured and compared. If any investment did not meet these benchmarks, the recipient would have been required to return it.

**4. H.4600- State Budget Transparency Website, Amend# 735, No. 376 (4/28/10)
 S.4, State Budget Transparency Website, Amend#142, No. 260 (5/26/10)**

The new rules create a state budget website, which will make much of state spending and revenue sources, for all state agencies including quasi publics, available for public scrutiny. The website will allow the public, including local officials, businesses, lawmakers, citizens, and others, to see where the state is spending money.

**5. H.4600- Tax Credit Transparency, Amend#734, No. 377 (4/28/10)
 S.4, Tax Credit Transparency, Amend#58, No. 254 (5/26/10)**

This reform will provide greater transparency of certain tax credits granted to businesses in the Commonwealth. The law requires enhanced reporting and disclosure about which businesses are receiving certain tax subsidies and how much those businesses are receiving. The information will be available on the state budget and spending website.

**6. S. 4, Weaken or eliminate Rx drug gift ban law, Amend#291, No. 270 (5/27/10)
 House voted on S.2380, Amend#13, No. 427 (7/7/10)**

In 2008, as part of the effort to lower the cost of prescription drugs, the Legislature passed the Rx Drug Gift Ban, prohibiting drug and medical device companies from giving gifts to physicians and others who prescribe medicine. The law also promotes transparency by requiring the disclosure of any allowed payments from industry to prescribers.

The Senate voted down an amendment that would have eliminated restaurant meals from the list of prohibited gifts.

The House passed an amendment to repeal the whole law. The repeal language did not pass the conference committee and was therefore not included in the final bill when it passed.

**7. H.4156- National Popular Vote (7/20/10), No. 442
 S.4156- National Popular Vote (7/15/10), No. 341**

The passage of this bill puts Massachusetts in an interstate compact that commits each participating state's electors to voting for the presidential candidate who wins the national popular vote. The compact takes effect when the total of participating states' electors constitutes a majority in the Electoral College.

STATE SENATE

Senator	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
Steven A. Baddour	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	5/7
Frederick E. Berry	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	6/7
Stephen M. Brewer	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	6/7
Scott Brown	+	+	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2/2
Stephen J. Buoniconti	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	5/7
Gale D. Candaras	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	5/7
Harriette L. Chandler	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	6/7
Sonia Chang-Diaz	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	7/7
Cynthia S. Creem	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	5/7
Sal N. DiDomenico	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	4/4
Kenneth Donnelly	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
Benjamin B. Downing**	+	+	-				+	
James Eldridge	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	7/7
Susan C. Fargo	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	7/7
Jennifer Flanagan	+	+	-	+	+	-	X	4/7
Anthony D. Galluccio	+	-	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1/2
Jack A. Hart, Jr.	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	4/7
Robert L. Hedlund	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	5/7
Patricia D. Jehlen	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	7/7
Brian A. Joyce	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	5/7
Thomas Kennedy	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	5/7
Michael R. Knapik	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	4/7
Thomas M. McGee	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	5/7
Joan M. Menard	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	6/7
Mark C. Montigny	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
Michael O. Moore	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	5/7
Richard T. Moore	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	5/7
Michael W. Morrissey	+	-	X	+	+	-	+	4/7
Therese Murray*				+				
Robert O'Leary	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	7/7
Marc R. Pacheco	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	4/7
Steven C. Panagiotakos	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	6/7
Anthony Petrucci	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	5/7
Stanley C. Rosenberg	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
Richard J. Ross	NA	NA	NA	+	+	-	-	2/4
Karen E. Spilka	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	5/7
Bruce E. Tarr	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	4/7
James E. Timilty	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	4/7
Richard R. Tisei	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	4/7
Steven A. Tolman	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	5/7
Susan C. Tucker	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	6/7
Marian Walsh	+	-	+	+	+	P	-	4/7

KEY

+ = Vote in the public interest
 - = Vote against the public interest
 X = Absent (counts against)
 NA = Not in office at time of vote
 P = Present

* The Senate President traditionally only votes in a tie

** Sen. Downing was hospitalized during votes 4, 5 and 6. However, it should be noted that he was sponsor of No. 5, Tax Credit Transparency.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Representative	1	2	4	5	6	7	Score
Kevin Aguiar	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Geraldo Alicea	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Willie Mae Allen	+	-	+	+	-	+	4/6
James Arciero	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Brian Ashe	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Cory Atkins	+	+	+	+	X	+	5/6
Demetrius Atsalis	+	+	+	-	-	+	4/6
Bruce Ayers	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Ruth Balsler	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
Fred Barrows	+	+	+	-	-	-	3/6
Carlo Basile	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Jennifer Benson	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
John Binienda	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Daniel Bosley	+	+	+	-	-	+	4/6
Bill Bowles	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
Garrett Bradley	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Michael Brady	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
William Brownsberger	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/6
Antonio Cabral	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Jennifer Callahan	+	-	+	+	+	+	5/6
Thomas Calter	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Linda Dean Campbell	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/6
Christine Canavan	+	P	+	+	+	+	5/6
Stephen Canessa	+	+	+	+	-	-	4/6
James Cantwell	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Katherine Clark	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
Cheryl Coakley-Rivera	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Thomas Conroy	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Michael Costello	+	+	+	+	-	X	4/6
Geraldine Creedon	+	-	X	X	+	-	2/6
Sean Curran	+	+	+	+	-	X	4/6
Steven D'Amico	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
Robert DeLeo	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Viriato deMacedo	+	+	+	-	-	-	3/6
Brian Dempsey	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Marcos Devers	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	1/1
Stephen DiNatale	+	+	+	+	-	-	4/6
Paul Donato	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Christopher Donelan	+	+	+	+	X	+	5/6
Joseph Driscoll	+	-	+	+	-	-	3/6
James Dwyer	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Carolyn Dykema	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
Lori Ehrlich	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Lewis Evangelidis	+	+	+	-	-	-	3/6
James Fagan	+	-	+	-	-	-	2/6
Christopher Fallon	+	-	+	+	+	+	5/6
Mark Falzone	+	-	+	+	+	+	5/6
Robert Fennell	+	-	+	+	+	+	5/6
John Fernandes	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/6
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Barry Finegold	+	+	+	-	-	+	4/6
David Flynn	+	+	+	+	-	-	4/6
Linda Forry	+	+	+	+	-	X	4/6

Representative	1	2	4	5	6	7	Score
Paul Frost	+	+	+	-	-	-	3/6
Gloria Fox	+	+	+	+	X	X	4/6
John Fresolo	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
William Galvin	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Sean Garballey	+	-	+	+	+	+	5/6
Colleen Garry	+	+	+	+	-	-	4/6
Susan Gifford	+	+	+	-	-	-	3/6
Anne Gobi	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Thomas Golden, Jr.	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Mary Grant	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
William Greene, Jr.	+	+	+	-	-	-	3/6
Danielle Gregoire	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Denis Guyer	+	+	+	+	X	+	5/6
Patricia Haddad	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Robert Hargraves	+	+	+	-	-	-	3/6
Lida Harkins	+	-	+	+	-	-	3/6
Jonathan Hecht	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
Bradford Hill	+	+	+	-	-	-	3/6
Kate Hogan	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Kevin Honan	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Donald Humason, Jr.	+	+	+	-	-	-	3/6
Bradley Jones, Jr.	+	+	+	-	-	-	3/6
Michael Kane	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Jay Kaufman	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
John Keenan	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Kay Khan	+	+	+	+	X	+	5/6
Peter Kocot	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
Robert Koczera	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/6
Peter Koutoujian	X	+	+	+	-	+	4/6
Paul Kujawski	+	+	+	-	-	+	4/6
Stephen Kulik	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
Jason Lewis	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
David Linsky	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Barbara L'Italien	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
Tim Madden	+	+	+	+	P	+	5/6
Elizabeth Mallia	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
Ronald Mariano	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Allen McCarthy	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Paul McMurtry	+	+	+	-	-	+	4/6
James Miceli	+	-	+	+	+	-	4/6
Aaron Michlewitz	NA	NA	+	+	-	+	3/4
Michael Moran	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Charles Murphy	+	+	+	+	-	X	4/6
James Murphy	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Kevin Murphy	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
David Nangle	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Harold Naughton, Jr.	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
James O'Day	+	-	+	+	-	+	4/6
Eugene O'Flaherty	+	+	+	+	-	-	4/6
Matthew Patrick	+	-	+	+	+	+	5/6
Sarah Peake	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Vincent Pedone	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Alice Peisch	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6

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Jeffrey Perry	+	+	+	-	-	-	3/6
George Peterson, Jr.	+	+	+	-	-	-	3/6
Thomas Petrolati	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
William Pignatelli	+	-	+	-	+	+	4/6
Elizabeth Poirier	+	+	+	-	-	-	3/6
Karyn Polito	+	-	+	-	-	-	2/6
Denise Provost	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
Angelo Puppolo	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
John Quinn	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Robert Rice	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Pam Richardson	+	X	+	+	+	+	5/6
Michael Rodrigues	+	+	+	-	-	+	4/6
John Rogers	+	-	+	-	-	X	2/6
Dennis Rosa	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Richard Ross	+	+	+	-	NA	NA	3/5
Michael Rush	+	-	+	+	-	-	3/6
Byron Rushing	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Jeffrey Sánchez	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Rosemary Sandlin	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Tom Sannicandro	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Angelo Scaccia	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
John Scibak	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Carl Sciortino	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
Stephen Smith	+	-	+	+	-	+	4/6
Frank Smizik	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
Todd Smola	+	+	+	-	-	-	3/6
Theodore Spiliotis	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Robert Spellane	+	+	+	+	X	X	4/6
Christopher Speranzo	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
Joyce Spiliotis	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Harriett Stanley	+	+	X	X	+	+	4/6
Thomas Stanley	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6
Marie St. Fleur	+	-	+	+	NA	NA	3/4
Ellen Story	+	X	+	+	+	+	5/6
William Straus	+	+	+	+	-	-	4/6
David Sullivan	+	-	+	+	+	+	5/6
Benjamin Swan	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Walter Timity	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Stephen Tobin	+	+	+	+	-	-	4/6
Timothy Toomey, Jr.	+	-	+	+	+	+	5/6
David Torrisi	+	+	+	-	-	-	3/6
Cleon Turner	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
James Vallee	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Joseph Wagner	+	+	+	+	X	+	5/6
Brian Wallace	+	-	+	+	-	+	4/6
Martin Walsh	+	-	+	+	-	+	4/6
Steven Walsh	+	-	+	+	-	+	4/6
Martha Walz	+	+	+	+	-	+	5/6
Daniel Webster	+	-	+	-	-	-	2/6
James Welch	+	X	+	+	-	+	4/6
Alice Wolf	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6