

Our scorecard rates legislators from the 2011-2012 session on a selection of MASSPIRG priority issues: the price of health care, consumer protection, recycling, transportation and democracy.

Members of the House are scored out of seven points, and members of the Senate out of six. Since the Legislature only votes on a fraction of the bills filed, and even then their votes aren't always recorded, we used three criteria: roll call votes when available (legislator's position identified), voice votes where bills pass or fail with no record of how an individual legislator voted (therefore every legislator's score rises or falls with the final vote), and a public letter and survey listing lawmakers' positions.

VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

VOTE 1: Price Stickers Repeal

This bill, H4089, allowed supermarkets and other retailers to eliminate price stickers if they install aisle scanners, reducing information available to consumers. The bill passed. MASSPIRG urged a NO vote. H. Voice vote, (5/17/12); S. Voice vote, (6/25/12).

VOTE 2: Transportation Funding

This bill, H4174, provided \$51 million to mitigate service cuts and fare hikes on the MBTA. The bill passed into law. H. Roll Call #294, (6/27/12); S. Roll Call #235, (6/27/12).

VOTES 3 and 4: Updated Bottle Bill

This bill, H890/S1650, added bottled water, sports drinks and other beverages to the current bottle deposit system, promoting recycling instead of litter or trash. The bill passed the Senate but was not voted on in the House.

Column #3, H. and S. Public Score Card—released June 26, 2012, prompting members to declare their position. Column #4: S. Voice vote, Amendment to S2350, (7/19/12); H. Public Letter to Speaker DeLeo urging a vote on the Bottle Bill (7/30/12).

VOTE 5: Citizen's United Resolution

This resolution urged Congress to pass and send to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment to restore the First Amendment and fair elections to the people. The resolution was adopted. H. Voice Vote, (7/31/12); S. Roll Call #273, (7/26/12).

VOTE 6: Health Care Cost Containment

This bill, S2400, included new health care reforms estimated to save \$200 billion in projected health care expenses over the next 15 years. The reforms promote investment in public health and administrative efficiency and encourage insurers and health care providers to adopt alternative payment and care delivery models focused on patient health rather than the quantity of services and tests performed. This bill passed. H. Roll Call #357, (7/31/12); S. Roll Call #295, (7/31/12).

VOTE 7: Repeal of Prescription Drug Gift Ban

This amendment (#230 to H3400) repealed the prohibition of gifts from drug companies to physicians adopted in 2008 to lower the cost of health care. The amendment passed. MASSPIRG urged a NO vote. H. Roll Call #43, (4/26/2011).

STATE SENATE

Senator	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
Frederick E. Berry	-	X		+	+	+	3/6
Stephen M. Brewer	-	+		+	+	+	4/6
William Brownsberger	-	+	+	+	-	+	4/6
Gale Candaras	-	-		+	+	+	3/6
Harriette L. Chandler	-	+		+	+	+	4/6
Sonia Chang-Diaz	-	+	+	+	+	+	5/6
Katherine Clark	-	+	+	+	+	+	5/6
Cynthia Stone Creem	-	+	+	+	+	+	5/6
Sal N. DiDomenico	-	+	+	+	+	+	5/6
Kenneth J. Donnelly	-	+	+	+	+	+	5/6
Eileen Donoghue	-	+		+	+	+	4/6
Benjamin Downing	-	+	+	+	+	+	5/6
James B. Eldridge	-	+	+	+	+	+	5/6
Susan C. Fargo	-	+	+	+	+	+	5/6
Barry R. Finegold	-	-		+	X	X	1/6
Jennifer L. Flanagan	-	+		+	+	+	4/6
John A. Hart, Jr.	-	+		+	+	+	4/6
Robert L. Hedlund	-	+	+	+	+	+	5/6
Patricia D. Jehlen	-	+	+	+	+	+	5/6
Brian A. Joyce	-	+	+	+	+	+	5/6
John F. Keenan	-	+	+	+	+	+	5/6
Thomas P. Kennedy	-	+	+	+	+	+	5/6
Michael R. Knapik	-	-	-	+	+	+	3/6
Thomas McGee	-	+		+	+	+	4/6
Mark C. Montigny	-	+		+	+	+	4/6
Michael O. Moore	-	-		+	+	+	3/6
Richard T. Moore	-	-		+	+	+	3/6
Therese Murray***							n/a
Marc R. Pacheco	-	+	+	+	+	+	5/6
Anthony Petrucci	-	+	+	+	+	+	5/6
Michael Rodrigues	-	X		+	+	+	3/6
Stanley C. Rosenberg	-	+	+	+	+	+	5/6
Richard J. Ross	-	-	+	+	+	+	4/6
Michael Rush	-	+	+	+	X	+	4/6
Karen Spilka	-	+	+	+	+	+	5/6
Bruce E. Tarr	-	-		+	+	+	3/6
James E. Timilty	-	-	+	+	+	+	4/6
James Welch	-	-	+	+	+	+	4/6
Daniel Wolf	-	+	+	+	+	+	5/6

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
Blank = Did not sign or provide position

* Elected midterm, **Absence due to active military duty, *** The Senate President traditionally only votes to break a tie.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Representative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
Paul Adams	-	-			+	-	-	1/7
Kevin Aguiar	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Denise Andrews	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
James Arciero	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Brian Ashe	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Cory Atkins	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
Demetrius J. Atsalis	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Bruce J. Ayers	-	+		+	+	+	-	4/7
Ruth B. Balser	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
Frederick J. Barrows	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Carlo Basile	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Richard Bastien	-	-	-		+	-	-	1/7
Matthew Beaton	-	-			+	-	-	1/7
Jennifer Benson	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
John J. Binienda	-	+			+	x	-	2/7
Nicholas Boldyga	-	-			+	-	-	1/7
Garrett J. Bradley	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Michael Brady	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Paul Brodeur	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Antonio F. D. Cabral	-	+		+	+	+	x	4/7
Thomas Calter	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Linda Campbell	-	+			+	+	x	3/7
Christine E. Canavan	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
James Cantwell	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
Gailanne Cariddi	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
Tackey Chan	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
Nick Collins	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Thomas Conroy	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
Edward Coppinger	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Michael Costello	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Geraldine Creedon	-	+	+		+	+	+	5/7
Sean Curran	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Mark Cusack	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Robert A. DeLeo	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Viriato M. deMacedo	-	-			+	+	-	2/7
Angelo D'Emilia	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Brian S. Dempsey	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Marcos Devers	-	+		+	+	+	-	4/7
Geoff Diehl	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Stephen DiNatale	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Paul J. Donato	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Peter Durant*	-	-	-		+	-	NA	1/6
James Dwyer	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Carolyn Dykema	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
Lori Ehrlich	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
Christopher G. Fallon	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
Tricia Farley-Bouvier *	-	+	+	+	+	+	NA	5/6
Ryan Fattman	-	-	-		+	-	-	1/7
Robert F. Fennell	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Kimberly Ferguson	-	-			+	-	-	1/7
John Fernandes	-	+	+		+	+	+	5/7

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Ann-Margaret Ferrante	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Michael Finn	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Linda Dorcena Forry	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
Gloria L. Fox	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
John P. Fresolo	-	+	-		+	+	-	3/7
Paul K. Frost	-	-			+	+	-	2/7
William C. Galvin	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Sean Garballey	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
Denise Garlick	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Colleen M. Garry	-	+	-		+	+	-	3/7
Susan Gifford	-	-			+	-	-	1/7
Anne Gobi	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Thomas A. Golden	-	+			+	+	x	3/7
Patricia A. Haddad	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Sheila Harrington	-	-			+	-	-	1/7
Jonathan Hecht	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
Carlos Henriquez	-	x	+	+	+	+	-	4/7
Bradford Hill	-	-			+	-	-	1/7
Kate Hogan	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Russell Holmes	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Kevin G. Honan	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Steven Howitt	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	-	-			+	-	-	1/7
Randy Hunt	-	-			+	+	-	2/7
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	-	-			+	+	-	2/7
Louis L. Kafka	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Jay R. Kaufman	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
John Keenan	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Kay Khan	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
Peter V. Kocot	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
Robert M. Koczera	-	+	+		+	+	+	5/7
Stephen Kulik	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
Kevin Kuros	-	-			+	-	-	1/7
John Lawn*	-	+	+	+	+	+	NA	5/6
Steven Levy	-	-			+	-	-	1/7
Jason M. Lewis	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
David P. Linsky	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
Marc Lombardo	-	-			+	-	-	1/7
James Lyons	-	-			+	-	-	1/7
Timothy Madden	-	+	+	+	+	+	P	5/7
John Mahoney	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Elizabeth A. Malia	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
Ronald Mariano	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Paul Mark	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
Christopher Markey	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Paul McMurtry	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
James R. Miceli	-	+			+	-	-	2/7
Aaron Michlewitz	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
Michael Moran	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Charles A. Murphy	-	x			+	P	-	1/7
James Murphy	-	+		+	+	+	-	4/7
Kevin J. Murphy	-	+			+	+	-	3/7

Representative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
David M. Nangle	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Harold P. Naughton**	-	x			+	+	-	2/7
Rhonda Nyman	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
Shauna O'Connell	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
James J. O'Day	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Eugene L. O'Flaherty	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Keiko Orrall*	-	-			+	-	NA	1/6
Jerald Parisella**	-	+	+		+	+	x	4/7
Sarah Peake	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
Alice Peisch	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
George N. Peterson, Jr.	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Thomas M. Petrolati	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
William Pignatelli	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Elizabeth A. Poirier	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Denise Provost	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
Angelo Puppulo	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
John Rogers	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Dennis A. Rosa	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
George Ross	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Byron Rushing	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Jeffrey Sanchez	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Tom Sannicandro	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
Angelo M. Scaccia	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Paul Schmid	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
John Scibak	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
Carl M. Sciortino	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
Stephen Smith	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Frank Smizik	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
Todd M. Smola	-	-			+	-	-	1/7
Theodore C. Speliotis	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
Joyce Spiliotis	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Harriett L. Stanley	-	+	+		+	x	x	3/7
Thomas M. Stanley	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
Ellen Story	-	+	+		+	+	-	4/7
William M. Straus	-	+	+		+	+	x	4/7
David B. Sullivan	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Benjamin Swan	-	+	+	+	+	+	x	5/7
Walter F. Timilty	-	x	+		+	+	-	3/7
Timothy J. Toomey	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
David M. Torrissi	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Cleon Turner	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
David Vieira	-	-			+	+	-	2/7
Joseph F. Wagner	-	+			+	+	-	3/7
Chris Walsh	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
Martin J. Walsh	-	+		+	+	+	-	4/7
Steven Myles Walsh	-	x			+	+	-	2/7
Martha Walz	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	5/7
Daniel Webster	-	-	+		+	-	x	2/7
Daniel Winslow	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	3/7
Alice K. Wolf	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/7
Donald Wong	-	+			+	+	-	3/7

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