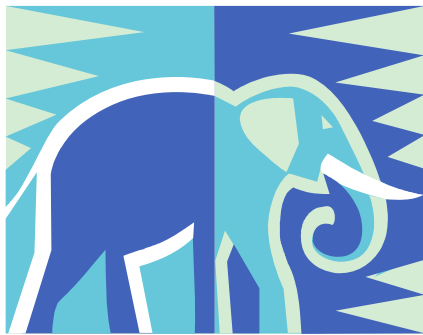




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MCA 2007 LEGISLATIVE SCORE CARD

The 60th Regular Session of the Montana Legislature which convened January 3, 2007, and adjourned after 90 legislative days on April 27, 2007, has been variously described as “bizarre”, “excruciating”, and “an endurance test”.

The close party representation in each house and the holding of the majority in the House of Representatives by the Republicans and the holding of the majority in the Senate by the Democrats set the stage for bills passing one house only to fail in the other or be amended to the dissatisfaction of the original house.

Make up of the House was 50 Republicans, 1 Constitution Party, 49 Democrats

Make up of the Senate was 26 Democrats, 24 Republicans.

Governor Brian Schweitzer (D) had over a \$1 billion budget surplus to work with when crafting his budget for the next biennium. Legislators battled over the details of the budget, some said worse than when the state faced budget shortfalls. Republicans advocated for property tax relief in light of the surplus, but Democrats said that tax relief without revenue enhancements provided in Dept. of Revenue tax compliance bills would not be sustainable.

Bills selected for the Legislative Score Card represented environmental permitting, tax compliance, workers comp, employee relations, and infrastructure funding.

MCA went on the offensive having drafted and introduced **SB 398** which stated that counties, prior to zoning, shall prepare a report projecting the county's 20-year need for sand, gravel, concrete and asphalt resources and identifying location of known, recoverable sand and gravel resources. MCA said that counties should look at their gravel resources needs before zoning out access to those resources.

Also to address **gravel resources access and zoning**, MCA brought forward **HB 557** which required that an area be taxed as residential as well as zoned residential for local government to be allowed to prohibit or condition sand and gravel or asphalt operations. County practices have arisen of zoning areas as residential that have no characteristics of residential areas for the sole purpose of stopping gravel operations. Those same properties have remained taxed, usually, as agriculture.

The contentiousness of gravel operations sitting particularly in certain areas of the state was evidenced by the number of opponents to the gravel bills and the media coverage.

MCA brought forward **HB 565** to allow inclusion of **comparative negligence** for a judge's or jury's consideration in court cases brought based on the Workplace Safety Act.

MCA corrected a situation in the taxed/untaxed fuels use provisions by bring HB 556 which allows contractors – through a temporary permit process with the Montana Dept. of Transportation -- to use dyed diesel on certain private construction projects.

All four MCA bills are included in the 2007 Legislative Score Card.

MCA wishes to thank all members that responded to legislative alerts with calls, emails and faxes to legislators. The involvement of members is critical. Legislators respond to their constituents. You are the backbone of the economies in their areas and the voters that elect them.

| HOUSE | Revise BER membership | BER rulemaking | Resource development | TSEP projects funding | Dyed diesel special permits | Gravel operations zoning | Comparative negligence | Opencut permitting | Revise MEPA challenges | Expedite permit review | Long-range building projects | Public contracts, illegal aliens | Attorney fees in work comp | | | MCA 2007 Score Card |
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| Ankney, Duane (R-Colstrip) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | 100% |
| Arntzen, Elsie (R-Billings) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | 2 of 2 | 100% |
| Augare, Shannon (D-Browning) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | 0 of 2 | 37% |
| Barrett, Debby (R-Dillon) | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | 92% |
| Beck, Bill (R-Whitefish) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | 100% |
| Becker, Arlene (D-Billings) | - | + | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | | | 38% |
| Bergren, Bob (D-Havre) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | - | | | 38% |
| Bixby, Norma (D-Lame Deer) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | + | | 0 of 1 | 45% |
| Blasdel, Mark (R-Somers) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | | 1 of 1 | 93% |
| Boggio, Scott (R-Red Lodge) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | | 2 of 2 | 100% |
| Branæ, Gary (D-Billings) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | + | | | 46% |
| Butcher, Ed (R-Winifred) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | 1 of 1 | 100% |
| Caferro, Mary (D-Helena) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | | | 31% |
| Callahan, Tim (D-Great Falls) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | | 38% |
| Campbell, Margaret (D-Poplar) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | + | + | + | + | + | - | | | 54% |
| Clark, Edith (R-Sweet Grass) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | E | | | 100% |
| Cohenour, Jill (D-East Helena) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | 0 of 1 | 38% |
| Cordier, Douglas (D-Columbia Falls) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | + | | 0 of 1 | 45% |
| Dickenson, Sue (D-Great Falls) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | +2 | | 44% |
| Driscoll, Robyn (D-Billings) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | | 0 of 1 | 23% |
| Dutton, Ernie (R-Billings) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | 2 of 2 | 100% |
| Ebinger, Bob (D-Livingston) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | -2 | 0 of 1 | 33% |
| Erickson, Ron (D-Missoula) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | 0 of 1 | 38% |
| Everett, George (R-Kalispell) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | - | + | | 1 of 1 | 85% |
| Franklin, Eve (D-Great Falls) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | | 38% |
| French, Julie (D-Scobey) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | 0 of 1 | 38% |
| Furey, Kevin (D-Missoula) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | 1 of 2 | 39% |
| Gallik, Dave (D-Helena) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | 0 of 1 | 38% |
| Glaser, Bill (R-Huntley) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +2 | | 100% |
| Grinde, Wanda (D-Billings) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | + | | 0 of 1 | 45% |

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| Groesbeck, George (D-Butte) | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | - | + | + | + | - | - | | | 62% |
| Hamilton, Robin (D-Missoula) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | + | + | - | | 0 of 1 | 45% |
| Hands, Betsy (D-Missoula) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | | | 31% |
| Hawk, Ray (R-Florence) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | | | 92% |
| Heinert, Ralph (R-Libby) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +2 | 2 of 2 | 100% |
| Hendrick, Gordon (R-Superior) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | | | 92% |
| Henry, Teresa (D-Missoula) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | | 38% |
| Hilbert, Ed (R-Glendive) | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | - | + | + | | 1 of 1 | 92% |
| Himmelberger, Dennis (R-Billings) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | | | 92% |
| Hiner, Cynthia (D-Deer Lodge) | - | + | - | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | + | + | - | | | 54% |
| Hollenbaugh, Galen (D-Helena) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | | | 31% |
| Ingraham, Pat (R-Thompson Falls) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | | | 92% |
| Jacobson, Hal (D-Helena) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | | 38% |
| Jayne, Joey (D-Arlee) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | | | 31% |
| Jones, Llew (R-Conrad) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | 2 of 2 | 100% |
| Jones, William (R-Bigfork) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | | | 92% |
| Jopek, Mike (D-Whitefish) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | +2 | 0 of 1 | 43% |
| Jore, Rick (C-Ronan) | A | A | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | | 1 of 1 | 82% |
| Kasten, Dave (R-Brockway) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | 100% |
| Keane, Jim (D-Butte) | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | - | + | + | + | - | - | +4 | 1 of 2 | 71% |
| Kerns, Krayton (R-Laurel) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | 1 of 1 | 100% |
| Klock, Harry (R-Harlowton) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | 2 of 2 | 100% |
| Koopman, Roger (R-Bozeman) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | | 1 of 1 | 93% |
| Kottel, Deborah (D-Great Falls) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | 0 of 1 | 38% |
| Lake, Bob (R-Hamilton) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | | 1 of 1 | 93% |
| Lambert, Carol (R-Broadus) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | 1 of 1 | 100% |
| Lange, Mike (R-Billings) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +2 | | 100% |
| MacLaren, Gary (R-Victor) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | 1 of 1 | 100% |
| Malcolm, Bruce (R-Emigrant) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | 100% |
| McAlpin, Dave (D-Missoula) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | | 0 of 1 | 30% |
| McChesney, Bill (D-Miles City) | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | - | + | + | + | + | + | +6 | | 92% |
| McGillvray, Tom (R-Billings) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | | 1 of 1 | 93% |
| McNutt, Walt (R-Sidney) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +4 | | 100% |
| Mendenhall, Scott (R-Clancy) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | +2 | 2 of 2 | 98% |
| Milburn, Mike (R-Cascade) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | 2 of 2 | 100% |
| Morgan, Penny (R-Billings) | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | 92% |
| Musgrove, John (D-Havre) | + | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | | | 38% |
| Noonan, Art (D-Butte) | - | + | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | | | 38% |
| Nooney, Bill (R-Missoula) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | 1 of 1 | 100% |

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| O'Hara, Jesse (R-Great Falls) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | 1 of 1 | 100% |
| Olson, Alan (R-Roundup) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | 100% |
| Parker, John (D-Great Falls) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | | 38% |
| Peterson, Ken (R-Billings) | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | | 1 of 1 | 85% |
| Phillips, Mike (D-Bozeman) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | | | 31% |
| Pomnichowski, JP (D-Bozeman) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | | 0 of 1 | 30% |
| Raser, Holly (D-Missoula) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | | 0 of 1 | 23% |
| Reinhart, Michele (D-Missoula) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | | 1 of 2 | 32% |
| Rice, Diane (R-Harrison) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | 1 of 1 | 100% |
| Ripley, Rick (R-Wolf Creek) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | 100% |
| Ross, Jack (R-Absarokee) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | E | + | + | + | + | + | | 1 of 1 | 100% |
| Sales, Scott (R-Bozeman) | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | | | 85% |
| Sands, Diane (D-Missoula) | - | + | - | + | + | - | - | A | - | + | + | + | - | | | 50% |
| Sesso, Jon (D-Butte) | - | + | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | | 46% |
| Sinrud, John (R-Bozeman) | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | 92% |
| Small-Eastman, Veronica (D-Lodge Grass) | + | + | - | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | + | + | + | | | 69% |
| Sonju, Jon (R-Kalispell) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | 1 of 1 | 100% |
| Stahl, Wayne (R-Saco) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | | 2 of 2 | 93% |
| Stoker, Ron (R-Darby) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | 1 of 1 | 100% |
| Taylor, Janna (R-Dayton) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | | | 92% |
| Thomas, Bill (D-Great Falls) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | + | + | - | | 2 of 2 | 49% |
| Van Dyk, Kendall (D-Billings) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | | 1 of 2 | 32% |
| Villa, Dan (D-Anaconda) | - | + | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | +2 | | 44% |
| Vincent, Chas (R-Libby) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | 1 of 1 | 100% |
| Ward, John (R-Helena) | E | E | E | + | + | E | E | + | E | E | + | + | + | +4 | 1 of 1 | 100% |
| Wells, Jack (R-Bozeman) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | 100% |
| Wilmer, Franke (D-Bozeman) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | | | 31% |
| Wilson, Bill (D-Great Falls) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | A | - | + | + | - | - | | | 33% |
| Windy Boy, Jonathan (D-Box Elder) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | +2 | 1 of 2 | 44% |
| Wiseman, Brady (D-Bozeman) | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | -2 | | 26% |
| Witte, Craig (R-Kalispell) | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | 92% |

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| Bill | SB 220 | SB 254 | SB 345 | SB 346 | SB 398 | SB 426 | SB 475 | HB 512 | HB 556 | HB 830 | HB 833 | | | | |
| Bales, Keith (R-Otter) | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | 82% |
| Balyeat, Joe (R-Bozeman) | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | 91% |
| Barkus, Gregory (R-Kalispell) | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | - | + | + | | | 73% |
| Black, Jerry (R-Shelby) | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | 82% |
| Brown, Roy (R-Billings) | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | - | + | + | | | 73% |
| Brueggeman, John (R-Polson) | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | 82% |
| Cobb, John (R-Augusta) | - | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | - | - | | | 64% |
| Cocchiarella, Vicki (D-Missoula) | - | - | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | - | - | +2 | | 61% |
| Cooney, Mike (D-Helena) | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | - | +2 | | 42% |
| Curtiss, Aubyn (R-Fortine) | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | | 6 of 6 | 85% |
| Elliott, Jim (D-Trout Creek) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | - | -2 | | 21% |
| Esp, John (R-Big Timber) | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | 91% |
| Essmann, Jeff (R-Billings) | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | +2 | | 88% |
| Gallus, Steve (D-Butte) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | - | | | 27% |
| Gebhardt, Kelly (R-Roundup) | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | + | + | +2 | 5 of 5 | 89% |
| Gillan, Kim (D-Billings) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | - | +2 | | 33% |
| Hansen, Kim (D-Harlem) | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | - | | | 45% |
| Harrington, Dan (D-Butte) | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | - | | 0 of 5 | 32% |
| Hawks, Bob (D-Bozeman) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | - | -2 | | 21% |
| Jackson, Verdell (R-Kalispell) | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | 82% |
| Jent, Larry (D-Bozeman) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | - | -2 | 0 of 1 | 21% |
| Juneau, Carol (D-Browning) | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | | 0 of 1 | 26% |
| Kaufmann, Christine (D-Helena) | - | - | - | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | - | - | -2 | 0 of 5 | 34% |
| Kitzenberg, Sam (D-Glasgow) | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | - | | | 45% |
| Laible, Rick (R-Darby) | + | + | - | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | 82% |
| Larson, Lane (D-Billings) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | - | -2 | | 21% |
| Laslovich, Jesse (D-Anaconda) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | - | | 0 of 1 | 26% |
| Lewis, Dave (R-Helena) | + | - | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | 73% |
| Lind, Greg (D-Missoula) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | - | | 0 of 5 | 24% |
| McGee, Dan (R-Laurel) | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | - | + | + | | 1 of 1 | 74% |

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| Moss, Lynda (D-Billings) | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | -2 | 0 of 1 | 29% |
| Murphy, Terry (R-Cardwell) | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | | | 82% |
| O'Neil, Jerry (R-Columbia Falls) | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | - | + | | 1 of 1 | 74% |
| Pease, Gerald (R-Lodge Grass) | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | 0 of 1 | 35% |
| Perry, Gary (R-Manhattan) | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | | 6 of 6 | 85% |
| Peterson, Jim (R-Buffalo) | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | | | 82% |
| Ryan, Don (D-Great Falls) | - | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | | | 55% |
| Schmidt, Trudi (D-Great Falls) | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | | 36% |
| Shockley, Jim (R-Victor) | + | + | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | + | + | | 1 of 1 | 65% |
| Smith, Frank (D-Poplar) | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | | 45% |
| Squires, Carolyn (D-Missoula) | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | | 36% |
| Stapleton, Corey (R-Billings) | + | + | + | - | A | - | + | + | + | + | + | | | 80% |
| Steinbeisser, Donald (R-Sidney) | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | | | 82% |
| Story, Robert (R-Park City) | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | | | 82% |
| Tash, Bill (R-Dillon) | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | | 5 of 5 | 84% |
| Tropila, Joe (D-Great Falls) | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | | 36% |
| Tropila, Mitch (D-Great Falls) | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | 0 of 5 | 32% |
| Wanzenried, Dave (D-Missoula) | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | -4 | 0 of 6 | 21% |
| Weinberg, Dan (D-Whitefish) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | | 27% |
| Williams, Carol (D-Missoula) | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | | 0 of 1 | 35% |

+ = vote for MCA position - = vote against MCA position
A = Absent (not counted in score) E = Excused (not counted in score)

Bills Used for MCA 2007 Legislative Score Card

HB 271 (McNutt, R-Sidney)

Legislative short title: Revise makeup of board of environmental review

Score card title: Revise BER

Summary: Requested by the Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA). Would have added a natural resource industry representative and a representative of the Governor's office of economic development to the Board of Environmental Review for the purpose of better balance of BER membership and to assure the Governor's economic development plans have a representative to provide input into BER decisions that could impact Governor-supported projects. HB 271 failed in Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee.

Votes used:

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| House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes | Vote results 54 Yes 44 No 2 Excused/Absent |
| Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee MCA position: Yes | Vote results 4 Yes 5 No |
| Voting Yes Curtiss, Aubyn (R-Fortine) Gebhardt, Kelly (R-Roundup) Perry, Gary (R-Manhattan) Tash, Bill (R-Dillon) | Voting No Harrington, Dan (D-Butte) Kaufmann, Christine (D-Helena) Lind, Greg (D-Missoula) Tropila, Mitch (D-Great Falls) Wanzenried, Dave (D-Missoula) |

HB 276 (McNutt, R-Sidney)

Legislative short title: Revise rulemaking authority of board of environmental review

Score card title: BER rulemaking

Summary: Requested by the Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA). Directed Board of Environmental Review to deny a petition for rulemaking if DEQ director found that the petition was "substantially similar to legislation that failed to become law during the previous legislative session." Meant to prevent environmental organizations using the rulemaking petition process to impose restrictions that the legislature had rejected. HB 276 failed in Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee. MCA supported HB 276.

Votes used:

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| House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes | Vote results 59 Yes 39 No 2 Excused/Absent |
| Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee MCA position: Yes | Vote results 4 Yes 5 No |
| Voting Yes Curtiss, Aubyn (R-Fortine) Gebhardt, Kelly (R-Roundup) Perry, Gary (R-Manhattan) Tash, Bill (R-Dillon) | Voting No Harrington, Dan (D-Butte) Kaufmann, Christine (D-Helena) Lind, Greg (D-Missoula) Tropila, Mitch (D-Great Falls) Wanzenried, Dave (D-Missoula) |

HB 405 (Lange, R-Billings)

Legislative short title: Increase natural resource development for low-cost energy

Score card title: Resource development

Summary: Would have facilitated energy development projects permitting and exempt certain environmentally permitted projects from MEPA and from local regulations that are "unreasonably restrictive". HB 405 failed in Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee. MCA supported HB 405.

Votes used:

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| House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes | Vote results 50 Yes 49 No 1 Excused/Absent |
| Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee MCA position: Yes | Vote results 4 Yes 5 No |
| Voting Yes Curtiss, Aubyn (R-Fortine) Gebhardt, Kelly (R-Roundup) Perry, Gary (R-Manhattan) Tash, Bill (R-Dillon) | Voting No Harrington, Dan (D-Butte) Kaufmann, Christine (D-Helena) Lind, Greg (D-Missoula) Tropila, Mitch (D-Great Falls) Wanzenried, Dave (D-Missoula) |

HB 512 (L. Jones, R-Conrad)

Legislative short title: Fund certain local government infrastructure projects

Score card title: TSEP projects funding

Summary: Provides over \$17 million in interest earnings from the Treasure State Endowment Fund for financing grants to local governments for wastewater, bridge, water, and storm water projects and emergency grants for local governments infrastructure projects. MCA supported HB 512

Votes used:

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| House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes | Vote results 95 Yes 5 No |
| Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes | Vote results 50 Yes 0 No |

HB 556 (McChesney, D-Miles City)

Legislative short title: Allow special fuel user to use dyed fuel under certain conditions

Score card title: Dyed diesel special permits

Summary: Requested by MCA. Allows MDT to issue temporary permits for use of dyed (non-taxed) diesel on a private, nonhighway construction project when fuel is to be used in nonlicensed motorized equipment, off-highway vehicles, or internal combustion engines directly used in performance of applicable contract or subcontract and at least 75,000 gallons will be used annually.

Votes used:

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| House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes | Vote results 98 Yes 2 No |
| Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes | Vote results 50 Yes 0 No |

HB 557 (Heinert, R-Libby)

Legislative short title: Revise criteria for zoning impact on sand, gravel, and asphalt operations

Score card title: Gravel operations zoning

Summary: Requested by MCA. Would have added requirement that area be taxed as residential as well as zoned residential for local government to be allowed to prohibit or condition sand and gravel or asphalt operations. HB 557 failed in Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee.

Votes used:

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| House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes | Vote results 53 Yes 46 No 1 Excused/Absent |
| Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee MCA position: Yes | Vote results 4 Yes 5 No |
| Voting Yes Curtiss, Aubyn (R-Fortine) Gebhardt, Kelly (R-Roundup) Perry, Gary (R-Manhattan) Tash, Bill (R-Dillon) | Voting No Harrington, Dan (D-Butte) Kaufmann, Christine (D-Helena) Lind, Greg (D-Missoula) Tropila, Mitch (D-Great Falls) Wanzenried, Dave (D-Missoula) |

HB 565 (K. Peterson, R-Billings)

Legislative short title: Clarifying negligence principles in workplace safety act

Score card title: Comparative negligence

Summary: Requested by MCA. Would have allowed courts to consider negligence of employee as well as of the employer or property owner in deciding or making awards in cases brought under the Workplace Safety Act. After passing House Business & Labor Committee, HB 565 was caught in a web of incorrect and absent votes on the House Floor. Finally all votes were lined up that would have passed HB 565 out of the House, but the bill died on a tie vote when one ill House member was excused from voting and one other member was absent from the floor. Both would have been Yes votes for HB 565

Votes used:

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| House Business & Labor Committee MCA position: Yes | Vote results 10 Yes 6 No |
| Voting Yes Arntzen, Elsie (R-Billings) Boggio, Scott (R-Red Lodge) Dutton, Ernie (R-Billings) Heinert, Ralph (R-Libby) Jones, Llew (R-Conrad) Klock, Harry (R-Harlowton) Mendenhall, Scott (R-Clancy) Milburn, Mike (R-Cascade) Stahl, Wayne (R-Saco) Thomas, Bill (D-Great Falls) | Voting No Augare, Shannon (D-Browning) Furey, Kevin (D-Missoula) Keane, Jim (D-Butte) Reinhart, Michele (D-Missoula) Van Dyk, Kendall (D-Billings) Windy Boy, Jonathan (D-Box Elder) |
| House Floor: Motion to reconsider MCA position: Yes | Vote results 49 Yes 49 No 2 Excused/Absent |

HB 583 (Jopek, D-Whitefish)

Legislative short title: Revise opencut mining law

Score card title: Opencut permitting

Summary: MCA worked with the DEQ on amendments to make HB 583, which revises the opencut permitting process, workable for industry and supported the bill as it went through the legislative process. In the closing days of the session the Governor returned HB 583 to the House with an amendment restricting opencut permits within 1 mile of national parks, monuments, etc. The amendment directly and immediately affected an MCA member. MCA supported the House floor motion to defer consideration of the Governor's amendment which effectively killed the amendment because the session ended. The Governor subsequently signed HB 582 without his amendment attached.

Votes used:

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| House Floor: Motion to not consider Governor's amendment MCA position: Yes | Vote results 51 Yes 46 No 3 Excused/Absent |
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HB 610 (Keane, D-Butte)

Legislative short title: Revise laws relating to challenges to agency actions

Score card title: Revise MEPA protests

Summary: Would have disallowed environmental organizations' delaying tactic of suing on purported shortcomings of agencies MEPA analyses. HB 610 failed in Senate Judiciary Committee.

Votes used:

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| House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes | Vote results 59 Yes 40 No 1 Excused/Absent |
| Senate Judiciary Committee MCA position: Yes | Vote results 5 Yes 7 No |
| Voting Yes Curtiss, Aubyn (R-Fortine) McGee, Dan (R-Laurel) O'Neil, Jerry (R-Columbia Falls) Perry, Gary (R-Manhattan) Shockley, Jim (R-Victor) | Voting No Jent, Larry (D-Bozeman) Juneau, Carol (D-Browning) Laslovich, Jesse (D-Anaconda) Moss, Lynda (D-Billings) Pease, Gerald (R-Lodge Grass) Wanzenried, Dave (D-Missoula) Williams, Carol (D-Missoula) |

HB 728 (McChesney, D-Miles City)

Legislative short title: Expedite application review for permits

Score card title: Expedite permit reviews

Summary: The Governor's office brought HB 728 forward, and it would have allowed DEQ to, when requested by permit applicant, retain a contractor to review applications for permits. Purpose was to facilitate timely permitting. Despite the fact that HB 728 was at the behest of the Administration and the strong support it got on the House side, Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee killed the bill.

Votes used:

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| House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes | Vote results 88 Yes 11 No 1 Excused/Absent |
| Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee MCA position: Yes | Vote results 4 Yes 5 No |
| Voting Yes Curtiss, Aubyn (R-Fortine) Gebhardt, Kelly (R-Roundup) Perry, Gary (R-Manhattan) Tash, Bill (R-Dillon) | Voting No Harrington, Dan (D-Butte) Kaufmann, Christine (D-Helena) Lind, Greg (D-Missoula) Tropila, Mitch (D-Great Falls) Wanzenried, Dave (D-Missoula) |

HB 830 (Kasten, R-Brockway)

Legislative short title: Appropriate money for construction & maintenance of public buildings and systems

Score card title: Long-range building projects

Summary: Authorizes over \$300 million on state buildings and facility capital projects including \$3 million for Great Falls College of Technology to complete construction trades portion of building project.

Votes used:

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| House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes | Vote results 87 Yes 13 No |
| Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes | Vote results 44 Yes 6 No |

HB 833 (Stahl, R-Saco)

Legislative short title: 20-20 tax plan

Score card title: Tax compliance amendments

Summary: In Senate Taxation Committee amendments were made to HB 833 – originally a tax relief bill – that put over 14 of the DOR's onerous tax compliance provisions into HB 833. Most of the DOR's proposals had been killed in previous bills. The full Senate passed HB 833 with the bad tax policy that was not worth the relatively minimal tax relief that was also amended into it. HB 833 eventually died when the House did not take action on the Senate amendments

Votes used:

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| Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: No | Vote results 27 Yes 23 No |
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SB 220 (Elliott, D-Trout Creek)

Legislative short title: Tax law administration -- transactions, compliance, withholding, class 8 exempt

Score card title: DOR compliance expansion

Summary: MCA joined Montana Taxpayers Association and Montana Chamber of Commerce in opposing SB 220 as brought by the DOR and passed by the Senate. The Chamber describes SB 220, "SB 220 adds 23 sections of new tax law to the code in an effort to go after 'tax cheaters'. It greatly increases the tax code's complexity and gives overreaching new powers to the Director of Revenue not seen in any other state. Although the bill contained a section to raise the threshold on the business equipment tax, as a whole the bill was viewed as very anti-taxpayer and anti-business." Republicans in the House Taxation Committee stripped the DOR's "tax cheater" provisions and put substantial business property tax relief into SB 220. MCA supported the amendments. SB 220 died without final action when the session ended.

Votes used:

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| Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: No | Vote results 27 Yes 23 No |
| House Taxation Committee amendments to remove onerous tax policy and insert tax relief MCA position: Yes | Vote results 10 Yes 8 No |
| Voting Yes Blasdel, Mark (R-Somers) Butcher, Ed (R-Winifred) Hilbert, Ed (R-Glendive) Lake, Bob (R-Hamilton) Lambert, Carol (R-Broadus) MacLaren, Gary (R-Victor) Nooney, Bill (R-Missoula) Ross, Jack (R-Absarokee) Sonju, Jon (R-Kalispell) Vincent, Chas (R-Libby) | Voting No Bixby, Norma (D-Lame Deer) Cohenour, Jill (D-East Helena) Erickson, Ron (D-Missoula) Grinde, Wanda (D-Billings) Hamilton, Robin (D-Missoula) Jopek, Mike (D-Whitefish) McAlpin, Dave (D-Missoula) Pomnichowski, JP (D-Bozeman) |

SB 254 (Wanzenried, D-Missoula)

Legislative short title: Require collective bargaining neutrality agreement in state services contracts

Score card title: Unionizing card check

Summary: Would have required employers to remain neutral during unionizing efforts and would have allowed a card check process which is in place of a secret ballot. SB 254 was limited to employers with state services contracts, but expansion of its provisions was of concern. Some safe guards for keeping the cards that had been checked secret were added in the Senate, but the gag order on the employer remained in the bill. MCA opposed SB 254 and it failed in House Judiciary Committee.

Votes used:

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| Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: No | Vote results 27 Yes 23 No |
| House Judiciary Committee MCA position: No | Vote results 7 Yes 10 No |
| Voting Yes Cordier, Douglas (D-Columbia Falls) Driscoll, Robyn (D-Billings) Ebinger, Bob (D-Livingston) French, Julie (D-Scobey) Gallik, Dave (D-Helena) Kottel, Deborah (D-Great Falls) Raser, Holly (D-Missoula) | Voting No Everett, George (R-Kalispell) Jore, Rick (C-Ronan) Kerns, Krayton (R-Laurel) Koopman, Roger (R-Bozeman) McGillvray, Tom (R-Billings) O'Hara, Jesse (R-Great Falls) Peterson, Ken (R-Billings) Rice, Diane (R-Harrison) Stoker, Ron (R-Darby) Ward, John (R-Helena) |

SB 345 (Hawks, D-Bozeman)

Legislative short title: Waterway setbacks for construction

Score card title: Waterway setback

Summary: Would have created setbacks of at least 250 ft from 47 listed streams/rivers and 150 ft from perennial tributaries to listed streams/rivers, plus undisturbed vegetative buffers of 100 ft and 50 ft and would have prohibited new structures, 50% addition to existing structures, septic systems, parking lots or roads within setbacks. SB 345 passed out of Senate Local Government Committee, but with concerted effort, it failed on the Senate floor. MCA worked against SB 345.

Votes used:

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| Senate Floor 2nd Reading MCA position: No | Vote results 20 Yes 30 No |
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SB 346 (Shockley, R-Victor)

Legislative short title: Prohibiting certain contracts with illegal aliens

Score card title: Public contracts, illegal aliens

Summary: Would have allowed state agencies to terminate public contracts if a contractor or subcontractor knowingly employed an unauthorized alien or should have known the employee was an unauthorized alien and would have allow debarment for 3 years. MCA's work with Senators on their floor vote did not stem the tide of sentiment against illegal aliens in the work force. Nonetheless, MCA pressed the House with the lack of due process in SB 354 and the extreme penalties for a contractor that "should have known" an employee was an illegal alien. MCA acknowledged that legislators wanted to do something about illegal immigration, but stated that SB 354 was not the vehicle.

Votes used:

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| Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: No | Vote results 33 Yes 17 No |
| House Floor 2nd Reading MCA position: No | Vote results 14 Yes 86 No |

SB 398 (Gebhardt, R-Roundup)

Legislative short title: Require gravel resource report

Score card title: Gravel resource report

Summary: Would have required counties, prior to zoning, to prepare a report projecting the county's 20-year need for sand, gravel, concrete and asphalt resources and identifying location of known, recoverable sand and gravel resources within area to be zoned. In Senate Local Government Committee SB 398 was amended to the point that would have been relatively useless. It passed out of committee on a 9-1, but failed on the Senate Floor on second reading.

Votes used:

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| Senate Floor 2nd Reading MCA position: Yes | Vote results 24 Yes 25 No 1 Excused/Absent |
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SB 426 (Jent, D-Bozeman)

Legislative short title: Revise attorney fees for medical benefits in work comp cases

Score card title: Attorney fees in work comp

Summary: MCA joined the Montana Chamber of Commerce and work comp insurers to oppose SB 426. The Chamber describes what SB 426 would have done, "Currently a work comp insurer must have acted unreasonably when denying a claim in order for a judge to award attorney fees on top of medical benefits. SB 426 would remove the reasonableness standard and subject insurers to more lawsuits." SB 426 failed in House Business & Labor Committee on an 8-8 vote, and a floor motion to bring it from committee to the House floor for action was opposed by MCA.

Votes used:

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| Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: No | Vote results 47 Yes 3 No |
| House Floor: Motion to bring to floor from committee MCA position: No | Vote results 46 Yes 52 No 2 Excused/Absent |

SB 475 (L. Larson, D-Billings)

Legislative short title: Require licensure for scaffold erectors

Score card title: Scaffold erectors licensure

Summary: Would have required a person erecting an industrial scaffold to be licensed by Dept. of Labor and would have made it a misdemeanor to hire unlicensed industrial scaffold erectors. Defined industrial scaffold as one being used in construction of property used in extraction, production, distribution, or processing of raw materials to make the raw materials change form. The bill sponsor indicated the targets of SB 475 were the petroleum refineries, and he said that he would be receptive to amendments that would exempt operations such as sand and gravel. Nonetheless MCA opposed SB 475.

Votes used:

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| Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: No | Vote results 27 Yes 23 No |
| House Business & Labor Committee MCA position: No | Vote results 1 Yes 15 No |
| Voting Yes Augare, Shannon (D-Browning) | Voting No Arntzen, Elsie (R-Billings) Boggio, Scott (R-Red Lodge) Dutton, Ernie (R-Billings) Furey, Kevin (D-Missoula) Heinert, Ralph (R-Libby) Jones, Llew (R-Conrad) Keane, Jim (D-Butte) Klock, Harry (R-Harlowton) Mendenhall, Scott (R-Clancy) Milburn, Mike (R-Cascade) Reinhart, Michele (D-Missoula) Stahl, Wayne (R-Saco) Thomas, Bill (D-Great Falls) Van Dyk, Kendall (D-Billings) Windy Boy, Jonathan (D-Box Elder) |

Summary of Committee Votes Used

House Business & Labor Committee

HB 565 (K. Peterson, R-Billings) Comparative negligence MCA position: yes
SB 475 (Larson, D-Billings) Scaffold erectors licensure MCA position: no

House Judiciary Committee

SB 254 (Wanzenried, D-Missoula) Unionizing card check MCA position: no

House Taxation Committee

SB 220 (Elliott, D-Trout Creek)
Amendments DOR compliance expansion; insert tax relief MCA position: yes

Senate Judiciary Committee

HB 610 (Keane, D-Butte) Revise MEPA protests MCA position: yes

Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee

HB 271 (McNutt, R-Sidney) Revise BER MCA position: yes
HB 276 (McNutt, R-Sidney) BER rulemaking MCA position: yes
HB 405 (Lange, R-Billings) Resource development MCA position: yes
HB 557 (Heinert, R-Libby) Gravel operations zoning MCA position: yes
HB 728 (McChesney, D-Miles City) Expedite permit review MCA position: yes

Bills Selected to Determine 2007 Sponsor Points

MCA Supported and Pro-Business Bills (Two points added)

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| Cocchiarella, Vicki (D-Missoula) | SB 380 | Mandatory report of failed drug test for commercial vehicle driver |
| Cooney, Mike (D-Helena) | SB 300 | Primary seatbelt and child passenger safety law |
| Dickenson, Sue (D-Great Falls) | HB 335 | Appropriate funding for Great Falls college of technology |
| Erickson, Ron (D-Missoula) | HB 746 | Allow tax credit for capital construction donations to tax-exempt organizations |
| Essmann, Jeff (R-Billings) | SB 484 | Fund MSU Billings regional workforce training facility |
| Gebhardt, Kelly (R-Roundup) | SB 398 | Require gravel resource report |
| Gillan, Kim (D-Billings) | SB 340 | Authorize Governor to withdraw proposed rules |
| Glaser, Bill (R-Huntley) | HB 319 | Revise law on construction and highway contracts |
| Heinert, Ralph (R-Libby) | HB 557 | Revise criteria for zoning impact on sand, gravel, and asphalt operations |
| Jopek, Mike (D-Whitefish) | HB 201 | Authorize opencut mine permit fee |
| Keane, Jim (D-Butte) | HB 610 | Revise laws relating to challenges to agency actions |
| Keane, Jim (D-Butte) | HB 704 | Revise prevailing wage laws |
| Lange, Mike (R-Billings) | HB 405 | Increase natural resource development for low-cost energy |
| McChesney, Bill (D-Miles City) | HB 334 | Make build-design highway program permanent |
| McChesney, Bill (D-Miles City) | HB 556 | Allow special fuel user to use dyed fuel under certain conditions |
| McChesney, Bill (D-Miles City) | HB 728 | Expedite application review for permits |
| McNutt, Walt (R-Sidney) | HB 271 | Revise makeup of board of environmental review |
| McNutt, Walt (R-Sidney) | HB 276 | Revise rulemaking authority of board of environmental review |
| Mendenhall, Scott (R-Clancy) | HB 738 | Revise work comp law for claim closure and medical services rates |
| Peterson, Ken (R-Billings) | HB 565 | Clarifying negligence principles in workplace safety act |
| Shockley, Jim (R-Victor) | SB 7 | Legislative veto of administrative rules |
| Villa, Dan (D-Anaconda) | HB 447 | Infrastructure development funding |
| Ward, John (R-Helena) | HB 228 | Revise building permit laws |
| Ward, John (R-Helena) | HB 648 | Make failure to use a seatbelt admissible evidence |
| Windy Boy, Jonathan (D-Box Elder) | HB 511 | Promote and fund regional water systems |

MCA Opposed and Anti-Business Bills (Two points subtracted)

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| Ebinger, Bob (D-Livingston) | HB 657 | Allow owner to post bond within 30 days of action to foreclose construction lien |
| Elliott, Jim (D-Trout Creek) | SB 220 | Tax law administration -- transactions, compliance, withholding |
| Erickson, Ron (D-Missoula) | HB 295 | Revise use of adopted growth policy |
| Hawks, Bob (D-Bozeman) | SB 345 | Waterway setbacks for construction |
| Jent, Larry (D-Bozeman) | SB 426 | Revise attorney fees for medical benefits in work comp cases |
| Kaufmann, Christine (D-Helena) | SB 240 | Code of corporate responsibility |
| Larson, Lane (D-Billings) | SB 475 | Require licensure for scaffold erectors |
| Moss, Lynda (D-Billings) | SB 366 | Reporting of corporate violations |
| Peterson, Ken (R-Billings) | HB 530 | Require paid rest breaks for certain employees |
| Shockley, Jim (R-Victor) | SB 346 | Prohibiting certain contracts with illegal aliens |
| Wanzenried, Dave (D-Missoula) | SB 254 | Require collective bargaining neutrality agreement in state services contracts |
| Wanzenried, Dave (D-Missoula) | SB 539 | Revise property tax appeal and create property tax protest reserve fund |
| Wiseman, Brady (D-Bozeman) | HB 408 | Prohibit tire or hazardous waste incineration for energy generation |

Scoring Methodology for MCA 2007 Legislative Score Card

MCA's scoring methodology mirrors that used by the Montana Chamber of Commerce in its "2007 Voting Review".

FLOOR VOTES: Floor votes included second or third reading votes, or votes on motions that set the outcome of a bill. Three points were awarded to legislators for each floor vote that supported MCA's position. No points were awarded or deducted for votes against MCA's position. Floor votes for which a legislator was excused or absent were not factored into the final score so affected the legislator's final score neither positively or negatively.

COMMITTEE VOTES: One point was awarded to legislators for each vote in committee on selected bills that supported MCA's position. No points were awarded or deducted for votes against the MCA's position.

BILL SPONSOR POINTS: Two points were awarded to a legislator who sponsored any of the bills on the list of MCA Supported and Pro-Business bills. Two points were deducted if a legislator sponsored any of the bills on the list of MCA Opposed and Anti-Business Bills.

Score Formula

$$\text{Floor vote points earned} + \text{Sponsor points} + \text{Committee vote points earned} \\ \div (\text{possible floor vote points} + \text{possible committee vote points}) = \text{MCA Score}$$

If a legislator earned all possible floor vote points and all possible committee vote points plus sponsored a good bill thus gaining 2 more points, the legislator could have earned a score of more than 100%. MCA has chosen to report the highest score as 100%.



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