



MONTANA CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION 2009 LEGISLATIVE SCORE CARD



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The 61st Regular Session of the Montana Legislature convened January 5, 2009 for its 90 legislative day session. April 28, 2009, was the session's final day.

The Senate had a majority of Republican members. The make up was 27 Republicans, 23 Democrats. Business issues had good response in the Senate.

The House of Representatives was evenly split, 50-50, between Republican members and Democrat members. The Speaker of the House was chosen from House Democrat members because law dictates that, in a 50-50 situation, the Speaker is chosen from the party of the Governor. The House committees had equal membership from each party. If a bill received a tie vote in committee, it did not pass out of the committee. Committee chairmanships were split between the parties.

Governor Brian Schweitzer (D) is in his second and last, four year term as governor. He will have one more regular legislative session, the 2011 session, before his term limit is up.

Bills selected for the MCA 2009 Legislative Score Card represented projects permitting, gravel resources access, permitting and zoning, business equipment tax relief, workers comp, and public construction projects funding.

MCA wishes to thank all members that responded to legislative alerts with calls, emails and faxes to legislators. The involvement of members is critical. MCA members are vital to their local economies and to economy of the State of Montana.

Scoring Methodology for MCA 2009 Legislative Score Card

MCA's scoring methodology mirrors that used by the Montana Chamber of Commerce in its "2009 Voting Review".

FLOOR VOTES: Floor votes included second or third reading votes, or votes on motions that set the outcome of a bill. Points were awarded to legislators for each floor vote that supported MCA's position. Points are listed in each bill column header. 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 nor 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 selected MCA Supported or Pro-Business bills.

Two points were deducted if a legislator sponsored selected bills that MCA Opposed or Anti-Business Bills.

Selected bills are listed on the pages titled “Bills Selected to Determine Sponsor Points” and “Bills Selected to Determine 2009 Sponsor Points, Alphabetical List”.

Score Formula

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

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%.

HOUSE

MCA Position Weight Bill	Long-range building appropriations	Treasure state endowment appropriations	Shorten delay period for when contractor pays subcontractor	Revising laws governing BER review related to energy projects	Revise land use and planning laws	Revise MEPA	Implement receipt of and appropriate federal stimulus	Revise opencut mining laws	Require signs on opencut operations	Map state gravel resources	Calculation of standard prevailing wage rates	State bidding requirements to protect proprietary information	State bidding requirements to protect proprietary information	Replace RIGWA with permit fee for sand and gravel operations	Clarify applicability of "at work" for work comp purposes	Increase class eight business equipment tax exemption	Montana Economic Stimulus Act	Sponsor Points	Committee Votes	MCA Score
	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	6	1	1	3	3	6	3	3	3			
HB 5	HB 11	HB 357	HB 483	HB 486	HB 529	HB 645	HB 678	SB 246	SB 297	SB 308	SB 349	SB 349	SB 370	SB 371	SB 490	SB 503				
Ankney, Duane (R-Colstrip)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			98%
Arntzen, Elsie (R-Billings)	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		3 of 3	91%
Augare, Shannon (D-Browning)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--		0 of 3	36%
Barrett, Dick (D-Missoula)	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--		0 of 1	29%
Bean, Russell (R-Augusta)	--	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	--	+	+	+			68%
Beck, Bill (R-Whitefish)	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	--	+	+	+		1 of 1	74%
Beck, Paul (D-Red Lodge)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	--	+		0 of 1	55%
Becker, Arlene (D-Billings)	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--		0 of 3	25%
Belcourt, Tony (D-Box Elder)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	+		0 of 2	44%
Bennett, Gerald (R-Libby)	--	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	+	+		4 of 5	76%
Bergren, Bob (D-Havre)	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	--	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--			27%
Berry, Tom (R-Roundup)	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+2	2 of 3	91%
Blasdel, Mark (R-Somers)	--	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+		1 of 1	79%
Blewett, Anders (D-Great Falls)	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--		0 of 3	27%
Boland, Carlie (D-Great Falls)	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--		0 of 3	45%
Boniek, Joel (R-Livingston)	--	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--	+	+	+	--	+	+	+			73%
Boss Ribs, Frosty Calf (D-Heart Butte)	+	+	+	--	+	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--			29%
Brown, Dee (R-Hungry Horse)	--	--	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	--	+	+	--	+	+	--			46%
Butcher, Ed (R-Winifred)	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	--	+	+	+		1 of 1	74%
Caferro, Mary (D-Helena)	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	--			27%
Campbell, Margaret (D-Poplar)	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--			32%
Cohenour, Jill (D-East Helena)	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	-2	0 of 3	32%
Dickenson, Sue (D-Great Falls)	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	--		0 of 2	28%
Driscoll, Robyn (D-Billings)	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	+		1 of 5	41%
Ebinger, Bob (D-Livingston)	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+		1 of 3	70%
Fleming, John (D-St. Ignatius)	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	--	--		0 of 1	45%
French, Julie (D-Scobey)	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	+	+	+	--	--	+	--	--			44%
Furey, Timothy (D-Missoula)	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	--	--		0 of 1	43%

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

MCA Position Weight Bill	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Sponsor Points	Committee Votes	MCA Score
	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	6	1	1	3	3	6	3	3	3	3	3			
	HB 5	HB 11	HB 357	HB 483	HB 486	HB 529	HB 645	HB 678	SB 246	SB 297	SB 308	SB 349	SB 349	SB 370	SB 371	SB 490	SB 503				
Getz Dennis (D-Glendive)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	--	--			49%	
Glaser, Bill (R-Huntley)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+			76%	
Grinde, Wanda (D-Billings)	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	--		1 of 3	45%	
Hamilton, Robin (D-Missoula)	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	--	--		0 of 3	34%	
Hands, Betsy (D-Missoula)	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--		0 of 4	27%	
Hawk, Ray (R-Florence)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	+	--	+	+	+			83%	
Hendrick, Gordon (R-Superior)	--	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+		2 of 2	67%	
Henry, Teresa (D-Missoula)	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--			37%	
Himmelberger, Dennis (R-Billings)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+			76%	
Hiner, Cynthia (D-Deer Lodge)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	--	+			56%	
Hollandsworth, Roy (R-Brady)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+			83%	
Hollenbaugh, Galen (D-Helena)	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	-2		32%	
Hoven, Brian (R-Great Falls)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		3 of 3	84%	
Howard, David (R-Park City)	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	+	+	+	a	+	+	+		0 of 1	85%	
Hunter, Chuck (D-Helena)	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	--	--		0 of 1	45%	
Ingraham, Pat (R-Thompson Falls)	--	--	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+		2 of 2	63%	
Jones, Llew (R-Conrad)	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+2	2 of 2	79%	
Jopek, Mike (D-Whitefish)	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	--	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--		0 of 3	48%	
Kasten, Dave (R-Brockway)	--	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	--	+	+	+			71%	
Kerns, Krayton (R-Laurel)	--	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	--	+	+	+		0 of 1	64%	
Klock, Harry (R-Harlowton)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+		3 of 3	77%	
Kottel, Deborah (D-Great Falls)	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	--		0 of 1	50%	
Lake, Bob (R-Hamilton)	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	--	+	+	+	+2	1 of 1	76%	
MacDonald, Margaret (D-Billings)	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--		0 of 1	48%	
MacLaren, Gary (R-Victor)	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		4 of 4	78%	
Malek, Sue (D-Missoula)	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--			29%	
McAlpin, Dave (D-Missoula)	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--		0 of 1	28%	
McChesney, Bill (D-Miles City)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	--	--			71%	
McClafferty, Edith (D-Butte)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--		0 of 1	40%	
McGillvray, Tom (R-Billings)	--	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	--	+	+	+		2 of 2	72%	
McNutt, Walt (R-Sidney)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+			90%	
Mehlhoff, Robert (D-Great Falls)	a	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	--	+			55%	
Menahan, Mike (D-Helena)	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	--		0 of 5	39%	
Mendenhall, Scott (R-Clancy)	--	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	--	+	+	+		2 of 2	67%	
Milburn, Mike (R-Cascade)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		3 of 3	86%	
Miller, Mike (R-Helmville)	--	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	--	+	+	--		3 of 3	64%	
More, Michael (R-Gallatin Gateway)	--	--	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		2 of 3	68%	
Morgan, Penny (R-Billings)	--	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+			85%	

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Noonan, Art (D-Butte)	--	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	--		0 of 3	30%
Noonan, Pat (R-Ramsay)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	--		0 of 1	40%
Nooney, Bill (R-Missoula)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	-2		71%
O'Hara, Jesse (R-Great Falls)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	+	+	+	a	+	+	+	+		2 of 2	83%
Pease-Lopez, Carolyn (D-Billings)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	--	--			41%
Peterson, Ken (R-Billings)	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+		0 of 1	67%
Phillips, Mike (D-Bozeman)	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	--		0 of 2	37%
Pomnichowski, JP (D-Bozeman)	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-8	0 of 3	9%
Randall, Lee (R-Broadus)	--	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	--	+	+	+	+		1 of 1	69%
Regier, Keith (R-Kalispell)	--	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	--	+	+	+	+		3 of 3	73%
Reichner, Scott (R-Bigfork)	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		5 of 5	83%
Reinhart, Michele (D-Missoula)	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	--		0 of 5	32%
Roberts, Don (R-Billings)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	--	+	+	--	+	+	+	+			68%
Roundstone, J. David (D-Busby)	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	--		0 of 1	29%
Sales, Scott (R-Bozeman)	--	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	--	+	+	+	+			66%
Sands, Diane (D-Missoula)	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	--		0 of 3	27%
Sesso, Jon (D-Butte)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	--			41%
Smith, Cary (R-Billings)	--	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+		1 of 1	74%
Sonju, Jon (R-Kalispell)	--	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+		1 of 1	79%
Stahl, Wayne (R-Saco)	--	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	a	a		5 of 5	79%
Stenson, Cheryl (D-Kalispell)	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--	+	+	+	--	--	+	+	+	+			56%
Stoker, Ron (R-Darby)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		1 of 1	76%
Taylor, Janna (R-Dayton)	--	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		1 of 1	88%
Van Dyk, Kendall (D-Billings)	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	--		0 of 2	28%
Vance, Gordon (R-Bozeman)	--	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+		3 of 3	73%
Villa, Dan (D-Anaconda)	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	--			34%
Vincent, Chas (R-Libby)	--	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+		3 of 3	77%
Wagner, Bob (R-Harrison)	--	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--	--	--	+	--	+	+	+	+		1 of 1	60%
Warburton, Wendy (R-Havre)	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		2 of 3	86%
Washburn, Ted (R-Bozeman)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--			76%
Wellborn, Jeffrey (R-Dillon)	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		1 of 1	79%
Wilmer, Franke (D-Bozeman)	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	+	+			37%
Wilson, Bill (D-Great Falls)	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	--	--	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	--		0 of 1	36%
Wiseman, Brady (D-Bozeman)	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	--	--	--		0 of 3	41%

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SENATE

MCA Position Weight Bill	Require signs on open cut operations	Map state gravel resources	Calculation of standard prevailing wage rates	State bidding requirements to protect proprietary information	State bidding requirements to protect proprietary information	Replace RIGWA with permit fee for sand and gravel operations	Clarify applicability of "at work" for work comp purposes	Growth policy to include sand and gravel resource	Revise environmental impact laws	Admissibility in evidence of seat belt use	Exempt economic stimulus projects from MEPA	Increase class eight business equipment tax exemption	Montana Economic Stimulus Act	Treasure state endowment appropriations	Shorten delay period for when contractor pays subcontractor	Revising laws governing BER review related to energy projects	Revise land use and planning laws	Revise MEPA	Implement receipt of and appropriate federal stimulus	Revise opencut mining laws	Revise opencut mining laws	Sponsor Points	Committee Votes	MCA Score
	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes			
	1	1	3	3	6	3	3	3	3	3	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	6			
SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB			
246	297	308	349	370	371	411	417	468	481	490	503	11	357	483	486	529	645	678	678					
Bales, Keith (R-Otter)	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			93%
Balyeat, Joe (R-Bozeman)	+	--	--	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	+			79%
Barkus, Gregory (R-Kalispell)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	+	+4	0 of 1	98%
Barrett, Debby (R-Dillon)	+	--	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+			91%
Black, Jerry (R-Shelby)	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			95%
Branae, Gary (D-Billings)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--			52%
Brenden, John (R-Scobey)	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+			84%
Brown, Roy (R-Billings)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	+	+2		96%
Brown, Taylor (R-Huntley)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+			98%
Brueggeman, John (R-Polson)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			95%
Cooney, Mike (D-Helena)	--	+	+	+	--	--	--	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--			30%
Curtiss, Aubyn (R-Fortine)	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+			93%
Erickson, Ron (D-Missoula)	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--		0 of 1	40%
Esp, John (R-Big Timber)	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+		1 of 1	84%
Essmann, Jeff (R-Billings)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+2	1 of 1	98%
Gallus, Steve (D-Butte)	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	--	--	+	--	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	+		0 of 1	63%
Gebhardt, Kelly (R-Roundup)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+2		100%
Gillan, Kim (D-Billings)	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	--		0 of 1	44%
Hamlett, Bradley (D-Cascade)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--			71%
Hansen, Kim (D-Harlem)	+	+	+	+	e	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	+	+			70%
Hawks, Bob (D-Bozeman)	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	--	+	+	--	--	--			41%
Hinkle, Greg (R-Thompson Falls)	+	--	--	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	+			79%
Jackson, Verdell (R-Kalispell)	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	+		1 of 1	89%
Jent, Larry (D-Bozeman)	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--	--	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	--	--			48%
Juneau, Carol (D-Browning)	+	+	+	--	--	+	--	+	--	--	--	--	--	--	+	--	+	--	--	--	--			23%
Kaufmann, Christine (D-Helena)	+	+	+	--	--	+	--	+	--	--	--	--	--	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	--			25%
Keane, Jim (D-Butte)	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	--	+	--	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+4		89%
Laible, Rick (R-Darby)	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+			93%
Larsen, Cliff (D-Missoula)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	+	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	--	+2		55%
Laslovich, Jesse (D-Anaconda)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	+	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--		0 of 1	56%
Lewis, Dave (R-Helena)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+			96%
McGee, Dan (R-Laurel)	+	--	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+			91%
Moss, Lynda (D-Billings)	--	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--	--	--	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--			34%
Murphy, Terry (R-Cardwell)	e	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			100%
Perry, Gary (R-Manhattan)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+6		100%

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MCA Position Weight Bill	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	Sponsor Points	Committee Votes	MCA Score
	1	1	3	3	6	3	3	3	3	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	6	6			
	SB 246	SB 297	SB 308	SB 349	SB 349	SB 370	SB 371	SB 411	SB 417	SB 468	SB 481	SB 490	SB 503	HB 11	HB 357	HB 483	HB 486	HB 529	HB 645	HB 678	HB 678			
Peterson, Jim (R-Buffalo)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+			95%
Ripley, Rick (R-Wolf Creek)	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+			93%
Schmidt, Trudi (D-Great Falls)	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--			41%
Shockley, Jim (R-Victor)	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	+			82%
Squires, Carolyn (D-Missoula)	--	+	+	+	--	--	--	+	--	--	--	--	--	+	+	--	+	+	--	--	--			25%
Steinbeisser, Donald (R-Sidney)	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+			93%
Stewart-Peregoy, Sharon (D-Crow Agency)	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	+	--	--	--	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+			52%
Story, Robert (R-Park City)	--	+	--	+	e	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			92%
Tropila, Joe (D-Great Falls)	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	+	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+			59%
Tropila, Mitch (D-Great Falls)	+	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	--	+	+	--	+	--	+	--	--			43%
Tutvedt, Bruce (R-Kalispell)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+4	1 of 1	100%
Wanzenried, Dave (D-Missoula)	--	+	+	+	--	--	+	+	--	--	--	--	--	+	+	--	+	--	--	--	--			29%
Williams, Carol (D-Missoula)	+	+	+	+	--	--	--	+	--	--	--	--	--	+	+	+	--	+	--	+	--			36%
Windy Boy, Johathan (D-Box Elder)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	--	+	--	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+			86%
Zinke, Ryan (R-Whitefish)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	--	+	+	--			82%

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HOUSE COMMITTEE VOTES

MCA Position Bill	Reduce business equipment property tax	Revise county interim zoning law	Revise opencut mining law	Revise opencut mining laws	Authorize labor requirements in public works contracts	Growth policy to include sand and gravel resource	Revise environmental impact laws	Admissibility in evidence of seat belt use	Exempt economic stimulus projects from MEPA	Committee Votes
	yes	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	
Ankney, Duane (R-Colstrip)										
Arntzen, Elsie (R-Billings)		no			no	yes				3 of 3
Augare, Shannon (D-Browning)					yes		no		no	0 of 3
Barrett, Dick (D-Missoula)	no									0 of 1
Bean, Russell (R-Augusta)										
Beck, Bill (R-Whitefish)					no					1 of 1
Beck, Paul (D-Red Lodge)					yes					0 of 1
Becker, Arlene (D-Billings)		yes				no		no		0 of 3
Belcourt, Tony (D-Box Elder)			yes	yes						0 of 2
Bennett, Gerald (R-Libby)		no	no	no		yes		no		4 of 5
Bergren, Bob (D-Havre)										
Berry, Tom (R-Roundup)		no			no	no				2 of 3
Blasdel, Mark (R-Somers)	yes									1 of 1
Blewett, Anders (D-Great Falls)			yes	yes				no		0 of 3
Boland, Carlie (D-Great Falls)					yes		no		no	0 of 3
Boniek, Joel (R-Livingston)										
Boss Ribs, Frosty Calf (D-Heart Butte)										
Brown, Dee (R-Hungry Horse)										
Butcher, Ed (R-Winifred)	yes									1 of 1
Caferro, Mary (D-Helena)										
Campbell, Margaret (D-Poplar)										
Cohenour, Jill (D-East Helena)	no		yes	yes						0 of 3
Dickenson, Sue (D-Great Falls)			yes	yes						0 of 2
Driscoll, Robyn (D-Billings)		no				no	no	no	no	1 of 5
Ebinger, Bob (D-Livingston)		no				no		no		1 of 3
Fleming, John (D-St. Ignatius)					yes					0 of 1
French, Julie (D-Scobey)										
Furey, Timothy (D-Missoula)					yes					0 of 1
Getz Dennis (D-Glendive)										
Glaser, Bill (R-Huntley)										
Grinde, Wanda (D-Billings)	no	no				no				1 of 3
Hamilton, Robin (D-Missoula)	no	yes				no				0 of 3
Hands, Betsy (D-Missoula)		yes	yes	yes		no				0 of 4

MCA Position Bill	yes	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	Committee Votes
	HB 240	HB 406	HB 446	HB 447	HB 603	SB 411	SB 417	SB 468	SB 481	
Hawk, Ray (R-Florence)										
Hendrick, Gordon (R-Superior)			no	no						2 of 2
Henry, Teresa (D-Missoula)										
Himmelberger, Dennis (R-Billings)										
Hiner, Cynthia (D-Deer Lodge)										
Hollandsworth, Roy (R-Brady)										
Hollenbaugh, Galen (D-Helena)										
Hoven, Brian (R-Great Falls)	yes		no	no						3 of 3
Howard, David (R-Park City)								no		0 of 1
Hunter, Chuck (D-Helena)					yes					0 of 1
Ingraham, Pat (R-Thompson Falls)		no				yes				2 of 2
Jones, Llew (R-Conrad)							yes		yes	2 of 2
Jopek, Mike (D-Whitefish)	no						no		no	0 of 3
Kasten, Dave (R-Brockway)										
Kerns, Krayton (R-Laurel)								no		0 of 1
Klock, Harry (R-Harlowton)					no		yes		yes	3 of 3
Kottel, Deborah (D-Great Falls)								no		0 of 1
Lake, Bob (R-Hamilton)	yes									1 of 1
MacDonald, Margaret (D-Billings)								no		0 of 1
MacLaren, Gary (R-Victor)		no				yes	yes		yes	4 of 4
Malek, Sue (D-Missoula)										
McAlpin, Dave (D-Missoula)	no									0 of 1
McChesney, Bill (D-Miles City)										
McClafferty, Edith (D-Butte)								no		0 of 1
McGillvray, Tom (R-Billings)			no	no						2 of 2
McNutt, Walt (R-Sidney)										
Mehlhoff, Robert (D-Great Falls)										
Menahan, Mike (D-Helena)		yes	yes	yes		no		no		0 of 5
Mendenhall, Scott (R-Clancy)			no	no						2 of 2
Milburn, Mike (R-Cascade)			no	no	no					3 of 3
Miller, Mike (R-Helmville)	yes		no	no						3 of 3
More, Michael (R-Gallatin Gateway)		no				yes		no		2 of 3
Morgan, Penny (R-Billings)										
Noonan, Art (D-Butte)	no						no		no	0 of 3
Noonan, Pat (R-Ramsay)					yes					0 of 1
Nooney, Bill (R-Missoula)										
O'Hara, Jesse (R-Great Falls)							yes		yes	2 of 2
Pease-Lopez, Carolyn (D-Billings)										
Peterson, Ken (R-Billings)								no		0 of 1
Phillips, Mike (D-Bozeman)							no		no	0 of 2
Pomnichowski, JP (D-Bozeman)	no		yes	yes						0 of 3
Randall, Lee (R-Broadus)	yes									1 of 1
Regier, Keith (R-Kalispell)							yes	yes	yes	3 of 3

MCA Position Bill	yes	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	Committee Votes
	HB 240	HB 406	HB 446	HB 447	HB 603	SB 411	SB 417	SB 468	SB 481	
Reichner, Scott (R-Bigfork)		no			no	yes	yes		yes	5 of 5
Reinhart, Michele (D-Missoula)		yes	yes	yes	yes	no				0 of 5
Roberts, Don (R-Billings)										
Roundstone, J. David (D-Busby)	no									0 of 1
Sales, Scott (R-Bozeman)										
Sands, Diane (D-Missoula)		yes				no		no		0 of 3
Sesso, Jon (D-Butte)										
Smith, Cary (R-Billings)					no					1 of 1
Sonju, Jon (R-Kalispell)	yes									1 of 1
Stahl, Wayne (R-Saco)	yes	no				yes	yes		yes	5 of 5
SteenSON, Cheryl (D-Kalispell)										
Stoker, Ron (R-Darby)								yes		1 of 1
Taylor, Janna (R-Dayton)	yes									1 of 1
Van Dyk, Kendall (D-Billings)			yes	yes						0 of 2
Vance, Gordon (R-Bozeman)		no			no	yes				3 of 3
Villa, Dan (D-Anaconda)										
Vincent, Chas (R-Libby)	yes		no	no						3 of 3
Wagner, Bob (R-Harrison)								yes		1 of 1
Warburton, Wendy (R-Havre)			no	no				no		2 of 3
Washburn, Ted (R-Bozeman)										
Wellborn, Jeffrey (R-Dillon)					no					1 of 1
Wilmer, Franke (D-Bozeman)										
Wilson, Bill (D-Great Falls)					yes					0 of 1
Wiseman, Brady (D-Bozeman)	no						no		no	0 of 3
	House Taxation	House Local Government	House Natural Resources	House Natural Resources	House Business & Labor	House Local Government	House Federal Relations, Energy & Telecom	House Judiciary	House Federal Relations, Energy & Telecom	

Bills Used for MCA 2009 Legislative Score Card

HB 5 Sesso, Jon (D-Butte)

Legislative short title: Long-range building appropriations -- include energy conservation

Score card title: Long-range building appropriations

Floor vote weight = 1

Summary: One of the primary appropriations bills that will fund infrastructure projects for the next two years. Two year funding is approximately \$20 million.

Vote used:

Free Conference Committee Report, House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 73 Yes 26 No 1 Excused/Absent
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HB 11 Sesso, Jon (D-Butte)

Legislative short title: Treasure state endowment appropriations

Score card title: Treasure state endowment appropriations

Floor vote weight = 1

Summary: One of the primary appropriations bills; funds grants for local government infrastructure projects. Approximately \$33 million.

Votes used:

House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 89 Yes 11 No 0 Excused/Absent
Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 47 Yes 3 No 0 Excused/Absent

HB 240 Lake, Bob (R-Hamilton)

Legislative short title: Reduce business equipment property tax and reimburse local tax jurisdictions

Summary: Business equipment property tax relief.

Vote used:

House Taxation Committee MCA position: Yes	Vote results 10 Yes 10 No
Voting Yes Blasdel, Mark (R-Somers) Butcher, Ed (R-Winifred) Hoven, Brian (R-Great Falls) Lake, Bob (R-Hamilton) Miller, Mike (R-Helmville) Randall, Lee (R-Broadus) Sonju, Jon (R-Kalispell) Stahl, Wayne (R-Saco) Taylor, Janna (R-Dayton) Vincent, Chas (R-Libby)	Voting No Barrett, Dick (D-Missoula) Cohenour, Jill (D-East Helena) Grinde, Wanda (D-Billings) Hamilton, Robin (D-Missoula) Jopek, Mike (D-Whitefish) McAlpin, Dave (D-Missoula) Noonan, Art (D-Butte) Pomnichowski, JP (D-Bozeman) Roundstone, J. David (D-Busby) Wiseman, Brady (D-Bozeman)

HB 357 Berry, Tom (R-Roundup)

Legislative short title: Shorten delay period for when contractor pays % on late payment to subcontractor

Score card title: Shorten delay period for when contractor pays subcontractor

Floor vote weight = 1

Summary: Shortens the delay period for payment on construction contracts and allows a prime or subcontractor to accept partial payments without eliminating the right to collect interest on outstanding balances due on construction projects.

Votes used:

House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 100 Yes 0 No 0 Excused/Absent
Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 49 Yes 1 No 0 Excused/Absent

HB 406 Reinhart, Michele (D-Missoula)

Legislative short title: Revise county interim zoning law

Summary: Makes it easier for county governments to conduct interim zoning by expanding the definition of an "emergency" for zoning purposes.

Vote used:

House Local Government Committee MCA position: No	Vote results 6 Yes 12 No
Voting Yes Becker, Arlene (D-Billings) Hamilton, Robin (D-Missoula) Hands, Betsy (D-Missoula) Menahan, Mike (D-Helena) Reinhart, Michele (D-Missoula) Sands, Diane (D-Missoula)	Voting No Arntzen, Elsie (R-Billings) Bennett, Gerald (R-Libby) Berry, Tom (R-Roundup) Driscoll, Robyn (D-Billings) Ebinger, Bob (D-Livingston) Grinde, Wanda (D-Billings) Ingraham, Pat (R-Thompson Falls) MacLaren, Gary (R-Victor) More, Michael (R-Gallatin Gateway) Reichner, Scott (R-Bigfork) Stahl, Wayne (R-Saco) Vance, Gordon (R-Bozeman)

HB 446 Pomnichowski, JP (D-Bozeman)

Legislative short title: Revise opencut mining law

Summary: Requires monitoring wells at proposed gravel operations prior to permit application, plus monthly reporting; provides process for neighboring landowners to sue for damages for nearly any affects on water supply quality or quantity, among other onerous provisions.

Vote used:

House Natural Resources Committee MCA position: No	Vote results 9 Yes 9 No
Voting Yes Belcourt, Tony (D-Box Elder) Blewett, Anders (D-Great Falls) Cohenour, Jill (D-East Helena) Dickenson, Sue (D-Great Falls) Hands, Betsy (D-Missoula) Menahan, Mike (D-Helena) Pomnichowski, JP (D-Bozeman) Reinhart, Michele (D-Missoula) Van Dyk, Kendall (D-Billings)	Voting No Bennett, Gerald (R-Libby) Hendrick, Gordon (R-Superior) Hoven, Brian (R-Great Falls) McGillvray, Tom (R-Billings) Mendenhall, Scott (R-Clancy) Milburn, Mike (R-Cascade) Miller, Mike (R-Helmville) Vincent, Chas (R-Libby) Warburton, Wendy (R-Havre)

HB 447 Pomnichowski, JP (D-Bozeman)

Legislative short title: Revise opencut mining laws

Summary: Requires that at least 25 percent of opencut permitted acreages be under reclamation, DEQ to enforce with on site inspections.

Vote used:

House Natural Resources Committee MCA position: No	Vote results 9 Yes 9 No
Voting Yes Belcourt, Tony (D-Box Elder) Blewett, Anders (D-Great Falls) Cohenour, Jill (D-East Helena) Dickenson, Sue (D-Great Falls) Hands, Betsy (D-Missoula) Menahan, Mike (D-Helena) Pomnichowski, JP (D-Bozeman) Reinhart, Michele (D-Missoula) Van Dyk, Kendall (D-Billings)	Voting No Bennett, Gerald (R-Libby) Hendrick, Gordon (R-Superior) Hoven, Brian (R-Great Falls) McGillvray, Tom (R-Billings) Mendenhall, Scott (R-Clancy) Milburn, Mike (R-Cascade) Miller, Mike (R-Helmville) Vincent, Chas (R-Libby) Warburton, Wendy (R-Havre)

HB 483 Jones, Llew (R-Conrad)

Legislative short title: Revising laws governing board of environmental review related to energy projects

Score card title: Revising laws governing BER review related to energy projects

Floor vote weight = 1

Summary: Facilitates energy development project permitting and narrows grounds for litigation and appeals.

Votes used:

House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 68 Yes 32 No 0 Excused/Absent
Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 30 Yes 20 No 0 Excused/Absent

HB 486 MacLaren, Gary (R-Victor)

Legislative short title: Generally revise land use and planning laws

Score card title: Revise land use and planning laws

Floor vote weight = 1

Summary: Directs counties to consider gravel resources when developing growth plans, among other provisions.

Votes used:

Conference Committee Report, House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 70 Yes 30 No 0 Excused/Absent
Conference Committee Report, Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 35 Yes 15 No 0 Excused/Absent

HB 529 Jones, Llew (R-Conrad)

Legislative short title: Generally revise MEPA

Score card title: Revise MEPA

Floor vote weight = 1

Summary: Encourages more responsible energy development on State Lands by restricting when the State can impede energy projects through excessive review.

Votes used:

House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 71 Yes 29 No 0 Excused/Absent
Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 33 Yes 17 No 0 Excused/Absent

HB 603 Hollenbaugh, Galen (D-Helena)

Legislative short title: Authorize labor requirements in public works contracts

Summary: Authorizes Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) on public projects in Montana.

Vote used:

House Business & Labor Committee MCA position: No	Vote results 9 Yes 9 No
Voting Yes Augare, Shannon (D-Browning) Beck, Paul (D-Red Lodge) Boland, Carlie (D-Great Falls) Fleming, John (D-St. Ignatius) Furey, Timothy (D-Missoula) Hunter, Chuck (D-Helena) Noonan, Pat (R-Ramsay) Reinhart, Michele (D-Missoula) Wilson, Bill (D-Great Falls)	Voting No Arntzen, Elsie (R-Billings) Beck, Bill (R-Whitefish) Berry, Tom (R-Roundup) Klock, Harry (R-Harlowton) Milburn, Mike (R-Cascade) Reichner, Scott (R-Bigfork) Smith, Cary (R-Billings) Vance, Gordon (R-Bozeman) Wellborn, Jeffrey (R-Dillon)

HB 645 Sesso, Jon (D-Butte)

Legislative short title: Implement receipt of and appropriate federal stimulus and recovery funds

Score card title: Implement receipt of and appropriate federal stimulus

Floor vote weight = 3

Summary: Implements receipt and expenditure of federal funds (America Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) including funding of "stimulus projects".

Votes used:

Free Conference Committee Report, House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 51 Yes 49 No 0 Excused/Absent
Free Conference Committee Report, Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 34 Yes 16 No 0 Excused/Absent

HB 678 Pomnichowski, JP (D-Bozeman)

Legislative short title: Revise opencut mining laws

Score card title: Revise opencut mining laws

Floor vote weight = 6

Summary: Changes DEQ's opencut permitting process including permit review, public notice, public meetings, and permit/operations fees.

Kaufmann amendment would have extended time frames and complicate permit review process.

Gebhardt amendment removed DEQ's ability to use their "discretion" to hold a public meeting.

Votes used:

House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: No	Vote results 66 Yes 34 No 0 Excused/Absent
Motion to amend (K. Kaufmann, D-Helena) Senate Floor 2nd Reading MCA position: No	Vote results 20 Yes 30 No 0 Excused/Absent
Motion to amend (K. Gebhardt, R-Roundup) Senate Floor 2nd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 32 Yes 18 No 0 Excused/Absent

SB 246 Perry, Gary (R-Manhattan)

Legislative short title: Require signs on opencut operations

Score card title: Require signs on opencut operations

Floor vote weight = 1

Summary: MCA bill. Requires opencut mining operations to prominently post signage informing the public who is operating the facility and how to contact them with questions, concerns.

Votes used:

Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 42 Yes 7 No 1 Excused/Absent
House Floor 2nd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 43 Yes 57 No 0 Excused/Absent

SB 297 Larsen, Cliff (D-Missoula)

Legislative short title: Map state gravel resources

Score card title: Map state gravel resources

Floor vote weight = 1

Summary: Establishes a process for mapping statewide gravel resources.

Votes used:

Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 45 Yes 5 No 0 Excused/Absent
House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 86 Yes 14 No 0 Excused/Absent

SB 308 Keane, Jim (D-Butte)

Legislative short title: Revise calculation of standard prevailing wage rates

Score card title: Calculation of standard prevailing wage rates

Floor vote weight = 3

Summary: Improves Dept. of Labor process for determining prevailing wages in building trades by narrowing survey process and creating more continuity. A labor and industry consensus bill.

Votes used:

Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 35 Yes 15 No 0 Excused/Absent
House Floor 2nd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 80 Yes 20 No 0 Excused/Absent

SB 349 Tutvedt, Bruce (R-Kalispell)

Legislative short title: Revise state bidding requirements to protect proprietary information

Score card title: State bidding requirements to protect proprietary information

Floor vote weight = 3

Floor vote to reject Governor's amendments weight = 6

Summary: MCA bill. Precludes proprietary business information submitted with bid documents from becoming "public" information.

Votes used:

Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 48 Yes 2 No 0 Excused/Absent
House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 95 Yes 5 No 0 Excused/Absent
Reject Governor's amendments Senate Floor MCA position: Yes	Vote results 33 Yes 15 No 2 Excused/Absent
Reject Governor's amendments House Floor MCA position: Yes	Vote results 52 Yes 48 No 0 Excused/Absent

SB 370 Perry, Gary (R-Manhattan)

Legislative short title: Replace RIGWA with permit fee for sand and gravel operations

Score card title: Replace RIGWA with permit fee for sand and gravel operations

Floor vote weight = 3

Summary: MCA bill. Replaces Resource Indemnity & Groundwater assessment Tax on gravel with a 2.5 cents/cubic yard fee paid directly to the DEQ for its opencut program.

Votes used:

Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 43 Yes 7 No 0 Excused/Absent
House Floor 2nd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 21 Yes 77 No 2 Excused/Absent

SB 371 Perry, Gary (R-Manhattan)

Legislative short title: Clarify applicability of "at work" for work comp purposes

Score card title: Clarify applicability of "at work" for work comp purposes

Floor vote weight = 3

Summary: Clarifies when an employee is "at work" for purposes of determining when work comp applies.

Votes used:

House Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 62 Yes 38 No 0 Excused/Absent
Senate Floor concur in House amendments MCA position: Yes	Vote results 39 Yes 11 No 0 Excused/Absent

SB 411 Tutvedt, Bruce (R-Kalispell)

Legislative short title: Growth policy to include sand and gravel resource

Score card title: Growth policy to include sand and gravel resource

Floor vote weight = 3

Summary: MCA bill. Directs counties to consider gravel resources when developing a growth policy.

Votes used:

Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 49 Yes 1 No 0 Excused/Absent
House Local Government Committee MCA position: Yes	Vote results 8 Yes 10 No
Voting Yes Arntzen, Elsie (R-Billings) Bennett, Gerald (R-Libby) Ingraham, Pat (R-Thompson Falls) MacLaren, Gary (R-Victor) More, Michael (R-Gallatin Gateway) Reichner, Scott (R-Bigfork) Stahl, Wayne (R-Saco) Vance, Gordon (R-Bozeman)	Voting No Becker, Arlene (D-Billings) Berry, Tom (R-Roundup) Driscoll, Robyn (D-Billings) Ebinger, Bob (D-Livingston) Grinde, Wanda (D-Billings) Hamilton, Robin (D-Missoula) Hands, Betsy (D-Missoula) Menahan, Mike (D-Helena) Reinhart, Michele (D-Missoula) Sands, Diane (D-Missoula)

SB 417 Keane, Jim (D-Butte)

Legislative short title: Revise environmental impact laws

Score card title: Revise environmental impact laws

Floor vote weight = 3

Summary: Eliminates ability of environmental groups to file procedural lawsuits under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) that block industrial projects from moving forward.

Votes used:

Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 29 Yes 21 No 0 Excused/Absent
House Federal Relations, Energy & Telecommunications Committee MCA position: Yes	Vote results 7 Yes 7 No
Voting Yes Jones, Llew (R-Conrad) Klock, Harry (R-Harlowton) MacLaren, Gary (R-Victor) O'Hara, Jesse (R-Great Falls) Regier, Keith (R-Kalispell) Reichner, Scott (R-Bigfork) Stahl, Wayne (R-Saco)	Voting No Augare, Shannon (D-Browning) Boland, Carlie (D-Great Falls) Driscoll, Robyn (D-Billings) Jopek, Mike (D-Whitefish) Noonan, Art (D-Butte) Phillips, Mike (D-Bozeman) Wiseman, Brady (D-Bozeman)

SB 433 Gebhardt, Kelly (R-Roundup)

Legislative short title: Revise opencut mining laws

Summary: MCA bill. Establishes public notice and meeting processes, a two-track permitting process at DEQ, and limits counties' authority to deny gravel operations through zoning.

Vote used:

Senate Local Government Committee MCA position: Yes	Vote results 4 Yes 5 No
Voting Yes Esp, John (R-Big Timber) Essmann, Jeff (R-Billings) Jackson, Verdell (R-Kalispell) Tutvedt, Bruce (R-Kalispell)	Voting No Barkus, Gregory (R-Kalispell) Erickson, Ron (D-Missoula) Gallus, Steve (D-Butte) Gillan, Kim (D-Billings) Laslovich, Jesse (D-Anaconda)

SB 468 Barkus, Gregory (R-Kalispell)

Legislative short title: Admissibility in evidence of seat belt use

Score card title: Admissibility in evidence of seat belt use

Floor vote weight = 1

Summary: Removes prohibition of evidence of seat belt use in court cases; allows judge to determine if the evidence is relevant.

Votes used:

Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 31 Yes 19 No 0 Excused/Absent
House Judiciary Committee MCA position: Yes	Vote results 3 Yes 15 No
Voting Yes Regier, Keith (R-Kalispell) Stoker, Ron (R-Darby) Wagner, Bob (R-Harrison)	Voting No Becker, Arlene (D-Billings) Bennett, Gerald (R-Libby) Blewett, Anders (D-Great Falls) Driscoll, Robyn (D-Billings) Ebinger, Bob (D-Livingston) Howard, David (R-Park City) Kerns, Krayton (R-Laurel) Kottel, Deborah (D-Great Falls) MacDonald, Margaret (D-Billings) McClafferty, Edith (D-Butte) Menahan, Mike (D-Helena) More, Michael (R-Gallatin Gateway) Peterson, Ken (R-Billings) Sands, Diane (D-Missoula) Warburton, Wendy (R-Havre)

SB 481 Barkus, Gregory (R-Kalispell)

Legislative short title: Exempt economic stimulus projects from MEPA

Score card title: Exempt economic stimulus projects from MEPA

Floor vote weight = 3

Summary: MCA bill. Facilitates construction projects funded under the “economic stimulus package” by exempting them from the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) review and from exposure to MEPA-based lawsuits.

Votes used:

Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 29 Yes 21 No 0 Excused/Absent
House Federal Relations, Energy & Telecommunications Committee MCA position: Yes	Vote results 7 Yes 7 No
Voting Yes Jones, Llew (R-Conrad) Klock, Harry (R-Harlowton) MacLaren, Gary (R-Victor) O'Hara, Jesse (R-Great Falls) Regier, Keith (R-Kalispell) Reichner, Scott (R-Bigfork) Stahl, Wayne (R-Saco)	Voting No Augare, Shannon (D-Browning) Boland, Carlie (D-Great Falls) Driscoll, Robyn (D-Billings) Jopek, Mike (D-Whitefish) Noonan, Art (D-Butte) Phillips, Mike (D-Bozeman) Wiseman, Brady (D-Bozeman)

SB 490 Brown, Roy (R-Billings)

Legislative short title: Increase class eight business equipment tax exemption

Score card title: Increase class eight business equipment tax exemption

Floor vote weight = 3

Summary: Lowers business equipment property tax rate from 3% to 2% for businesses with less than \$5 million in equipment.

Votes used:

Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 33 Yes 17 No 0 Excused/Absent
House Floor: Motion to bring to floor from committee MCA position: Yes	Vote results 49 Yes 51 No 0 Excused/Absent

SB 503 Essmann, Jeff (R-Billings)

Legislative short title: Montana Economic Stimulus Act

Score card title: Montana Economic Stimulus Act

Floor vote weight = 3

Summary: Increases capital gains tax credits to encourage businesses to locate in Montana and to help those businesses that remain in Montana for a certain period.

Votes used:

Senate Floor 3rd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 31 Yes 19 No 0 Excused/Absent
House Floor 2nd Reading MCA position: Yes	Vote results 54 Yes 45 No 1 Excused/Absent

Summary of Committee Votes Used

House Business & Labor Committee

HB 603 Hollenbaugh (D-Helena)

Authorize labor requirements in public works contracts

MCA position: no

House Federal Relations, Energy & Telecommunications Committee

SB 417 Keane (D-Butte) Revise environmental impact laws

MCA position: yes

SB 481 Barkus (R-Kalispell)

Exempt economic stimulus projects from MEPA

MCA position: yes

House Judiciary Committee

SB 468 Barkus (R-Kalispell)

Admissibility in evidence of seat belt use

MCA position: yes

House Local Government Committee

HB 406 Reinhart (D-Missoula) Revise county interim zoning law

MCA position: no

SB 411 Tutvedt (R-Kalispell)

Growth policy to include sand and gravel resource

MCA position: yes

House Natural Resources Committee

HB 446 Pomnichowski (D-Bozeman) Revise opencut mining law

MCA position: no

HB 447 Pomnichowski (D-Bozeman) Revise opencut mining laws

MCA position: no

House Taxation Committee

HB 240 Lake (R-Hamilton) Reduce business equipment property tax
and reimburse local tax jurisdictions

MCA position: yes

Senate Local Government Committee

SB 433 Gebhardt (R-Roundup) Revise opencut mining laws

MCA position: yes

Bills Selected to Determine 2009 Sponsor Points Alphabetical List

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

Barkus, Gregory (R-Kalispell)	SB 468	Admissibility in evidence of seat belt use
Barkus, Gregory (R-Kalispell)	SB 481	Exempt economic stimulus projects from MEPA
Berry, Tom (R-Roundup)	HB 357	Shorten delay period for when contractor pays % on late payment to subcontractor
Brown, Roy (R-Billings)	SB 490	Increase class eight business equipment tax exemption
Essmann, Jeff (R-Billings)	SB 503	Montana Economic Stimulus Act
Gebhardt, Kelly (R-Roundup)	SB 433	Revise opencut mining laws
Jones, Llew (R-Conrad)	HB 529	Generally revise MEPA
Keane, Jim (D-Butte)	SB 308	Revise calculation of standard prevailing wage rates
Keane, Jim (D-Butte)	SB 417	Revise environmental impact laws
Lake, Bob (R-Hamilton)	HB 240	Reduce business equipment property tax and reimburse local tax jurisdictions
Larsen, Cliff (D-Missoula)	SB 297	Map state gravel resources
Perry, Gary (R-Manhattan)	SB 246	Require signs on opencut operations
Perry, Gary (R-Manhattan)	SB 370	Replace RIGWA with permit fee for sand and gravel operations
Perry, Gary (R-Manhattan)	SB 371	Clarify applicability of "at work" for work comp purposes
Tutvedt, Bruce (R-Kalispell)	SB 349	Revise state bidding requirements to protect proprietary information
Tutvedt, Bruce (R-Kalispell)	SB 411	Growth policy to include sand and gravel resource

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

Cohenour, Jill (D-East Helena)	HB 319	Require proof of other permit applications for opencut mining
Hollenbaugh, Galen (D-Helena)	HB 603	Authorize labor requirements in public works contracts
Nooney, Bill (R-Missoula)	HB 77	Notification requirement for proposed gravel pit operations
Pomnichowski, JP (D-Bozeman)	HB 359	Public notice and hearing for opencut applications
Pomnichowski, JP (D-Bozeman)	HB 429	Annual fees for opencut mining operations
Pomnichowski, JP (D-Bozeman)	HB 446	Revise opencut mining law
Pomnichowski, JP (D-Bozeman)	HB 447	Revise opencut mining law



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