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Dear Reader,

The 2005 spring legislative session was a busy one, although once again substantive legislation was overshadowed by the budget crisis. This Scorecard looks at a number of the most important bills and how our legislators voted on them. It provides objective and factual information about the voting records of all members of the Illinois General Assembly in 2005. Six votes in both the House of Representatives and the Senate are included, covering a wide range of issues, in particular clean air and clean water.

What is not reflected in this scorecard is the successful outcome of the fight to save open space funding in the Fiscal Year 2006 budget. The only vote taken on this issue was the budget itself, and we have chosen again not to include that vote here. The budget contained funding for thousands of programs, and it is impossible to separate them out.

The Illinois Constitution states that "the public policy of the State and the duty of each person is to provide and maintain a healthful environment for

the benefit of this and future generations." Our legislators have a responsibility to carry out this duty, and this Scorecard is intended to provide the citizens of Illinois a tool for understanding how well their legislators accomplished this task.

Illinois voters care about their environment. They routinely approve local ballot measures that increase funding for additions to park and forest preserve districts. Environmental issues consistently rank near the top of voter's concerns in election year polls. We also expect our elected representatives to show leadership on these same issues, and this year there was an abundance of leadership. A total of twenty-six legislators scored perfect 100% ratings. We commend them for their actions, and encourage others to show similar leadership in the future.

I hope you find this voting record helpful.

Best Regards,

Jonathan Goldman

Executive Director

Illinois Environmental Council

Explanation of Scoring

For each bill, legislators are evaluated as to whether they voted with the pro-environment position ("+") on the bill, or against it ("-"). The votes are then tallied, with an overall score calculated. For instance, someone who voted pro-environment on three bills and against on three bills is given a 50% score.

The only votes not counted are those when a legislator had an excused absence (noted in the chart as "A"), which generally meant that the legislator was not in Springfield on that day due to an illness or other unexpected circumstances. Legislators who had excused absences were scored on the remaining votes they cast.

Two other voting possibilities are included. On occasion, a legislator may vote "Present" which is essentially an abstention. We have counted these votes the same as a no vote on the bill, because the impact is the same as if that legislator had voted no. These are shown in the voting chart as "P" and counted the same as a "+" when it helps the pro-environment position, and shown as "-" and counted as "-" when it hurts. Similarly, when a legislator is in Springfield

but does not vote on a bill, we have counted it the same as a "no" vote on the bill. This is noted in the chart as "NV" and counted the same as a "+" when this action supports the pro-environment position and noted as "nv" and counted as "-" when it denies support to the pro-environment position.

Legislators have many reasons for voting present or for not voting at all. They may vote present because of a philosophical conflict on the issue, or simply because they don't want to commit publicly one way or the other. They may miss a vote because they were in an important meeting, were in the bathroom at the time of the vote, or were at their desk but decided not to vote. Regardless of the reason, all of these actions have consequences that can impact whether or not a bill passes, and we have decided that it is appropriate to hold legislators accountable for these consequences.

Rep. Larry McKeon missed much of the 2005 spring session due to illness, and as a result did not vote on any of the bills in the scorecard, and is not given a grade here.

About the Bills in the 2005 Environmental Voting Record

HB 672: Local Smoking Regulation

Sponsors: Rep. Yarbrough and Sen. Cullerton

A loophole in the Illinois Clean Indoor Air Act, passed in 1989, prohibits nearly all communities from passing ordinances that protect your right to breathe clean air in public places and workplaces. Only 20 communities statewide are allowed to pass stronger local laws, because of a grandfathering provision. HB 672 amends the Act to restore local control so that all communities can protect residents from secondhand smoke. House Bill 672 does not require any community to become smoke-free, but gives all Illinois communities the opportunity to protect workers by passing such laws.

HB 672 passed the House by a vote of 62-48-6, and was approved by the Senate 35-16-3. It was signed into law by Governor Blagojevich on August 10, 2005.

Pro-Environment Vote: Yes

HB 695: School Indoor Air Quality

Sponsors: Rep. May and Sen. Lightford

HB 695 would require schools to adopt Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) policies to support health indoor environments. Without mandating specific programs, it would engage local school districts to openly discuss the needs for addressing school environmental health.

An IAQ policy can help schools maintain a healthy environment in a school building. Local schools can determine how extensive their needs are and can establish policies that fit their school's needs. Policies can be as simple as recognizing the need for healthy air, or as inclusive as adopting an IAQ committee to preventatively address ongoing concerns in the school facility.

HB 695 passed the House 90-21 but failed in the Senate by a vote of 27-28-2.

Pro-Environment Vote: Yes

HB 2347: Diesel Engine Anti-Idling

Sponsors: Rep. Nekritz and Sen. Schoenberg

HB 2347 would reduce diesel pollution from idling vehicles. The smoke from diesel engines contains 40 different chemicals known to be toxic. HB 2347 would prohibit large diesel vehicles located in the non-attainment areas of the state from idling for more than ten minutes in any given hour.

HB 2347 passed the House 65-50-1 and was approved by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. However, it was not called for a vote on the floor of the Senate.

Pro-Environment Vote: Yes

HB 2390: Bicycle Tort Immunity

Sponsors: Rep. Nekritz and Sen. Cullerton

HB 2390 addresses a court ruling (*Boub v. Wayne*) that bicycles are not intended users of roadways, stripping liability protection from bicyclists. Not addressing this issue is an impediment to future bicycle trail construction and use. This bill declares that a person riding a bicycle is an intended and permitted user of streets and highways.

HB 2390 passed the House 60-55-4, but was not voted on by the Senate.

Pro-Environment Vote: Yes

SB 241: Community Notification

Sponsors: Sen. Cullerton and Rep. Holbrook

SB 241 would require EPA to provide notification to residents when there is a nearby environmental hazard, and provides EPA with authority to require cleanup of a hazardous situation.

SB 241 passed the Senate 42-14. It was further amended in the House, passing there 112-0-2, with the Senate concurring by a vote of 59-0. It was signed by Governor Blagojevich on July 25, 2005.

Pro-Environment Vote: Yes

About the Bills in the 2005 Environmental Voting Record (continued)

SB 431: Landfill Regulation

Sponsors: Sen. Halvorson and Rep. Hamos

A proposal of the Blagojevich Administration, SB 431 gives Illinois EPA additional authority to deal with landfills that pose a public health threat. It more tightly regulates recycling firms to prevent their acceptance of regulated waste.

SB 431 passed the Senate 55-0, and was approved by the House 77-16-23. The Senate then concurred with a House amendment 54-0 and it was signed by the governor on July 19, 2005.

Pro-Environment Vote: Yes

SB 508: Complete Streets

Sponsors: Sen. Maloney and Rep. Joe Lyons

SB 508 directs that Illinois Department of Transportation projects involving highways under the jurisdiction of the Department must adequately meet the transportation needs of all users of these highways, including those who travel along or across these highways by motor vehicle, foot, bicycle, or wheelchair. The bill would promote the interests of pedestrians and bicyclists in the planning of road projects.

SB 508 passed the Senate 41-13-1. It was not voted on in the House.

Pro-Environment Vote: Yes

SB 761: Wetlands

Sponsors: Sen. Clayborne and Rep. Holbrook

Promoted by a large number of business groups, SB 761 would have gutted existing protections for wetlands in favor of a much weaker program.

SB 761 passed the Senate 34-17. It was ultimately held in the House Environment and Energy Committee in the face of overwhelming opposition.

Pro-Environment Vote: No

SB 1910: Stormwater Management

Sponsors: Sen. Haine and Rep. Holbrook

This bill will allow counties in the areas of emerging development to work with their municipalities to enact stormwater management plans to control stormwater, in much the same way as the six counties of northeastern Illinois already do. The bill covers the counties of Kendall, LaSalle, DeKalb, Grundy and Boone in northern Illinois and Madison, St. Clair and Monroe in the Metro East area. Without this legislation, these counties would be fighting increased flooding and polluted stormwater runoff without the tools to control either.

SB 1910 passed the Senate 41-8-1 and passed the House by a vote of 67-47-1. It was approved by Governor Blagojevich on August 23, 2005.

Pro-Environment Vote: Yes

Senate Voting Record

	HB 672	HB 695	SB 241	SB 508	SB 761	SB 1910	2005 Score	2004 Score	2003 Score
Althoff (R-32)	p	-	+	+	+	+	67	50	40
Bomke (R-50)	+	-	-	+	-	nv	33	75	50
Brady (R-44)	-	-	-	-	-	+	17	50	50
Burzynski (R-35)	+	-	-	-	-	-	17	75	30
Clayborne (D-57)	-	-	+	+	-	+	50	100	90
Collins (D-16)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	100
Cronin (R-21)	+	-	+	nv	+	nv	50	100	50
Crotty (D-19)	+	+	+	+	-	+	83	75	90
Cullerton (D-6)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	90
Dahl (R-38)	-	-	-	-	-	p	0	*	*
DeLeo (D-10)	+	+	+	+	-	+	83	75	90
del Valle (D-2)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	75	90
Demuzio (D-49)	+	+	+	+	-	-	67	67	*
Dillard (R-24)	p	p	+	-	+	+	50	50	40
Forby (D-59)	-	-	+	+	-	+	50	50	50
Garrett (D-29)	+	+	+	+	+	nv	83	100	100
Geo-Karis (R-31)	-	nv	+	+	+	+	67	75	60
Haine (D-56)	-	-	-	+	-	+	33	100	90
Halvorson (D-40)	+	+	+	+	NV	nv	83	75	90
Harmon (D-39)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	75	90
Hendon (D-5)	+	+	+	+	NV	+	100	75	90
Hunter (D-3)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	75	90
Jacobs (D-36)	-	+	+	+	-	nv	50	*	*
Jones, Emil (D-14)	-	+	+	+	-	+	67	75	90
Jones, John (R-54)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	50	40
Jones, Wendell (R-27)	-	-	+	-	NV	+	50	50	40
Lauzen (R-25)	-	-	nv	-	+	-	17	75	50
Lightford (D-4)	+	+	+	+	-	+	83	75	90
Link (D-30)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	100
Luechtefeld (R-58)	-	-	nv	-	+	+	33	75	30
Maloney (D-18)	+	p	+	+	-	+	67	100	90
Martinez (D-20)	+	+	+	+	NV	-	83	75	90
Meeks (I-15)	+	+	+	+	-	+	83	50	90
Munoz (D-1)	+	+	+	+	NV	+	100	75	70
Pankau (R-23)	+	nv	+	+	+	+	83	25	56
Peterson (R-26)	nv	-	-	+	-	+	33	75	40
Petka (R-42)	+	-	+	nv	NV	+	67	50	50
Radogno (R-41)	+	-	+	+	+	+	83	75	70
Raoul (D-13)	nv	+	+	+	-	+	67	*	*
Rauschenberger (R-22)	nv	-	nv	nv	NV	nv	17	50	60
Righter (R-55)	+	-	-	-	-	-	17	75	30
Risinger (R-37)	+	-	-	-	-	+	33	75	30
Ronen (D-7)	+	+	+	+	-	+	83	100	100
Roskam (R-48)	+	-	+	nv	NV	+	67	100	40
Rutherford (R-53)	-	-	-	-	-	+	17	50	30
Sandoval (D-12)	+	+	+	+	-	-	67	75	90
Schoenberg (D-9)	+	+	+	+	+	nv	83	100	100
Shadid (D-46)	+	+	+	+	-	+	83	50	90
Sieben (R-45)	-	-	-	+	-	nv	17	75	50
Silverstein (D-8)	+	+	+	+	-	+	83	75	90
Sullivan, Dave (R-33)	nv	-	+	+	-	+	50	75	60
Sullivan, John (D-47)	+	-	+	p	-	+	50	50	80
Syverson (R-34)	-	-	-	+	-	-	17	50	40
Trotter (D-17)	p	+	+	+	-	+	67	75	90
Viverito (D-11)	+	+	+	+	-	+	83	75	90
Watson (R-51)	-	-	-	-	-	+	17	75	30
Wilhelmi (D-43)	+	+	+	+	-	+	83	*	*
Winkel (R-52)	+	-	+	-	-	nv	33	100	40
Wojcik (R-28)	nv	-	-	+	+	+	50	50	50

KEY

Pro-Environment Vote. . . +
 Anti-Environment Vote . . -
 Not Voting + **NV**

Not Voting - **nv**
 Voting Present + **P**
 Voting Present - **p**

Excused Absence **A**
 Not in Office. *

House Voting Record

	HB 672	HB 695	HB 2347	HB 2390	SB 431	SB 1910	2005 Score	2004 Score	2003 Score
Acevedo (D-2)	p	+	+	+	p	+	67	75	80
Bailey (D-6)	-	+	p	+	+	-	50	75	90
Bassi (R-54)	+	+	-	-	+	-	50	50	50
Beaubien (R-52)	nv	+	-	-	+	+	50	50	50
Beiser (D-111)	-	+	-	-	+	-	33	*	*
Bellock (R-47)	-	+	-	+	p	+	50	50	60
Berrios (D-39)	+	+	+	+	p	+	83	75	90
Biggins (R-41)	-	+	+	-	+	+	67	50	50
Black (R-104)	+	-	-	-	+	-	33	0	10
Boland (D-71)	-	A	-	-	+	+	40	75	70
Bost (R-115)	+	-	-	-	p	+	33	0	30
Bradley, John (D-117)	-	+	-	+	+	-	50	25	*
Bradley, Richard (D-40)	-	+	+	-	p	+	50	25	70
Brady (R-88)	+	+	-	+	+	+	83	0	50
Brauer (R-100)	-	-	-	-	+	-	17	25	20
Brosnahan (D-36)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	50	70
Burke (D-23)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	75	80
Chapa LaVia (D-83)	p	+	+	+	+	-	67	50	100
Chavez (D-24)	+	+	+	+	p	-	67	*	*
Churchill (R-62)	+	-	-	-	-	+	33	25	30
Collins (D-10)	+	+	+	+	A	+	100	75	80
Colvin (D-33)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	75	60
Coulson (R-17)	+	+	+	+	+	-	83	100	100
Cross (R-84)	-	-	-	-	+	+	33	25	50
Cultra (R-105)	+	-	-	-	p	-	17	0	20
Currie (D-25)	+	A	+	+	+	+	100	100	100
D'Amico (D-15)	-	+	+	-	+	-	50	*	*
Daniels (R-46)	+	+	-	+	-	+	67	25	67
Davis, Monique (D-27)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	90
Davis, Will (D-30)	-	+	+	-	+	+	67	100	70
Delgado (D-3)	-	+	+	+	p	+	67	75	88
Dugan (D-79)	-	+	-	-	+	-	33	50	*
Dunkin (D-5)	-	+	-	-	+	+	50	75	80
Dunn (R-96)	-	-	-	+	+	-	33	25	30
Eddy (R-109)	+	+	-	-	+	-	50	0	25
Feigenholtz (D-12)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	100
Flider (D-101)	+	+	-	-	+	-	50	75	60
Flowers (D-31)	-	+	+	+	+	+	83	75	70
Franks (D-63)	-	+	+	+	+	-	67	50	80
Fritchey (D-11)	+	+	+	+	p	-	67	75	80
Froehlich (R-56)	+	A	+	+	p	-	60	75	70
Giles (D-8)	p	+	+	+	+	+	83	75	80
Gordon (D-75)	-	+	-	-	+	-	33	50	*
Graham (D-78)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	90
Granberg (D-107)	-	+	-	-	+	+	50	75	70
Hamos (D-18)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	100
Hannig (D-98)	+	+	-	-	+	+	67	75	70
Hassert (R-85)	-	-	-	-	+	+	33	25	50
Hoffman (D-112)	-	+	A	+	+	+	80	100	60
Holbrook (D-113)	-	+	-	-	+	+	50	75	60
Howard (D-34)	+	+	+	+	p	+	83	75	90
Hultgren (R-95)	+	+	+	+	+	-	83	33	30
Jakobsson (D-103)	+	+	+	+	+	-	83	100	100
Jefferson (D-67)	-	+	+	+	+	-	67	50	90
Jenisch (R-45)	+	-	+	+	+	-	67	*	*
Jones (D-26)	-	+	+	+	p	+	67	75	90
Joyce (D-35)	+	+	+	+	+	-	83	75	80
Kelly (D-38)	+	+	+	+	+	-	83	100	90
Kosel (R-81)	-	+	+	-	p	nv	33	0	40

	HB 672	HB 695	HB 2347	HB 2390	SB 431	SB 1910	2005 Score	2004 Score	2003 Score
Krause (R-66)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	80
Lang (D-16)	+	+	+	+	p	+	83	75	80
Leitch (R-73)	+	-	-	-	-	+	33	25	40
Lindner (R-50)	+	+	+	-	+	+	83	75	70
Lyons, Eileen (R-82)	-	+	-	+	-	+	50	100	100
Lyons, Joe (D-19)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	75	100
Madigan (D-22)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	75	60
Mathias (R-53)	+	+	+	-	+	+	83	75	60
Mautino (D-76)	-	+	-	-	+	+	50	50	50
May (D-58)	+	+	+	+	+	-	83	100	100
McAuliffe (R-20)	-	+	-	+	+	+	67	25	60
McCarthy (D-37)	-	+	+	+	+	+	83	50	70
McGuire (D-86)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	75	80
McKeon (D-13)	A	A	A	A	A	A	N/A	100	89
Mendoza (D-1)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	75	90
Meyer (R-48)	-	+	+	-	p	-	33	50	50
Miller (D-29)	+	+	+	+	p	-	67	75	80
Millner (R-55)	p	+	-	-	p	-	17	25	50
Mitchell, Bill (R-87)	-	+	-	-	+	-	33	0	20
Mitchell, Jerry (R-90)	+	+	-	nv	+	+	67	25	30
Moffitt (R-74)	+	+	-	-	+	+	67	25	40
Molaro (D-21)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	75	80
Mulligan (R-65)	+	+	+	+	-	-	67	75	80
Munson (R-43)	+	+	+	-	+	-	67	50	60
Myers (R-94)	+	+	-	-	+	-	50	25	30
Nekritz (D-57)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	100
Osmond (R-61)	+	-	+	-	-	-	33	50	40
Osterman (D-14)	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	100
Parke (R-44)	p	-	-	-	-	-	0	25	30
Patterson (D-32)	+	+	+	-	+	+	83	*	*
Phelps (D-118)	-	+	-	-	+	-	33	50	40
Pihos (R-42)	+	-	+	+	p	-	50	100	100
Poe (R-99)	-	+	-	-	p	-	17	25	30
Pritchard (R-70)	+	+	-	-	-	+	50	25	*
Reis (R-108)	-	-	-	-	+	-	17	*	*
Reitz (D-116)	-	+	-	-	+	+	50	50	60
Rita (D-28)	-	+	+	+	+	+	83	75	90
Rose (R-110)	-	A	+	-	+	p	40	25	20
Ryg (D-59)	+	+	+	+	+	-	83	100	100
Sacia (R-89)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	25	30
Saviano (R-77)	-	+	-	+	+	+	67	75	70
Schmitz (R-49)	-	-	-	-	+	+	33	25	40
Schock (R-92)	-	+	+	-	-	-	33	*	*
Scully (D-80)	-	A	+	+	+	+	80	75	80
Smith (D-91)	+	+	-	-	-	+	50	75	70
Sommer (R-106)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	20
Soto (D-4)	+	+	+	+	p	+	83	100	90
Stephens (R-102)	-	-	-	-	-	+	17	0	40
Sullivan (R-51)	-	-	-	-	+	+	33	25	50
Tenhouse (R-93)	+	+	-	-	-	-	33	0	30
Tryon (R-64)	-	+	+	-	-	+	50	*	*
Turner (D-9)	+	+	-	+	p	+	67	75	90
Verschoore (D-72)	p	+	+	-	+	A	60	50	57
Wait (R-69)	-	-	-	-	+	-	17	50	30
Washington (D-60)	+	A	+	+	p	-	60	75	80
Watson (R-97)	+	-	-	-	+	-	33	0	20
Winters (R-68)	-	+	+	+	-	+	67	50	60
Yarbrough (D-7)	+	+	+	A	+	+	100	75	90
Younge (D-114)	+	+	+	+	p	+	83	75	67

KEY

Pro-Environment Vote. **+**
 Anti-Environment Vote **-**
 Not Voting + **NV**

Not Voting - **nv**
 Voting Present + **P**
 Voting Present - **p**

Excused Absence **A**
 Not in Office. *****

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