

# 2007 Legislative Scorecard

Conservation Council of North Carolina is a statewide advocacy organization working on behalf of people who want to breathe clean air and drink clean water. Working through our affiliated political action committee, Conservation PAC, we help elect state legislators who make public health and conservation a priority, and we advocate for sound environmental policies.

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## The 2007 Long Session Overview

### The Environmental Community's 2007 Legislative Scorecard

Welcome to the Conservation Council of NC's Scorecard for the 2007 Long Session of the NC General Assembly. Through our Scorecard, we've attempted to accurately portray the pro- or anti-environmental proclivities of members of the legislature.

We are pleased to report that there were five members who received 100% perfect scores. Unfortunately, there were also far too many members who scored low scores in the 30's and 40's.

Our goal is to provide you with a tool to evaluate how well our State Legislators are doing on their environmental decision-making. We hope this Scorecard serves as a useful reference as you are making decisions this spring and fall about whom to vote for.

This scorecard reflects a diverse cross-section of conservation votes from this past year's session. The 2007 Long Session was a strong year for environmental legislation. Excellent legislation was passed that addressed landfills in our state, for example, making it much harder for big companies to construct landfills near environmentally sensitive areas.

The legislature also enacted far-reaching hog farm reform legislation. While this legislation was not perfect, its passage represents a bold step forward for a state with more hogs than people. Additionally, North Carolina became the first state in the southeast to enact renewable energy and energy efficiency standards. The passage of Senate Bill 3 signals North Carolina's first serious attempt at weaning our state from its addiction to petroleum. However, as with the hog legislation, sections of the bill revealed the power corporate special interests wield at the State House. But regardless of its imperfections, its passage represents a step towards responsible energy policy for our state.

And finally, after being blocked for years by the pro-

pollution lobby, we secured funds in the budget for 7 additional sedimentation inspector positions. Environmental champion Rep. Pricey Harrison (D-Guilford) was instrumental in securing these positions which are crucial to helping the state prevent water pollution.

As always, the Scorecard is only a part of the picture; a lot of negotiations are done before legislation ever comes to a vote on the floor. So we encourage everyone to ask candidates for office where they stand on clean air, safe water, and climate change—are they going to be a friend to the environment, or the new face of the pollution industry?

### Freshman of the Year:



#### Rep. Charles Thomas (R-Buncombe)

This year we saw old friends, such as Rep. Pricey Harrison (D-Guilford), rise to new heights and become environmental powerhouses in the NC Legislature. And we are thankful for a great crew of freshmen legislators, any of whom could have very bright futures in the General Assembly: Rep. Tricia Cotham (D-Meck.), Angela Bryant (D-Halifax), Ruth Samuelson (R-Meck.).

But the stand-out freshman this year is Rep. Charles Thomas (R-Buncombe). Thomas recently announced that he would not be running for re-election. This is a real shame. Thomas, a Republican, has emerged as a pragmatic voice of reason who understands that protecting the environment is good for people and good for business.

He doesn't fall into the old trap of having to be either pro-business or pro-environment. He understands that it's good business to ensure a clean, healthy environment. Thomas understands that environmental issues are important to voters in his district, and he sincerely and passionately fights for pro-environment positions on legislation.

Thomas made a name for himself when he proposed an ex-

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## House Vote Descriptions

The legislature's 2007 Long Session was a mixed bag for the environmental community. On the one hand, a number of bills were passed that moved the state forward on things like energy conservation in state buildings and solar energy. On the other hand, two high profile bills—on hogs and renewable energy—passed, but with significant flaws that left the environmental community disappointed.

**Swine Farm Environmental Performance Standards, SB 1465, 2nd Reading.** The flaws in this bill disappointed many in the environmental community. Though far from perfect, this bill accomplished a very important goal of the environmental and environmental justice communities: It outlaws construction of new waste “lagoons” or cesspools on hog farms, and by doing so addresses water quality and quality of life issues that have been caused by open air hog lagoons. **Status: Passed into law.**

**Solid Waste Management Act of 2007, SB 1492, 2nd Reading.** Institutes new regulations for waste management, including requiring liners on all new landfills and creating buffer zones around protected lands. The legislation also institutes a tip fee of \$2/ton on garbage, which will be used to clean up outdated and hazardous landfills and to promote local recycling programs. **Status: Passed into law.**

**Promote Renewable Energy/Baseload Generation, SB 3, Amendment 1.** Offered by Rep. Jean Farmer-Butterfield (D-Wilson), this would have amended SB 3 to give preference to hog waste-to-energy systems that use cleaner technologies. **Status: Amendment failed, SB 3 passed into law.**

**Promote Renewable Energy/Baseload Generation, SB 3, Amendment 2.** Offered by Rep. Charles Thomas (R-Buncombe), this amendment would have altered SB 3 to require the Utilities Commission to make a finding that CWIP (Construction Work in Progress) costs would save ratepayers money before allowing those costs to be passed on to consumers. **Status: Amendment failed, SB 3 passed into law.**

**Energy Conservation in State Buildings, SB 668, 2nd Reading.** Requires state-owned buildings, including colleges, to reduce energy consumption 30% by 2015, through using energy efficiency and cost-saving measures. **Status: Passed into law.**

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## Senate Vote Descriptions

For many years the Senate was the chamber that was more favorable to environmental legislation. That seems to have changed this session as the Senate disappointed us by passing two anti-environment bills by fairly large margins—a billboard bill (S 150) and a coastal hardened structure bill (S 599). Of particular concern, the hardened structure bill would roll-back a strong state policy, in place since 1985, that protects ocean beaches and inlets.

**Swine Farm Environment Performance Standards, SB 1465, 3rd Reading.** The flaws in this bill disappointed many in the environmental community. Though far from perfect, this bill accomplished one very important goal for the environmental and environmental justice communities. It outlaws construction of new waste “lagoons” or cesspools on hog farms, and by doing so addresses water quality and quality of life issues that have been caused by open air hog lagoons. **Status: Passed into law.**

**Solid Waste Management Act of 2007, SB 1492, 3rd Reading.** Institutes new regulations for waste management, including requiring liners on all new landfills and creating buffer zones around protected lands. The legislation also institutes a tip fee of \$2/ton on garbage, which will be used to clean up outdated and hazardous landfills and to promote local recycling programs. **Status: Passed into law.**

**Outdoor Advertising Vegetation Removal Changes, SB 150, 2nd Reading.** Would increase to 375 ft the area around billboards in which trees and other vegetation could be clear cut. **Status: Passed Senate, sent to House.**

**Energy Conservation in State Buildings, SB 668, 2nd Reading.** Requires state-owned buildings, including colleges, to reduce energy consumption 30% by 2015, through using energy efficiency and cost-saving measures. **Status: Passed into law.**

**Use of Solar Collectors, SB 670, 3rd Reading.** This bill removes obstacles to solar power by making it illegal for local governments to prohibit the installation of solar collectors. **Status: Passed Into Law.**

**Inlet Stabilization Pilot Program, SB 599, 2nd Reading.** Currently the state does not allow hardened structures on ocean beaches or inlets. This bill would reverse these coastal protections which have been in place since 1985. **Status: Passed Senate, sent to House.**

HOUSE	Party	District	County	Swine Farm	Solid Waste	Renewable Energy -Waste to Energy	Renewable Energy -CWIP	Energy Conservation	Solar Collectors	Nutrient Offset	PUV	2007 Long Session	2005-2006 Score	2003-2004 Score
Pro-Conservation Vote:				YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	%	%	%
Adams	D	58	Guilford	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	75	88	75
Alexander	D	106	Meck.	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	88	100	100
Allen	D	49	Franklin	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	63	77	100
Allred	R	64	Alamance	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	63	50	33
Avila	R	40	Wake	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	75	N/A	N/A
Barnhart	R	82	Cabarrus	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	50	47	51
Bell	D	21	Sampson	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	50	67	68
Blackwood	R	68	Union	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	63	38	55
Blue	D	33	Wake	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	63	N/A	N/A
Blust	R	62	Guilford	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	75	55	45
Bordsen	D	63	Alamance	+	E	E	E	E	+	-	E	INC	78	100
Boylan	R	52	Moore	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	50	N/A	N/A
Braxton	D	10	Lenoir	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	50	N/A	N/A
Brisson	D	22	Bladen	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	38	N/A	N/A
Brown	R	73	Forsyth	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	63	72	N/A
Brubaker	R	78	Randolph	E	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	43	INC	65
Bryant	D	7	Nash	+	0	+	+	+	+	-	+	75	N/A	N/A
Carney	D	102	Meck.	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	63	77	100
Church	D	86	Burke	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	0	50	62	41
Clary	R	110	Cleveland	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	75	INC	71
Cleveland	R	14	Onslow	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	50	54	N/A
Coates	D	77	Rowan	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	63	67	58
Cole	D	65	Rockingham	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	50	72	48
Coleman	D	39	Wake	+	0	+	+	+	+	-	-	63	83	N/A
Cotham	D	100	Meck.	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	63	N/A	N/A
Crawford	D	32	Granville	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	63	65	71
Cunningham	D	107	Meck.	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	0	50	64	INC
Current	R	109	Gaston	+	-	-	+	+	E	-	+	57	67	N/A
Daughtridge	R	25	Nash	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	63	43	76
Daughtry	R	26	Johnston	+	+	-	-	+	E	-	-	43	44	44
Dickson	D	44	Cumberland	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	63	77	100
Dockham	R	80	Davidson	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	50	64	49
Dollar	R	36	Wake	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	50	67	N/A
Earle	D	101	Meck.	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	50	INC	68
England	D	112	Rutherford	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	75	70	88
Faison	D	50	Orange	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	75	67	N/A
Farmer- Butterfield	D	24	Wilson	+	0	+	+	+	+	E	+	86	INC	75
Fisher	D	114	Buncombe	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	88	89	N/A
Folwell	R	74	Forsyth	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	50	67	N/A
Frye	R	84	Mitchell	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	38	38	61
Furr	R	67	Stanly	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	INC	N/A	N/A
Gibson	D	69	Anson	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	75	70	71
Gillespie	R	85	McDowell	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	50	44	43

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HOUSE	Party	District	County	Swine Farm	Solid Waste	Renewable Energy -Waste to Energy	Renewable Energy -CWIP	Energy Conservation	Solar Collectors	Nutrient Offset	PUV	2007 Long Session	2005-2006 Score	2003-2004 Score
Glazier	D	45	Cumberland	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	88	94	100
Goforth	D	115	Buncombe	+	+	-	-	0	+	-	-	38	72	78
Goodwin	D	66	Richmond	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	63	83	74
Grady	R	15	Onslow	+	+	-	+	+	E	-	+	71	72	55
Gulley	R	103	Meck.	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	63	49	49
<b>Hackney</b>	D	54	Orange	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	INC	100	100
Haire	D	119	Jackson	+	+	-	-	E	+	-	+	57	86	94
Hall	D	29	Durham	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	88	INC	N/A
Harrell, J.	D	90	Surry	E	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	71	78	61
Harrell, T.	D	41	Wake	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	75	N/A	N/A
Harrison	D	57	Guilford	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	N/A
Hill	D	20	Columbus	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	63	60	65
Hilton	R	96	Catawba	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	50	49	49
Holliman	D	81	Davidson	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	63	72	61
Holloway	R	91	Stokes	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	50	54	N/A
Holmes	R	92	Yadkin	+	-	-	-	+	E	-	-	29	32	INC
Howard	R	79	Davie	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	75	INC	45
Hurley	R	70	Randolph	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	63	N/A	N/A
Insko	D	56	Orange	0	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	75	INC	100
Jeffus	D	59	Guilford	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	63	75	78
Johnson	R	83	Cabarrus	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	63	67	61
Jones	D	60	Guilford	+	+	+	0	+	+	-	+	75	83	84
Justice	R	16	Pender	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	88	83	68
Justus	R	117	Henderson	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	75	67	55
Killian	R	105	Meck.	+	-	-	+	+	+	E	-	57	N/A	N/A
Kiser	R	97	Lincoln	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	63	44	43
Langdon	R	28	Johnston	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	38	60	N/A
Lewis	R	53	Harnett	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	75	52	55
Love	D	51	Lee	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	75	N/A	N/A
Lucas	D	42	Cumberland	E	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	57	77	78
Luebke	D	30	Durham	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	100
Martin	D	34	Wake	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	75	100	N/A
McAllister	D	43	Cumberland	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	75	76	75
McComas	R	19	New Han.	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	63	68	88
McElraft	R	13	Carteret	+	-	-	+	+	E	-	-	43	N/A	N/A
McGee	R	75	Forsyth	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	50	73	71
McLawhorn	D	9	Pitt	E	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	71	93	94
Michaux	D	31	Durham	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	75	65	74
Mobley	D	5	Hertford	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	63	N/A	N/A
Moore	R	111	Cleveland	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	63	62	43
Neumann	R	108	Gaston	E	-	E	-	+	+	-	+	50	N/A	N/A
Owens	D	1	Pasquotank	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	50	48	62
Parmon	D	72	Forsyth	E	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	57	86	75
Pate	R	11	Wayne	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	50	45	78
Pierce	D	48	Scotland	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	50	72	N/A

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Rapp	D	118	Madison	+	+	+	–	+	+	–	+	75	94	100
Ray	R	95	Iredell	+	+	–	+	+	+	–	–	63	INC	49
Ross	D	38	Wake	+	+	+	–	+	+	–	+	75	100	100
Samuelson	R	104	Meck.	+	+	–	–	+	+	–	+	63	N/A	N/A
Saunders	D	99	Meck.	+	+	–	–	+	+	–	+	63	64	68
Setzer	R	89	Catawba	+	–	–	–	+	+	–	+	50	60	45
Spear	D	2	Washington	+	+	–	–	+	+	–	–	50	INC	N/A
Stam	R	37	Wake	+	+	+	–	+	+	–	–	63	67	61
Starnes	R	87	Caldwell	+	–	+	+	+	+	–	+	75	55	34
Steen	R	76	Rowan	+	–	–	–	+	+	–	–	38	55	N/A
Stiller	R	17	Brunswick	+	+	–	+	+	+	–	+	75	65	100
Sutton	D	47	Robeson	+	+	–	–	+	+	–	–	50	72	75
Tarleton	D	93	Watauga	+	+	–	–	+	+	–	+	63	N/A	N/A
Thomas	R	116	Buncombe	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	+	88	N/A	N/A
Tillis	R	98	Meck.	E	–	–	–	+	+	–	+	43	N/A	N/A
Tolson	D	23	Wilson	+	+	–	–	+	+	–	+	63	77	78
Tucker	D	4	Duplin	+	+	–	–	+	+	–	–	50	73	N/A
Underhill	D	3	Craven	E	+	E	E	+	+	–	E	INC	83	N/A
Wainwright	D	12	Craven	+	+	–	E	+	+	–	+	71	66	76
Walend	R	113	Henderson	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	+	88	75	34
Walker	R	94	Wilkes	+	–	–	–	+	+	–	+	50	55	58
Warren, E	D	8	Pitt	+	+	–	–	+	+	–	+	63	77	82
Warren, R	D	88	Alexander	+	–	–	–	+	+	–	–	38	N/A	N/A
Weiss	D	35	Wake	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	100
West	R	120	Cherokee	+	–	–	–	+	+	–	–	38	44	39
Wiley	R	61	Guilford	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	+	88	54	N/A
Wilkins	D	55	Person	+	+	–	–	+	+	–	–	50	78	N/A
Williams	D	6	Beaufort	+	+	–	–	+	+	–	+	63	67	69
Womble	D	71	Forsyth	+	+	+	–	+	E	–	0	57	75	100
Wray	D	27	Northamp.	+	+	–	–	+	+	–	+	63	INC	N/A
Wright	D	18	New Han.	E	+	–	–	+	+	–	+	57	70	61
Yongue	D	46	Scotland	+	+	–	–	+	+	–	–	50	70	78

## Conservation PAC:

### Using political clout to conserve the environment

Although the Conservation Council is an advocacy organization working to protect public health and the environment, we also work through our affiliated Political Action Committee—the Conservation PAC—to support candidates who are committed to prioritizing clean air, safe water, and healthy communities.

This year, North Carolina voters will have an opportunity to make a difference for North Carolina by electing new environmental champions who will help change the way environmental decisions are made in North Carolina.

The Conservation PAC is working to expand the number of legislators who will score high on the Legislative Scorecard every Session. Our long-term goal is to build an environmental majority at the General Assembly. Check out our endorsements at [www.ccncpac.org](http://www.ccncpac.org) before you head to the Ballot Box this year.

<b>SENATE</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Swine Farm</b>	<b>Solid Waste</b>	<b>Outdoor Advertising</b>	<b>Energy Conservation</b>	<b>Solar Collectors</b>	<b>Inlets</b>	<b>2007 Long Session</b>	<b>2005-2006 Score</b>	<b>2003-2004 Score</b>
<b>Pro-Conservation Vote:</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
Albertson	D	10	Duplin	+	+	-	+	+	-	67	85	92
Allran	R	42	Catawba	+	-	E	+	+	+	80	83	79
Apodaca	R	48	Henderson	+	-	-	+	+	-	50	69	59
Atwater	D	18	Chatham	+	+	+	+	+	-	83	92	N/A
Basnight	D	1	Dare	+	+	+	+	+	-	83	61	67
Berger, D	D	7	Franklin	+	+	-	+	+	-	67	100	N/A
Berger, P	R	26	Rockingham	+	-	-	-	+	-	33	59	59
Bingham	R	33	Davidson	+	-	-	+	+	-	67	83	90
Blake	R	22	Moore	+	-	-	+	-	-	33	61	67
Boseman	D	9	New Hanover	+	+	+	+	+	-	83	77	N/A
Brock	R	34	Davie	+	-	-	+	+	+	67	54	59
Brown	R	6	Onslow	+	-	-	-	+	-	33	61	N/A
Brunstetter	R	31	Forsyth	+	E	-	-	+	-	40	INC	N/A
Clodfelter	D	37	Mecklenburg	+	+	+	+	+	-	83	75	79
Cowell	D	16	Wake	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	N/A
Dalton	D	46	Rutherford	+	+	-	+	+	-	67	77	79
Dannelly	D	38	Mecklenburg	+	+	-	E	+	-	60	76	79
Dorsett	D	28	Guilford	+	+	+	+	+	-	83	85	100
East	R	30	Surry	+	-	-	+	-	-	33	54	N/A
Foriest	D	24	Alamance	+	+	-	+	+	-	67	N/A	N/A
Forrester	R	41	Gaston	+	E	-	+	+	+	80	61	INC
Garrou	D	32	Forsyth	+	+	-	+	+	E	80	76	100
Goodall	R	35	Union	+	-	-	-	+	-	33	54	N/A
Goss	D	45	Watauga	+	+	-	+	+	-	67	N/A	N/A
Graham	D	40	Mecklenburg	E	+	-	+	+	-	60	80	N/A
Hagan	D	27	Guilford	+	+	+	+	+	-	83	85	88
Hartsell	R	36	Cabarrus	+	E	-	+	+	-	60	77	78
Hoyle	D	43	Gaston	+	+	E	E	+	-	75	69	78
Hunt	R	15	Wake	+	-	+	+	+	+	83	83	N/A
Jacumin	R	44	Burke	+	E	-	+	E	-	50	55	N/A
Jenkins	D	3	Edgecombe	+	+	-	+	E	-	60	92	INC
Jones	D	4	Halifax	+	+	-	+	+	-	67	N/A	N/A
Kerr	D	5	Wayne	+	+	-	+	+	-	67	69	79
Kinnaird	D	23	Orange	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	100
Malone	D	14	Wake	+	+	-	+	+	-	67	85	84
McKissick	D	20	Durham	+	+	+	+	+	-	83	N/A	N/A
Nesbitt	D	49	Buncombe	+	+	-	+	+	-	67	85	77
Pittenger	R	39	Mecklenburg	+	-	-	+	+	-	50	INC	50
Preston	R	2	Carteret	+	-	-	-	+	-	33	72 (H)	33 (H)
Purcell	D	25	Scotland	+	+	-	+	+	-	67	77	88
Queen	D	47	Haywood	+	+	+	+	+	-	83	N/A	N/A
Rand	D	19	Cumberland	+	+	+	+	+	-	83	76	88
Shaw	D	21	Cumberland	E	+	-	+	+	-	60	70	71
Smith	R	12	Johnston	+	E	E	+	+	-	75	INC	67
Snow	D	50	Cherokee	+	+	-	+	+	-	67	84	N/A
Soles	D	8	Columbus	+	+	-	+	+	-	67	69	75
Stevens	R	17	Wake	+	-	-	+	+	+	67	77	67
Swindell	D	11	Nash	+	E	-	+	+	-	60	77	79
Tillman	R	29	Randolph	+	-	-	+	+	+	67	61	58
Weinstein	D	13	Robeson	+	E	-	+	+	-	60	69	INC

# The Dirty Dozen & The Filthy Five

In years past the Conservation Council has sometimes named "The Dirty Dozen," a list of 12 legislators who distinguished themselves with particularly disappointing voting records on environmental legislation.

This year, we started looking for a dozen anti-environment legislators who deserve special recognition for being, well, just awful on the environment. These are legislators who deserve to be called to task for siding with polluters over people.

But a funny thing happened. When we went looking for 12 bad guys, we found we couldn't stop at just 12. The North Carolina legislature has just too many legislators who fail to meet even a minimal level of environmental sensitivity.

So this year, we present you with both a "Dirty Dozen," twelve House members who failed to adequately support public health and the environment, and the "Filthy Five," a list of State Senators who also failed to be good stewards of the environment. These 17 legislators achieved basement-level scorecard ratings and persistently championed anti-environment positions. It's hard to imagine legislators doing worse than these guys.

The people who live in these 17 legislative districts deserve legislators who will work hard to protect people, not polluters. The Conservation Council of North Carolina publishes the names and scores of the "Dirty Dozen" and the "Filthy Five" to educate our members and the general public about the state of the environment at the NC Legislature. We can't change *how* our legislature votes on these issues unless we change *who* is doing the voting.

# The Filthy Five



Harris Blake  
(R-Moore)  
33%



Don East  
(R-Surry)  
33%



Harry Brown  
(R-Onslow)  
33%



Jean Preston  
(R-Carteret)  
33%



Eddie Goodall  
(R-Union)  
33%

# The Dirty Dozen



William Brisson  
(D-Bladen)

38%



Harold Brubaker  
(R-Randolph)

43%



Leo Daughtry  
(R-Johnston)

43%



Phillip Frye  
(R-Mitchell)

38%



Bruce Goforth  
(D-Buncombe)

38%



George Holmes  
(R-Yadkin)

29%



James Langdon  
(R-Johnston)

38%



Pat McElraft  
(R-Carteret)

43%



Fred Steen  
(R-Rowan)

38%



Thom Tillis  
(R-Mecklenberg)

43%



Ray Warren  
(D-Alexander)

38%



Roger West  
(R-Cherokee)

38%

## AVERAGE PARTY SCORES

	2007 Long Session	2005-2006 Average	2003-2004 Average
<b>House</b>			
Republicans	59%	57%	55%
Democrats	65%	78%	80%
<b>Total House</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Senate</b>			
Republicans	54%	66%	67%
Democrats	73%	80%	84%
<b>Total Senate</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>77%</b>

+: pro-conservation vote    -: anti-conservation vote    E: excused absence (not counted in final %)    0: did not vote (counted as a -- in final %)    INC: Members did not cast enough votes to score    N/A: No previous voting record

## House Vote *cont.*

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**Use of Solar Collectors, SB 670, 2nd Reading.** This bill removes obstacles to solar power by making it illegal for local governments to prohibit the installation of solar collectors. **Status: Passed Into Law.**

**Nutrient Offset Program Transition, HB 859, 2nd Reading.** Changes the method of calculating the amount polluters have to pay for releasing nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) into the Neuse and Tar-Pamlico Rivers. Originally a flat fee-based program, this bill requires charging fees which cover the actual cost of providing credits. **Status: Passed into law.**

**Present Use Value System Modifications, SB 1889, 2nd Reading.** Provides property tax relief to landowners who manage their lands for wildlife and other conservation benefits. **Status: Passed House, sent to Senate.**

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cellent amendment that would have significantly strengthened the renewable energy bill (SB 3) that passed the legislature this past summer. He articulated a thoughtful, pro-environment position and, even though his amendment ultimately failed, his commitment to a stronger bill gained our attention.

For these reasons, the Conservation Council of North Carolina names **Rep. Charles Thomas** as our **"Freshman of the Year."**

## 2007 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

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