


Kansas Sierra Club 2008 Election Endorsements

2008 is gearing up to be a critical year for energy and the environment. Nationally, while both candidates voice the importance of renewables and energy, Barack Obama's priority for renewable energy and energy conservation appears far more serious than John McCain's. In Kansas, renewable wind energy has been the driving force behind our endorsements. Ignoring climate change and the enormous opportunity in Kansas for wind energy simply rules out candidates for our consideration. With the health and safety of future generations at stake, this election may prove the most critical our nation has faced.

See our endorsements below for Kansas. See pages 5-9 for the environmental voting records of our legislators. 

Kansas Sierra Club House Endorsements

District	Candidate	City	Party
3	Julie Menghini	Pittsburg	Democratic
9	Jon M Dunbar	Colony	Democratic
10	Tony Brown	Baldwin City	Democratic
12	Sandra K. Frisco	Independence	Democratic
16	Gene Rardin	Overland Park	Democratic
17	Jill Quigley	Lenexa	Republican
18	Cindy Neighbor	Shawnee	Democratic
19	Dolores Furtado	Overland Park	Democratic
21	Kay Wolf	Prairie Village	Republican
23	Milack Talia	Merriam	Democratic
24	Ronnie Metsker	Overland Park	Republican
25	Terrie W. Huntington	Fairway	Republican
28	Pat Colloton	Leawood	Republican
29	Sheryl Spalding	Overland Park	Republican
30	Ron Worley	Lenexa	Republican
31	Stan Frownfelter	Kansas City	Democratic
32	Louis E. Ruiz	Kansas City	Democratic
33	Tom Burroughs	Kansas City	Democratic
34	Valdenia C. Winn	Kansas City	Democratic
35	Broderick Henderson	Kansas City	Democratic
36	Margaret Long	Kansas City	Democratic
38	Stephanie Kelton	Lawrence	Democratic
39	Joe Novak	Shawnee	Democratic
40	Melanie Sanders Meier	Leavenworth	Democratic
41	Marti Crow	Leavenworth	Democratic
44	Barbara W. Ballard	Lawrence	Democratic
45	John C. Wilson	Lawrence	Democratic
46	Paul T. Davis	Lawrence	Democratic
48	Pam Ippel	Overland Park	Democratic
49	Kristi Boone	Olathe	Democratic
53	Ann E. Mah	Topeka	Democratic
54	Bruce Cooper	Topeka	Democratic

55	Annie Kuether	Topeka	Democratic
56	Annie Tietze	Topeka	Democratic
58	Harold Lane	Topeka	Democratic
59	Jim Irey	Melvern	Democratic
63	Jerry Henry	Cummings	Democratic
66	Sydney Carlin	Manhattan	Democratic
76	Carol Strickland	Emporia	Democratic
78	Ed Trimmer	Winfield	Democratic
82	Anita Hafner	Derby	Democratic
83	Jo Ann Pottorff	Wichita	Republican
85	Billie Knighton	Wichita	Democratic
86	Judith Loganbill	Wichita	Democratic
87	Raj Goyle	Wichita	Democratic
88	Jim Ward	Wichita	Democratic
89	Melody McCray - Miller	Park City	Democratic
90	Jaque Davis	Valley Center	Democratic
91	Jinna K. Jeffery	Wichita	Democratic
92	Nile Dillmore	Wichita	Democratic
95	Tom Sawyer	Wichita	Democratic
96	Terry McLachlan	Wichita	Democratic
97	Dale A Swenson	Wichita	Republican
98	Geraldine Flaharty	Wichita	Democratic
101	Mark R. Treaster	Pretty Prairie	Democratic
103	Delia Garcia	Wichita	Democratic
108	Joshua Svaty	Ellsworth	Democratic
113	Mike Laudick	Lyons	Democratic

Kansas Sierra Club Senate Endorsements

District	Candidate	City	Party
2	Marci Francisco	Lawrence	Democratic
3	Tom Holland	Baldwin City	Democratic
5	Kelly Kultala	Kansas City	Democratic
6	Chris Steineger	Kansas City	Democratic
7	David Wysong	Mission Hills	Republican
8	Judy Macy	Overland Park	Democratic
9	Ron Wimmer	Olathe	Democratic
10	Pete Roman	Lenexa	Democratic
13	Patty Horgan	Pittsburg	Democratic
16	Peter DeVries	Andover	Democratic
18	Laura Kelly	Topeka	Democratic
19	Anthony Hensley	Topeka	Democratic
20	Carolyn Weinhold	Topeka	Democratic
22	Rusty Wilson	Manhattan	Democratic
24	Abner Perney	Salina	Democratic
25	Jean Kurtis Schodorf	Wichita	Republican
26	Pam Frieden	Haysville	Democratic
28	Shala Perez	Wichita	Democratic
29	Oletha Faust - Goudeau	Wichita	Democratic
30	Elizabeth Bishop	Wichita	Democratic
31	Gene E Marsh	Halstead	Democratic
35	Cynthia K. Nelson	Lincoln	Democratic

The Kansas Natural Resource Council (KNRC) Produces Scorecard for Kansas Legislature


Thanks to one of our strongest allies in Kansas, KNRC, we have an excellent tool to evaluate the performance of our Kansas legislators. KNRC Webmaster Jim Mason has put together this tool as seen in the following pages. Additional thanks go to Tom Thompson, Sierra Club Legislative Coordinator and KNRC Lobbyist, who compiled the Scorecard, and to KNRC Intern Rose Phillips who provided review.

Below is a small section of the Scorecard. We will use it for our explanation of how to use the scorecard. The total correct votes for environmental bills for each legislator are in the far left column. A higher score indicates a better environmental voting record. Individual votes are shown in the columns further to the right, with the lighter gray column indicating the correct vote and darker gray column indicating the incorrect vote.

An explanation of what each vote was about is in the note at the bottom of the House Scorecard and the Senate Scorecard.

To the right of the candidate's name is the District, the Party, and the fall election status of each legislator. What each letter in that column stands for is in the note at the bottom of the document.

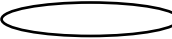


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How to Use Scorecard on the Following Pages

Below is a small portion of the KNRC Scorecard shown on pages 6 - 9. Sierra Club has added three symbols to show Sierra Club endorsements. Read the below carefully.

The symbols to the right provide information about candidates that Sierra Club has endorsed, and which districts have a new, non-incumbant candidates that we have endorsed that were not in last year's legislature.

-  Sierra Club has endorsed this candidate.
-  Endorsed, but in a different race.
-  This candidate is NOT endorsed, but Sierra Club has endorsed a candidate in this District. Look up our endorsements on page 4.



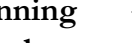



-  Wrong Vote
-  Correct Vote
-  Abstain Vote

So, in the example to the right...

We DID endorse Barbara Ballard, Tom Burroughs and Sydney Carlin.

We DID NOT endorse Bob Bethell, Anthony Brown or Steven Brunk. However, we did endorse a new candidate running in their districts. You can find those candidates by looking up their districts in the charts on the previous page.

KANSAS ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD - HOUSE

Green Votes '08	DATE		2/5/2007		3/15/2007		2/27/2008		3/27/2008		3/28/2008		
	DESCRIPTION		Nuclear Incntv		Mercury Monitor		Net Metering		Weatherization		Nuclear CWIP		
	BILL		HB2038		HB2526		amnd HB2632		SB580		SB586		
VOTE TOTALS		DISTRICT	PARTY	STATUS	YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV
REPRESENTATIVE					YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV
2	Aurand, Clay	109	R	a	1			1			1		
8	 Ballard, Barbara	44	D	a	1			1			1		
0	Beamer, Virginia	118	R	a	1		1			1			
2	 Bethell, Bob	113	R	a	1		1		1		1		
3	Bowers, Elaine	107	R	a	1		1		1		1		
1	 Brown, Anthony	38	R	a	1		1		1		1		
1	 Brunk, Steven	85	R	a	1			1		1			
2	Burgess, Mike	51	R	a	1		1		1		1		
9	 Burroughs, Tom	33	D	a	1		1		1		1		
9	 Carlin, Sydney	66	D	a	1		1		1		1		



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	DESCRIPTION				Nuclear Incnvt	Mercury Monitor	Net Metering	Weatherization	Nuclear CWIP	Holcomb 1	Holcomb 1	Holcomb 2	Holcomb2 Ovrd	Holcomb 3	
	BILL				HB2038	HB2526	amnd HB2632	SB580	SB586	Hsub SB327 FA	CCR Hsub SB327	Hsub SB148	Hsub SB148	H adpt CCR Ssub HB 2412	
	VOTE TOTALS				50	54	25	57	51	37	37	41	40	38	
	REPRESENTATIVE				YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO
3	Landwehr, Brenda	91	R	a	1			1	1		1		1		
9	Lane, Harold	58	D	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
2	Light, Bill	124	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
9	Loganbill, Judith	86	D	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
8	Long, Margaret	36	D	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
5	Lukert, Steve	62	D	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
8	Mah, Ann	53	D	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
1	Mast, Peggy	76	R	a	1		1	1	1		1		1	1	
1	Masterson, Ty	99	R	c	1		1	1	1		1		1	1	
9	McCray-Miller, Melody	89	D	a		1		1	1		1		1	1	
5	McKinney, Dennis	116	D	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
9	McLachlan, Terry	96	D	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
2	McLeland, Joe	94	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
9	Menghini, Julie	3	D	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
2	Merrick, Ray	27	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
7	Metsker, Ronnie	24	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
2	Morrison, Jim	121	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
5	Morrison, Judy	23	R	b	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
2	Moxley, Tom	68	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
2	Myers, Don	82	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
8	Neighbor, Cindy	18	D	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
2	Neufeld, Melvin	115	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
1	Olson, Robert (Rob)	26	R	a	1		1	1	1		1		1	1	
2	O'Neal, Michael	104	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
2	Otto, Bill	9	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
4	Owens, Tim	19	R	c	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
4	Palmer, Shirley	4	D	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
2	Patton, Joe	54	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
5	Pauls, Janice	102	D	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
2	Peck, Virgil	11	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
3	Peterson, Michael	37	D	a	1		1	1	1		1		1	1	
5	Phelps, Eber	111	D	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
6	Pottorff, Jo Ann	83	R	a	1		1	1	1		1		1	1	
2	Powell, Larry	117	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
2	Powers, Ted	81	R	b	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
2	Proehl, Richard	7	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
8	Quigley, Jill / Sharp	17	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
9	Rardin, Gene	16	D	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
2	Rhoades, Marc	72	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
3	Roth, Charles	71	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
3	Ruff, L. Candy	40	D	b	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
10	Ruiz, Louis	32	D	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
7	Sawyer, Tom	95	D	a		1		1	1		1		1	1	
2	Schroeder, Don	74	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
2	Schwartz, Sharon	106	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
2	Shultz, Clark	73	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
1	Siegfried, Arlen	15	R	a	1		1	1	1		1		1	1	
4	Sloan, Tom	45	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
6	Spalding, Sheryl	29	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
9	Storm, Sue	22	D	f	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
8	Svaty, Joshua	108	D	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
2	Swanson, Vern	64	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
8	Swenson, Dale	97	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
2	Tafanelli, Lee	47	R	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
8	Tietze, Annie	56	D	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
9	Treaster, Mark	101	D	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	
9	Trimmer, Ed	78	D	a	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	

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	VOTE TOTALS			50 13 0	54 8 1	25 34 4	57 4 2	51 11 1	37 24 2	37 25 1	41 22 0	40 23 0	38 24 1				
	REPRESENTATIVE			YES NO A-NV	YES NO A-NV	YES NO A-NV	YES NO A-NV	YES NO A-NV	YES NO A-NV	YES NO A-NV	YES NO A-NV	YES NO A-NV	YES NO A-NV				
1	Vickrey, Jene	6	R	a	1			1			1			1			
9	Ward, Jim	88	D	a		1			1			1			1		
2	Watkins, Jason	105	R	a	1			1				1				1	
4	Wetta, Vincent	80	D	a		1			1				1			1	
2	Whitham, Jeff	123	R	a	1			1				1				1	
2	Wilk, Kenny	42	R	b	1			1				1				1	
2	Williams, Jerry	8	D	a	1			1				1				1	
9	Winn, Valdenia	34	D	a		1			1				1			1	
2	Wolf, Bill (William)	112	R	a	1			1				1				1	
7	Wolf, Kay	21	R	a	1			1				1				1	
7	Worley, Ron	30	R	a	1			1				1				1	
2	Yoder, Kevin	20	R	a	1			1				1				1	

Election Status

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- d – running for US Congress in the 3rd Congressional District
- e – running for US Congress in the 4th Congressional District
- f – running for Kansas Board of Education, District 2
- g--running for District Court Judge, 18th District

Explanation of House Bills

2/5/07 House Bill 2038, Nuclear Incntv, gives a ten-year property tax exemption for nuclear power plants to expand their facilities.

3/15/07 House Bill 2526, Mercury Monitor, provides for an atmospheric mercury deposition-monitoring network to be developed having no fewer than six sites throughout Kansas.

2/27/08 Amendment to House Bill 2632, Net Metering, by Rep. Holland concerning net metering, said that electricity suppliers were to develop contracts where customers could generate wind or solar energy. Electricity generated by the customer and provided by the utility would go through a single meter. If there were a net amount over what was supplied, the utility would pay the customer 150% of avoided costs. Rep. Holland also wrote HB 2881 that was similar to this amendment.

3/27/08 Senate Bill 580, Weatherization, when proposed would have taken \$2 million from the state general fund and put it into a Weatherization Assistance Program for low- and moderate- income homeowners. It was amended to set up the Weatherization Assistance Program but to fund it from a percent of federal low-income energy assistance block grant.

3/28/08 Senate Bill 586, Nuclear CWIP (Construction Work In Progress), allows utilities to include the cost of constructing nuclear power plants in the rate base of customers before construction is completed. The risk of construction is thus transferred from stockholders to ratepayers. Furthermore, the final bill requires KCC to authorize rate increases to allow utilities to recover expenditures for development costs for new nuclear power plants.

2/19/08 House Substitute for Senate Bill 327 Final Action vote, Holcomb 1, 327 limits the authority of KDHE to regulate and allows Sunflower to re-submit a permit application for the Holcomb coal fired power plant. Additional items are included in the bill to make it look "greener."

3/5/08 House Substitute for Senate Bill 327 vote on Conference Committee Report vote.

4/4/08 House Substitute for Senate Bill 148, Holcomb 2, Final Action vote, 148 limits the authority of KDHE to regulate and allows Sunflower to re-submit a permit application for the Holcomb coal fired power plant. 148 also includes 327 plus additional items to make the bill look "greener."

5/1/08 House Substitute for Senate Bill 148 Veto override vote.

5/7/08 Senate Substitute for House Bill 2412 vote on Conference Committee Report, (only vote by House), Holcomb 3, limits the authority of KDHE to regulate and allows Sunflower to re-submit a permit application for the Holcomb coal fired power plant. It includes aspects of 327 and 148 plus a number of economic development measures. It was titled, "The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008."

Sierra Club has endorsed this candidate

Endorsed, but in US Congress 4th District race, not House

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KANSAS ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD - SENATE

Green Votes ->	DATE				3/22/2007			3/28/2007			2/28/2008			2/28/2008			3/6/2008			4/3/2008			4/4/2008			4/30/2008			5/6/2008		
	DESCRIPTION				Nuclear Incntv			Mercury Monitor			Weatherization			Nuclear CWIP			Holcomb 1			Holcomb 1Ovrd			Holcomb 2			Holcomb 2 Ovrd			Holcomb 3		
	BILL				HB2038			HB2526			SB580			SB586			S Adpt CCR Hsub SB327			Hsub SB327			Hsub SB148			Hsub S148			Ssub HB2412		
	VOTE TOTALS				19	1	0	19	1	0	20	0	0	13	7	0	16	4	0	16	4	0	16	4	0	16	4	0	11	6	3
SENATOR				YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV	YES	NO	A-NV	
2	Allen, Barbara	8	R	b	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
2	Apple, Pat	12	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1		1			
2	Barnett, Jim	17	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
3	Barone, Jim	13	D	b	1			1			1		1			1			1			1			1						
7	Betts, Donald	29	D	e	1			1			1			1		1			1			1			1		1				
2	Brownlee, Karin	23	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
2	Bruce, Terry	34	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1		1			
3	Brungardt, Pete	24	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1		1			
2	Donovan, Leslie (Les)	27	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
2	Emler, Jay	35	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1		1			
9	Francisco, Marci	2	D	a		1		1			1			1		1			1		1			1		1		1			
3	Gilstrap, Mark	5	D	b	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
3	Goodwin, Greta	32	D	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
3	Haley, David	4	D	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
8	Hensley, Anthony	19	D	a	1			1			1			1		1			1			1			1		1				
1	Huelskamp, Tim	38	R	a	1			1		1			1			1			1			1			1		1				
2	Jordan, Nick	10	R	d	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
2	Journey, Phillip	26	R	g	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
8	Kelly, Laura	18	D	a	1			1			1			1		1			1			1			1		1				
3	Lee, Janis	36	D	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
2	Lynn, Julia	9	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
2	McGinn, Carolyn	31	R	a	1			1			1			1		1			1			1			1		1				
2	Morris, Stephen	39	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
1	Ostmeyer, Ralph	40	R	a	1			1		1			1			1			1			1			1		1				
2	Palmer, Peggy	16	R	b	1			1			1			1			1			1		1			1		1				
2	Petersen, Mike	28	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
2	Pine, Roger	3	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
1	Pyle, Dennis	1	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
3	Reitz, Roger	22	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1		1			
2	Schmidt, Derek	15	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
2	Schmidt, Vicki	20	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
7	Schodorf, Jean	25	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1		1			
7	Steiniger, Chris	6	D	a	1			1			1			1		1			1			1			1		1				
2	Taddiken, Mark	21	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1		1			
2	Teichman, Ruth	33	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
2	Umbarger, Dwayne	14	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
3	Vratil, John	11	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1		1			
2	Wagle, Susan	30	R	a	1			1			1			1			1		1			1			1		1				
2	Wilson, Dennis	37	R	b	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1					
7	Wyson, David	7	R	a	1			1			1			1			1			1			1			1		1			

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 e – running for US Congress in the 4th Congressional District
 f – running for Kansas Board of Education, District 2
 g – running for District Court Judge, 18th District

Explanation of Senate Bills

3/22/07 House Bill 2038, Nuclear Incntv, gives a ten-year property tax exemption for nuclear power plants to expand their facilities.

3/28/07 House Bill 2526 Mercury Monitoring Bill provides for an atmospheric mercury deposition-monitoring network to be developed having no fewer than six sites throughout Kansas.

2/28/08 Senate Bill 580 Weatherization, when proposed would have taken \$2 million from the state general fund and put it into a Weatherization Assistance Program for low- and moderate- income homeowners. It was amended to set up the Weatherization Assistance Program but to fund it from a percent of federal low-income energy assistance block grant.

2/28/08 Senate Bill 586 Nuclear CWIP (Construction Work In Progress), allows utilities to include the cost of constructing nuclear power plants in the rate base of customers before construction is completed. The risk of construction is thus transferred from stockholders to ratepayers. Furthermore, the final bill requires KCC to authorize rate increases to allow utilities to recover expenditures for development costs for new nuclear power plants.

3/6/08 House Substitute for Senate Bill 327 vote on Conference Committee Report, Holcomb 1, 327 limits the authority of KDHE to regulate and allows Sunflower to re-submit a permit application for the Holcomb coal fired power plant. Additional items are included in the bill to make it look "greener."

4/3/08 House Substitute for Senate Bill 327 Veto override vote

4/4/08 House Substitute for Senate Bill 148 vote to concur on, Holcomb 2, 148 limits the authority of KDHE to regulate and allows Sunflower to re-submit a permit application for the Holcomb coal fired power plant. 148 also includes 327 plus additional items to make the bill look "greener."

4/30/08 House Substitute for Senate Bill 148 Veto override vote

5/6/08 Senate Substitute for House Bill 2412, Holcomb 3, limits the authority of KDHE to regulate and allows Sunflower to re-submit a permit application for the Holcomb coal fired power plant. It includes aspects of 327 and 148 plus a number of economic development measures. It was titled, "The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008."

Sierra Club Selections in the U.S. Congress

By Tom Thompson, Chapter Legislative Coordinator

Change seems to be the theme of many campaigns this year. Of course this infers a change for the better and away from what we have now. The question becomes...What kind of change do we want? For the Sierra Club, the change desired is away from practices of the past that helped create a global warming scenario to a clean energy future. Certainly there are other issues concerning such things as clean water, endangered species, urban sprawl, and protecting wild lands. However, these issues all tend to be linked.

To know what is needed we must look at what we have. Kansas has four members in the U.S. House of Representatives, Jerry Moran in the First District, Nancy Boyda in the Second District, Dennis Moore in the Third, and Todd Tiahrt in the Fourth... plus two members in the U.S. Senate. All members of the House are up for re-election whereas only one of our Senators, Pat Roberts, is.


No endorsements were made in the First or Second Districts. As one votes however, one should look at incumbent records. In the First, Rep. Jerry Moran (<http://www.moranforkansas.com/>) has a League of Conservation Voters (LCV) record of between 0 and 10 percent over the past several years. Moran's web page says he is preparing to run for U.S. Senate in 2010. Rep. Moran's opponent is Democrat James Bordonaro (<http://www.bordonaroforcongress.com/>).

In the Second District, Rep. Nancy Boyda (<http://www.nancyforcongress.com/>) had a 70 percent LCV voting record in 2007, her first year in Congress. She replaced Rep. Jim Ryun, who typically had 0% ratings. The Sierra Club endorsed Boyda in 2006 but declined consideration this campaign. Rep. Boyda is running against State Treasurer Lynn Jenkins (<http://www.lynnjenkins.com/home.asp>).

Sierra Club Endorses Rep. Dennis Moore

Rep. Dennis Moore has once again been endorsed by the Sierra Club. The Third Congressional District of Kansas first elected Moore to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1999. Moore has been endorsed by the Sierra Club in each of his campaigns. For the first half of the 110th Congress, Moore had an LCV rating of 85%. Since being in Congress, Moore's ratings have been 82 or higher with a high of 90% in the 108th Congress (2003-2004).

Moore's opponent is Kansas State Senator Nick Jordan. As a State Senator, Jordan consistently voted to increase global warming by voting for bills allowing for the construction of two coal fired power plants in Holcomb, Kansas. The Kansas Natural Resource Council Environmental Scorecard lists Jordan as having made only 2 Green Votes out of 9 in the past two years as a State Senator.

The Moore Campaign can be reached at their website at www.mooreforcongress.com/. The Moore Campaign office is at 7210 W. 80th Street in Overland Park just west of Metcalf. The phone number is 913-888-4838. 

Kansas Chapter Executive Committee Votes to Endorse Slattery and Betts

The Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club Political Committee and Executive Committee has voted to endorse the candidacies of Jim Slattery for U.S. Senate and Donald Betts for the U.S. House of Representatives. These recommendations have been sent to the Sierra Club National Political Committee. At this writing, the National Political Committee considers these candidates as warranting activities short of endorsement. The Chapter is waiting for further action.

Jim Slattery for U.S. Senate

Jim Slattery was U.S. Representative to the Kansas Second District from 1982 to 1994. During the last eight years in Congress, Slattery's LCV ratings averaged 67%. During that time his opponent, Senator Pat Roberts, averaged 21%. However, since


2000, Roberts' LCV rating as a U.S. Senator averaged 0%. Slattery would be a big improvement for the future of our environment.

The Slattery Campaign can be contacted at: www.slatteryforsenate.com/ or at 785-232-6800 or 1-888-JIM-2008. The Slattery office is at 2420 SW 17th Street, Topeka, KS 66604.

Donald Betts for Congress

State Senator Donald Betts is challenging U.S. Rep. Todd Tiahrt in the Kansas Fourth Congressional District. As a State Senator, Betts consistently voted against legislation to build the coal fired power plants in Holcomb. The KNRC Kansas Environmental Score Card indicates Betts as having voted green 7 out of 9 times in the past two years. Tiahrt's LCV rating in Congress averages 1% annually over the past seven years. Betts would be a positive change for the environment.

The Betts campaign can be contacted at: www.betts4congress.com/ or at 316-312-7777. His office is at 1530 South Oliver, Suite 110, Wichita, KS 67219.

If you volunteer or donate to any campaign, let them know that you are a member of the Sierra Club and that you support them because they support the environment. 



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Sierra Club Endorses Obama for President

Joins United Steelworkers in Call for Clean Energy Future

Cleveland, OH: With a giant wind turbine representing America's clean energy future as a backdrop, the Sierra Club and United Steelworkers today jointly endorsed Barack Obama as the change America needs.

Carl Pope, the Executive Director of the Sierra Club, America's largest grassroots environmental organization, Leo Gerard, the leader of America's largest industrial union, and Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown highlighted the stakes in this year's election

"We believe Senator Obama is the change our nation needs – he is the change we need, the leader who will put America on the path to a clean energy economy that will create and keep millions of jobs, spur innovation and opportunity, make us a more secure nation, and help us solve global warming," said Pope..

"The Sierra Club and the United Steelworkers are standing together in support of Barack Obama because we all share the common goal of putting America back to work by building a clean energy economy," said Leo Gerard, International President of the United Steelworkers.

"Our endorsement today marks the beginning of a massive mobilization of thousands of members around the country for the campaign—on the phone, on the ground, on the airwaves and online, spreading the message that as President, Barack Obama will lead America into the clean energy future and that we support his plan to solve both our economic challenges and the challenge of global warming at the same time," said Allison Chin, President of the Sierra Club.

Senator Obama's plan will help heal America's economy and environment:

- Senator Obama has presented a bold and comprehensive plan for addressing climate change that relies on what the world's scientists have told us needs to be done. His plan includes a "cap and auction" system that would cut our carbon dioxide emissions 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.
- His plan requires the polluters pay for the global warming pollution they emit, invests the money generated from the credits polluters would have to buy into clean energy, green jobs and aid for the lowest-income Americans affected by higher energy costs.
- His calls for 25 percent of U.S. electricity to come from

renewable sources by 2025, and for improving energy efficiency in the U.S. 50 percent by 2030 would create tens of thousands of jobs in growing industries while at the same time saving the amount Americans would have to spend on energy bills.

"Barack Obama has said, 'Change is an energy policy that puts a price on pollution and makes the oil companies invest their record profits in clean, renewable sources of energy that will create millions of new jobs and leave our children a safer planet.' We really could not have said it better ourselves. And that is why he is our candidate and we will do everything in our power to help elect him the next president of the United States," said Pope.

A sample of other high points of Senator Obama's environmental platform.

- Opposes destructive oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and on fragile coasts.
- Opposes the storage of nuclear waste at the Yucca Mountain repository being built in southern Nevada.
- Promises to restore environmental protections that the Bush administration rolled back by executive order.
- Calls for tougher pollution regulations on factory farms or concentrated animal-feeding operations (CAFOs).
- Primary cosponsor of the Lead Poisoning Reduction Act, which aims to protect children from toxic lead poisoning.

Sierra Club was an early backer of State Senator Barack Obama in the Democratic Primary for his run to the U.S. Senate, basing our endorsement on "his strong record of support for clean air, wetlands protection, and clean energy." 