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The 2018 lame duck legislative session has moved at a record pace. More than 300 bills were introduced since the midterm elections on November 6th. Lame duck sessions are often used by corporate lobbyists and lame duck lawmakers, no longer accountable to their constituents, to push through wildly unpopular legislation in the final days of the year. During the 2012 lame duck session, the Emergency Manager law was reinstated, just weeks after having been struck down by voters at the ballot box. **This year's lame duck legislative session has been the most anti-environment and anti-democracy in Michigan's history.**

Clean Water Action has been organizing voters, leading lobby day activities, testifying at committee hearings, hosting rallies and keeping our members up-to-date on the blatant and daily attacks on our water and democracy. The following scorecard tracks some of the worst legislative assaults on our water and democracy. On all bills tracked in this scorecard, the pro-environment and pro-democracy position was to oppose (a No vote) the legislation in question.

There have been many bad bills introduced this session, but the following six are the worst of the worst. Brief descriptions of the legislation are below. Each bill has been weighted equally. If a Senator or Representative was absent (A) from the vote in question, that vote does not affect their overall score.

In 2019, we will have a new legislature and new state leadership, but some of the elected officials scored below will be returning to Lansing. It is critical that those who value our environment and democracy stay vigilant. Clean Water Action is committed to continuing our advocacy on behalf of our members, our Great Lakes and our democracy in 2019. To learn more or get involved, visit us online at www.cleanwateraction.org/mi

Environmental Bills

SB 1197: Line 5

Amends the Mackinac Bridge Authority to create a “Mackinac Straits Corridor Authority” that would enter the state into a public private partnership with Enbridge Energy to help Enbridge gain approval and build an oil tunnel through the Straits of Mackinac. Under the proposed agreement with Enbridge, the existing Line 5 pipeline would remain functioning for up to or even longer than the next ten years, while an oil tunnel is being built. Also attempts to subvert executive authority by mandating that the Attorney General either defend this unconstitutional bill, or pay for outside counsel of the Authority’s choosing.

HB 4205: “No Stricter Than Federal”

This “No Stricter Than Federal” bill will make it more difficult for Michigan agencies to set any new environmental standards that are stricter than federal minimums. Under the terms of the bill, agency directors would have to prove that there is “clear and convincing need” before setting any new environmental or public health standards. This would greatly limit the state’s ability to respond to the PFAS crisis.

SB 1211: “Wetlands Destruction Act” - House Substitute

This bill ties state wetland regulations to the federal regulations. Unfortunately, the Trump administration has proposed to severely weaken federal protections, removing critical safeguards from ephemeral streams and isolated wetlands with its Dirty Water Rule. Further, this creates a two-tiered regulatory structure for Michigan wetlands that will certainly make regulation and enforcement more difficult in practice. The final version of this bill did not include Senate passed provisions that would have removed critical protections for about half of the remaining wetlands in Michigan and allowed developers to plow over, fill, dredge, and construct on wetlands smaller than ten acres without seeking state permits or approval.

SB 1244: Weakening Toxic Cleanup Standards

Weakens Part 201 of the Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act, which pertains to toxic cleanup standards. Communities across our state, from Flint and Detroit, to the dozens of communities facing PFAS contamination rely on these standards to ensure that air, water, and soil contamination issues are dealt with in a responsible manner. Weakening these standards will make it harder for these communities to get toxic sites cleaned up, and harder for them to seek justice in the courts for the contamination of their communities.

Democracy Bills

HB 6553: Attorney General Authority

Gives the legislature the right to intervene in any legal proceeding of their choosing. This violates constitutional separation of powers, as it is the judicial branch that determines standing to intervene, not the legislature. It also seeks to subvert the powers of the Attorney General by granting the Attorney General’s right to intervene on behalf of the state to the legislature.

SB 1254: Redistricting Commission

(Senate Only). Attempts to change the Proposal 2 anti-gerrymandering ballot initiative, which was widely approved by voters in November. This bill changes the criteria for how prospective commissioners would be required to identify with a political party. It also puts restrictions on who would be allowed to staff the redistricting committee based on prior political activity.

SB 1176: Dark Money

Prevents public agencies, including state agencies, from requiring nonprofits to disclose their donors or supporters, including nonprofit political advocacy groups that can funnel dark money into elections.

Senate Votes

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			SB 1197: Line 5	HB 4205: No Stricter Than Federal	SB 1211: Wetlands	SB 1244: Cleanup Standards	HB 6553: AG Authority	SB 1254: Redistricting Commission	SB 1176: Dark Money	
Coleman Young II	1 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N	N
Adam Hollier	2 D	75%	Y	N	N	N	100%	N	N	N
Morris Hood III	3 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N	N
Ian Conyers	4 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	A	N
David Knezek	5 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N	N
Hoon-Yung Hopgood	6 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N	N
Patrick Colbeck	7 R	25%	Y	Y	Y	N	33%	Y	N	Y
Jack Brandenburg	8 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Steven Bieda	9 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N	N
Tory Rocca	10 R	75%	Y	N	N	N	100%	N	N	N
Vincent Gregory	11 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N	N
Jim Marleau	12 R	0%	Y	A	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Marty Knollenberg	13 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
David Robertson	14 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Mike Kowall	15 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Mike Shirkey	16 R	0%	Y	Y	A	A	0%	Y	Y	Y
Dale Zorn	17 R	25%	Y	Y	N	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Rebekah Warren	18 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N	N
Mike Nofs	19 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Margaret O'Brien	20 R	25%	Y	Y	N	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
John Proos	21 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Joe Hune	22 R	25%	N	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Curtis Hertel Jr.	23 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N	N
Rick Jones	24 R	50%	N	N	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Phil Pavlov	25 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Tonya Schuitmaker	26 R	50%	N	Y	Y	N	0%	Y	Y	A
Jim Ananich	27 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N	N
Peter MacGregor	28 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Dave Hildenbrand	29 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Arlan Meekhof	30 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Mike Green	31 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Ken Horn	32 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Judy Emmons	33 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Goeff Hansen	34 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Darwin Booher	35 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Jim Stamas	36 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Wayne Schmidt	37 R	25%	Y	N	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y
Tom Casperson	38 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y	Y

House Votes

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			SB 1197: Line 5	HB 4205: No Stricter Than Federal	SB 1211: Wetlands	SB 1244: Cleanup Standards	Democ. SCORE	HB 6553	SB 1176
Tenisha Yancey	1 D	75%	Y	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Bettie Scott	2 D	0%	A	A	A	A	0%	A	A
Wendell Byrd	3 D	75%	Y	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Rose Mary Robinson	4 D	100%	N	N	A	N	100%	A	N
Fred Durhal	5 D	75%	Y	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Stephanie Chang	6 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
LaTanya Garrett	7 D	75%	Y	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Sherry Gay-Dagnogo	8 D	100%	A	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Sylvia Santana	9 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Leslie Love	10 D	66%	Y	N	A	N	100%	N	N
Jewell Jones	11 D	75%	Y	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Erika Geiss	12 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Frank Liberati	13 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Cara Clemente	14 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Abdullah Hammoud	15 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Robert Kosowski	16 D	75%	Y	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Joseph Bellino	17 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Kevin Hertel	18 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Laura Cox	19 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Jeff Noble	20 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Kristy Pagan	21 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
John Chirkun	22 D	75%	Y	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Darrin Camilleri	23 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Steve Marino	24 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Henry Yanez	25 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Jim Ellison	26 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Robert Wittenberg	27 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Patrick Green	28 D	75%	Y	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Tim Greimel	29 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Diana Farrington	30 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
William Sowerby	31 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Pamela Hornberger	32 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Jeff Yaroch	33 R	50%	N	Y	Y	N	50%	Y	N
Sheldon Neeley	34 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Jeremy Moss	35 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Peter Lucido	36 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Christine Greig	37 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Kathy Crawford	38 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Klint Kesto	39 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Michael McCready	40 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Martin Howrylak	41 R	75%	Y	N	N	N	50%	Y	N
Lana Theis	42 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Jim Tedder	43 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Jim Runestad	44 R	25%	Y	Y	Y	N	0%	Y	Y
Michael Webber	45 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y

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John Reilly	46 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Hank Vaupel	47 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Pam Faris	48 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Phil Phelps	49 D	50%	Y	N	Y	N	100%	N	N
Tim Sneller	50 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Joseph Graves	51 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Donna Lasinski	52 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Yousef Rabhi	53 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Ronnie Peterson	54 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Adam Zemke	55 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Jason Sheppard	56 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Bronna Kahle	57 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Eric Leutheuser	58 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Aaron Miller	59 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Jon Hoadley	60 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Brandt Iden	61 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
John Bizon	62 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
David MATUREN	63 R	50%	Y	N	Y	N	100%	N	N
Julie Alexander	64 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Brett Roberts	65 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	50%	N	Y
Beth Griffin	66 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Tom Cochran	67 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Sarah Anthony	68 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Sam Singh	69 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
James Lower	70 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Tom Barrett	71 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Steven Johnson	72 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Chris Afendoulis	73 R	50%	Y	Y	N	N	0%	Y	Y
Rob VerHeulen	74 R	50%	Y	Y	N	N	0%	Y	Y
David LaGrand	75 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Winnie Brinks	76 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Tommy Brann	77 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Dave Pagel	78 R	25%	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	N	N
Kim LaSata	79 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Mary Whiteford	80 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Dan Lauwers	81 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Gary Howell	82 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	50%	Y	N
Shane Hernandez	83 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Edward Canfield	84 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Ben Frederick	85 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Thomas Albert	86 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Julie Calley	87 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	50%	N	Y
Roger Victory	88 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Jim Lilly	89 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Daniela Garcia	90 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y

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Holly Hughes	91 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Terry Sabo	92 D	75%	Y	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Tom Leonard	93 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Tim Kelly	94 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Vanessa Guerra	95 D	100%	N	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Brian Elder	96 D	50%	Y	N	Y	N	100%	N	N
Jason Wentworth	97 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Gary Glenn	98 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Roger Hauck	99 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Scott VanSingel	100 R	25%	Y	N	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Curt VanderWall	101 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Michele Hoitenga	102 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Daire Rendon	103 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Larry Inman	104 R	50%	N	N	Y	Y	50%	N	Y
Triston Cole	105 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Sue Allor	106 R	100%	N	N	N	N	0%	Y	Y
Lee Chatfield	107 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Beau LaFave	108 R	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	Y	Y
Sara Cambensy	109 D	75%	Y	N	N	N	100%	N	N
Scott Dianda	110 D	75%	Y	N	N	N	100%	N	N



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CLEAN WATER ACTION is the nation's largest, most effective grassroots group active on water, energy and environmental health. With one million members, Clean Water Action works to protect clean water, prevent health-threatening pollution and create environmentally safe jobs and businesses. Clean Water Action's nonpartisan campaigns empower people to make democracy work.

Clean Water Action's mission is to protect our environment, health, economic well-being and community quality of life. Clean Water Action organizes strong grassroots groups and coalitions, and campaigns to elect environmental candidates and to solve environmental and community problems.