

# Bulletin

## VNRC DEFENDS ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS IN TOUGH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**H**istory will record the 1994 Vermont legislative session as one in which members stayed too long in Montpelier and accomplished little. Legislators adjourned June 12 amid vocal public disapproval.

VNRC had approached the session with modest goals. Deputy Director for Policy Stephen

Holmes noted in the Winter 1994 *VNRC Bulletin*, "Our thrust (will be) to preserve and fully implement the environmental programs and laws we have in the face of an economy slow to come out of recession."

VNRC had anticipated that anti-environmental forces intended an assault on Vermont's body of conservation law. But in the end, Act

250, Act 200, and other laws and regulations survived with only minor changes — even modest improvements in the state's permit processes. (See articles elsewhere in this *Bulletin*.)

The expected confrontation came early in the session, marked by contention over nominations to the Vermont Environmental

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### SENATE VOTES ON ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD NOMINATIONS – 2/17/94

#### VOTING TO CONFIRM



Sen. J. Ankeney,  
D-Chittenden



Sen. J. Backus,  
D-Windham



Sen. S. Bartlett,  
D-Lamoille



Sen. M.A. Carlson,  
D-Bennington



Sen. A. Kroger,  
D-Chittenden



Sen. R. Mazza,  
D-Grand Isle



Sen. R. McCormack,  
D-Windsor



Sen. E. Ready,  
D-Addison



Sen. C. Rivers,  
D-Windsor



Sen. R. Sears Jr.,  
D-Bennington



Sen. P. Shumlin,  
D-Windham



Sen. J. Spaulding,  
D-Washington



Sen. J. Stephany,  
D-Chittenden

#### VOTING NOT TO CONFIRM



Lt. Gov. Barbara  
Snelling, R,  
Senate president



Sen. T. Bahre,  
R-Addison



Sen. J. Bloomer,  
R-Rutland



Sen. J. Canns,  
R-Caledonia



Sen. J. Carroll,  
R-Windsor



Sen. W. Doyle,  
R-Washington



Sen. B. Ferraro,  
R-Rutland



Sen. S. Gear,  
R-Chittenden



Sen. S. Hudson Jr.,  
R-Franklin



Sen. R. Ide,  
R-Caledonia



Sen. V. Illuzi,  
R-Essex/Orleans



Sen. M. Krauss,  
R-Washington



Sen. T. Macaulay,  
R-Rutland



Sen. S. Sweetser,  
R-Chittenden



Sen. S. Webster,  
R-Orange

#### VOTING SPLIT



Sen. M. Metcalf,  
R-Essex/Orleans  
(voted to confirm  
Courtney and  
Bongartz, not to  
confirm Ehrich)



Sen. F. Howrigan,  
D-Franklin  
(voted to confirm  
Courtney,  
not to confirm Ehrich  
and Bongartz)



Sen. H. Riehle,  
R-Chittenden  
(voted to confirm  
Bongartz, not to  
confirm Courtney  
and Ehrich)