

Virginia General Assembly Legislative Information System: **LIS** online is your Friend for Advocacy: Be informed.

My Legislators: What can I learn on LIS? **How can Bill Tracking help with Action Alerts and other Advocacy?**

**Check on your legislator:** Name of his/her aide and staff, bills filed, the fiscal impact (FIS) of each bill, the bill's status, schedule of hearings of bills. See your legislators' committee assignments and appointments, his/her meeting schedule. Watch and listen to his/her presentations and speeches — on bills, during morning hour, and Point of Personal Privilege statements.

**VOTES:** See the record of his/her AYE or NAY votes on ALL bills.

Read the Governor's VETO explanations and recommendations on bills. <https://viriniageneralassembly.gov/>

START at the **Blue Band** at top: **“Click for Bill Tracking, Meetings, Who's My Legislator”** for the “Instant Access” blue page.

**Today's Events:** Choose “LIS meeting schedule” to see the up to the minute schedule for the day, committee schedules and agenda, caucus time, and start time of floor sessions, and list of future events.

**Live Session Video:** Link to videos (live & archives) [Examples below.]

**Member Listings:** The House list is especially great and can be sorted on any column.

Choose House List. Choose your Delegate.

See Delegate's personal information (& website usually), staff, location (Map It), committees, legislation introduced/filed; Click on “Chief Patron” for the list of his bills.

**Back to LIS HOME page;** go to column on right for “Search Legislation”. In 2019 Regular Session Tracking: **Choose Members;**

In paragraph on top: click on “Delegates” to **see how he/she voted** — AYE or NAY — on EVERYTHING

[Find instance where the Delegate voted “No” but bill Passed. Hmm.... why?]

Back to **TRACKING:** Enter bill number: **HB2611**

RGGI (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative) is an environment issue. The goal is to regulate/control carbon emissions with a regional cap-and-trade program. The bill opposed participation

in the regional program.

## **?? How can tracking this bill's journey help us prepare future **advocacy and Action Alerts**??**

See the SUMMARY, the text in pdf, and the impact statement for fiscal effect, and the history. **The Impact Statement gives a succinct, clear explanation of the bill and its effect.**

HB2611 opposed RGGI participation. It would **require 2/3 approval of GA to join RGGI** rather than give authority to the Governor. The Patron is Del. Poindexter FIS: <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+oth+HB2611FER122+PDF>

Rough Journey: ACNR subcommittee: **Vote 5-2: Who voted NO?** <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+vot+H0101V0017+HB2611>

1/23/19: ACNR Full Committee: **Vote: 12 to 10: Who voted NO?** Video shows which groups testified pro or con\*. **Hear Talking Points in Testimony.**

**House Floor debate: See video with debate. 1:49 PM on 1/28/19**

“Is there anthropogenic cause for climate change or sea level rise? Is the land sinking? Is that discussion relevant to the purpose of this bill?”

Should GA members be involved in RGGI decisions and affect the Governor's authority? Why is a 2/3rd, not just a majority vote, proposed?

Floor **Vote: 51-48;** (*Why only 99 votes?*) <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+vot+HV1957+HB2611>

## **Knowing this House path, and debate, could we better influence the vote on HB2611 in the Senate?**

Senate: Committee: 8 to 6; Floor Video: (2/13/19): 2:24 PM debate starts (Stuart supports; Lewis, “wanton intrusion on regulation process”; Wagner counters, “intrusion into ratepayer's pocket”, 2:32 PM: Vote 21-18; 3:19 PM was reconsidered to 20-19 (Vogel changed to Nay; Why?)

Governor: 3/14/19 Veto with explanation: “We should not be limited in our ability to protect the environment and in turn, the citizens of the Commonwealth.”

Veto sustained: April 3rd.... BUT measure in budget remained; Governor's budget amendment failed.

