

Maryland Business for Responsive Government Unveils 2014 *Roll Call* Results

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COLUMBIA, Md., May 7, 2014 – Maryland Business for Responsive Government ([MBRG](#)), a statewide nonpartisan organization, has released the 2014 results of its annual publication *Roll Call*, now available in hard copy and online here: ([LINK](#)).

Each year, MBRG's 20-member State Advisory Council selects recorded votes from the most recent General Assembly session that have practical or philosophical importance to the widest possible range of Maryland businesses, trade associations, and chambers of commerce. MBRG identifies the selected bills in *Roll Call* and analyzes the votes to produce a score for each legislator.

This year's top-scoring Senators, all Republicans, were the following:

Edward R. Reilly (93%)
David R. Brinkley (92%)
Bryan W. Simonaire (86%)
Joseph M. Getty (85%)
Christopher B. Shank (85%)
Barry Glassman (83%)
J.B. Jennings (79%)
Richard F. Colburn (77%)
Stephen S. Hershey, Jr. (77%)
George C. Edwards (75%)

This year's top-scoring Delegates, all Republicans, were the following:

Kathryn L. Afzali (100%)
Susan L.M. Aumann (100%)
Gail H. Bates (100%)
Wendell R. Beitzel (100%)
Joseph C. Boteler, III (100%)
Donald H. Dwyer (100%)
Donald B. Elliott (100%)
Mark N. Fisher (100%)
William J. Frank (100%)
Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio (100%)
A. Wade Kach (100%)
Nicholaus R. Kipke (100%)
Susan W. Krebs (100%)
Tony McConkey (100%)
Patrick L. McDonough (100%)
Warren E. Miller (100%)
Anthony J. O'Donnell (100%)

Justin D. Ready (100%)
Kelly M. Schulz (100%)
Donna M. Stifler (100%)
Nancy R. Stocksdale (100%)
Kathy Szeliga (100%)

The most improved Democrats were **Sen. James Brochin** (+18%) and **Del. James E. Malone, Jr.** (+33%). The most improved Republicans were **Sen. Christopher B. Shank** (+15%) and **Del. Donald B. Elliott** (+43%). Top-scoring retiring legislators were Republicans **Sen. Allan Kittleman** (93%) and **Del. Gail Bates** (95%).

Usually held in the fall, the 2014 *Roll Call* luncheon was held earlier this year to coincide with the earlier date of Maryland's primary election -- June 24. "We needed to announce the *Roll Call* results now to give voters time to absorb the data and incorporate it into their decision-making," said Duane Carey, MBRG President.

For the 2014 analysis, *Roll Call* analyzed 16 Senate votes and 17 House votes, including **SB 359** (Watershed Protection and Restoration Programs – Impervious Surface – Definition), **HB 739** (Maryland Estate Tax Unified Credit), and the widely publicized **HB 295** (Maryland Minimum Wage Act of 2014).

Nearly 50 business leaders, legislators, and other community members attended the luncheon on May 6 at the Hilton BWI. The event concluded with a speech by guest speaker Blair Lee IV titled "The O'Malley Legacy: Where Does Maryland Business Go From Here?"

Photos from the event are available at the following links:

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About Maryland Business for Responsive Government (MBRG)

MBRG is a statewide, nonpartisan political research and education organization supported by corporations, trade associations, chambers of commerce, and individuals. Its purpose is to inform Maryland's business community, elected officials, and the general public about the political and economic environment needed to foster economic development and job creation in Maryland. Annual evaluations of the voting records of Maryland's state and federal legislators enable MBRG and its members to hold politicians accountable for the state's economic well-being like no other organization.

About *Roll Call*

Roll Call is compiled by an independent advisory council of roughly 20 organizations (companies, chambers of commerce, and other business and trade organizations) involved in the 90-day session in Annapolis. The purpose of *Roll Call* is to educate, inform, and empower Maryland employers, business owners, and others to engage in a dialogue with elected officials on issues critical to a healthy economic development climate in Maryland. MBRG has been issuing its annual report card since 1987.

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