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The League of Conservation Voters is a nonpartisan campaign committee closely affiliated with FRIENDS OF THE EARTH, a non tax-deductible organization that frankly enters into the political arena where it affects conservation. They have recently tabulated the House voting record in 10 revealing roll-call votes pertaining to environmental issues. The issues included are SST, Timber Supply Bill, Clean WAter and Clean Air Acts, Wilderness designation, Mass Transportation Act, preservation of estuarine areas and others. The highest possible score was +28, the lowest possible was -28. Here is how Tennessee Congressmen rated:

Anderson	+9	Jones	0	Quillen	-10
Fulton	+7	Blanton	-3	Kuykendall	-11
Evins	+2	Duncan	-6	Brock	-13

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CANDIDATES FACT SHEET, 10 OCT., 1970

This fact sheet was composed to help you evaluate four candidates (GORE, BROCK, DUNCAN and COWAN) in the Nov. 3 election with regard to their stands on environmental issues. GORE and BROCK: U.S. Senate candidates. DUNCAN and COWAN: U.S. House candidates (from Tennessee's 2nd district). Ecology Action presents 1) performance records of the 3 incumbents (GORE, BROCK and DUNCAN) concerning legislation relating to the environment, 2) statements on 10 environmental issues and 3) returns of a questionnaire which E.A. sent to the 4 candidates.

PERFORMANCE RECORDS OF THE 3 INCUMBENTS ON SOME ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

SUPERSONIC TRANSPORT: Brock voted in favor of SST appropriations. DUNCAN voted against SST. Vote had not yet reached Senate at time of printing of the fact sheet.

WATER POLLUTION: GORE supported 1969 Water Resource Development Study (established research programs to study means for preserving clean water supply for industry and recreation). BROCK opposed this study. GORE introduced Senate Bill S.3783 which would provide federal financing for state and local governments for construction of waste treatment facilities.

MASS TRANSIT: BROCK opposed 1966 Urban Mass Transit Act which authorized aid to state and local governments for mass transit systems and research. GORE voted in favor of this act. DUNCAN voted in favor of a motion to call for a decrease in funds for mass transit construction (H.R.14810).

AIR POLLUTION: GORE supported 1963 Air Pollution Control Act giving aid to state and local pollution control programs and research. BROCK opposed this Act. DUNCAN supported motion which called for deletion of provisions (in Clean Air Act) to provide for research on solid waste disposal.

HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION: DUNCAN voted against bill (S.2084) for highway beautification. Also DUNCAN voted for motion suggesting deletion of funds for highway beautification.

NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS: GORE endorsed inclusion of Obed, Big South Fork and Buffalo Rivers in a national system of wild and scenic rivers. DUNCAN supported amendment to remove S. Fork from national scenic rivers act.

TRANSMOUNTAIN ROAD (see below, question no. 1): DUNCAN accompanied pro-road delegation to Washington. BROCK later endorsed position held by Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning who opposed the road.

PESTICIDES: DUNCAN voted for amendment to a 1958 Act to prevent or minimize injury to fish and wildlife from pesticides and herbicides (H.R.15979).

ISSUES, QUESTIONS and ANSWERS: Here are brief statements concerning 10 environmental matters; below each statement is the question which we sent to the 4 candidates. Following each question are the returns E.A. received. GORE and COWAN returned the questionnaire. We received no responses from BROCK and DUNCAN. The questionnaires were sent out on 1 Sept., 1970.

1. THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK is in danger of being cut in half by another (actually the fifth) transmountain road; some conservationists have proposed an alternative "Circle-the-Smokies-Drive" which would avoid cutting a road through this wilderness area. QUESTION: "Do you favor the proposed transmountain road to run between Townsend and Bryson City?" GORE: "I did. Am considering additional information in re alternatives." COWAN: "No. I favor the road AROUND the mountains."

2. AMERICA'S FIRST SUPERSONIC TRANSPORT airplane is currently being developed (with government subsidy) by Boeing Aircraft and General Electric. The SST has been hailed as a technological breakthrough and assailed by many parties (including the President's own Ad Hoc Task Force on the SST) as a losing economic and environmental risk. QUESTION: 'Do you support the development of the supersonic transport? Please state on what grounds you base your support or opposition." GORE: "No." COWAN: "No. I oppose the SST because of sonic booms, air pollution and plain economics. We can't re-order domestic priorities while pursuing such needless enterprises. For instance, we would spend almost three times as much on SST development as in fighting air pollution. This doesn't make sense."

3. AUTOMOBILES ARE SAID TO CONTRIBUTE 60-70% OF THE AIR POLLUTION in cities. One solution to this problem as well as that of traffic congestion is the wide spread use of efficient mass transit such as buses, trains and modern rapid transit (such as is being built from San Francisco to Oakland). QUESTION: "Would you support the development of free or low cost mass transit systems both within and between cities in areas where such systems would be deemed useful in eliminating short distance automobile driving?" GORE: "Favorably disposed, would considor." COWAN: "Yes. I favor federal help for this worthy program."

4. DAMAGING EFFECTS OF EXCESSIVE NOISE have been demonstrated by many investigators (including Dr. Lipscomb of U.T.); the ever-increasing production of noise in our world is just another unnatural stress factor to which we unnecessarily expose our minds and bodies. QUESTION: "Would you be in favor of legislation to control the noise produced by motor vehicles, airplanes and industries?" GORE: Senator Gore did not answer wuestions 4-6, probably due to an oversight. COWAN: "Absolutely. (And maybe something ingenious for 'Rock' music, too!)"

5. TONS OF ALUMINUM, GLASS, PAPER and other "disposables" are discarded each year; obviously there is only a finite amount of resources which is being used up rapidly and there are paramount problems in attempting to "destroy" all of our disposables. QUESTION: "Would you support legislation requiring the recycling of salvageable materials (such as aluminum, glass and paper) for reuse?" GORE: see no. 4. COWAN: "Yes..."

6. CHEMICALS SUCH AS DDT are presently endangering several species - including our nation's symbol, the bald eagle; this chemical (DDT) is also showing up in relatively high concentration in the milk of pregnant women. QUESTION: "If safer pesticides are available, would you be in favor of banning the use of broad-spectrum and persistent pesticides (such as DDT and Dieldrin) and providing for research on ecologically-sound alternatives to replace these dangerous chemicals?" GORE: See no. 4. COWAN: "Yes."

7. A MAJOR CAUSE OF WATER POLLUTION in lakes and rivers is the high level of phosphates, much of which comes from laundry detergents; other countries (e.g., Canada) have already taken steps to decrease the amount of phosphates in detergents. QUESTION: Would you support legislation (such as H.R. 12435:Rauss and Senate 3501:Nelson) to ban the use of phosphates in detergents" GORE: "Not well enough informed on terms of bill to state a position on it." COWAN: "Yes."

THE NEXT 3 QUESTIONS concern general issues regarding air and water pollution and the right of humans to a planet free from pollution by mercury, nerve gas, smog, etc. ad nauseam.

8. "Would you give your support to strict federal regulations to prevent anyone from polluting any body of water? This includes such problems as thermal pollution, poorly treated sewage, industrial wastes and outmoded government-managed chemical and biological weapons?" GORE: "Consistent with safe, clean utilization, yes." COWAN: "Yes."

9. "Would you endorse legislation to require any polluter (schools, industries, individuals, etc.) to employ anti-pollution devices to alleviate air pollution caused by their wastes and/or processes?" GORE: "Consideration of actual terms would be necessary. Favorable dispositon as far as I could go with indefinite, or rather general, terms of question." COWAN: "Yes. And would support such programs with federal and state monies if the cost would be too prohibitive for one person or cooperation to handle."

10. "Do you feel that there is a need for the Environmental Protection bill (S.3575) which recognizes the right of citizens to a pollution-free environment and allows citizens to sue in anti-pollution cases and to examine in court administrative decisions which concern environmental issues?" GORE: "Need for legislation, yes. I have not yet had opportunity to study details of S.3575." COWAN: "Yes."

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