

## Issue: Republican Incumbent Voting Record

# Delegate District 13-Robert Marshall-Voting Record

Robert “Bob” Marshall

## Issues:

**Anti-Economic Equality:** Marshall voted against increasing the minimum wage multiple times, supporting a rate that falls below living wages and is one of the lowest in the country.

- HB 1371 (2016) Prohibit cities from increasing minimum-wage or benefits
- HB 1129 (2012) Reduces state employee retirement benefits.

## Anti Women’s Reproductive Rights:

### Chief Sponsor for

- HJ589- (2017)-Acknowledges that fetus consistently treated as a person under Virginia law prior to Roe v. Wade. (Note: Laying groundwork for anticipated Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade) (Bill killed)
- HB1762- (2017)-Requires woman to sign written consent form containing specific medical risk warnings 24 hours before abortion. (Bill killed)
- HR19 and HJ29- (2016)-Life begins at conception. (Bills killed)
- HB1326- (2016)-Informed written consent; same as HB1762 above. (Bill killed)

### 2012 - Chief Sponsor or a Co-sponsor of the following bills:

- HB1—Establishes life as beginning at conception. (Bill failed)
- HB62—Repeals funding for abortions for low-income women in cases where the fetus has a gross and incapacitating physical deformity or mental deficiency. (Bill failed)
- HB462—Requires a woman to undergo an ultrasound before having an abortion. (Bill enacted) (On 2/14/12, Marshall voted in favor of the original version, which required a vaginal ultrasound; on 3/1/12, he did not cast a vote on the amended version, which required only an external ultrasound.)

### Voted for

- HB2264 (2017) which imposes restrictions on use of state Dept. of Health funds for family planning and abortion services. (De-funds Planned Parenthood) (Bill vetoed)
- HB 1 (2012) defines life as beginning at conception.
- HR 268 (2016): (Co-sponsor) “Day of Tears” which designates January 20<sup>th</sup> (day of Roe v Wade decision) as a day of mourning for aborted fetuses. (Bill passed house)

## Anti-women’s health:

### 2012 - Chief or Co-Sponsor of:

- HB65—Eliminates the requirement that children receive the HPV vaccine before being allowed to attend school. (Bill failed—did not get out of committee)
- HB1112—Eliminates the requirement for female children to receive the HPV vaccine. (Marshall was a co-sponsor but did not vote when the vote was taken on the House floor.) (Bill failed)

## Anti-contraception:

- HB2267—Allows pharmacists to provide women a full year of birth control pills at once if prescribed by a doctor. House passed the bill by a vote of Y-94, N-1. Marshall was the only House delegate to vote against the bill. Other 5 delegates did not vote. Bill passed Senate and was signed by the governor.

**Anti-Voting Rights:** Marshall voted in favor of restrictive initiatives that disproportionately disenfranchise minorities and the poor and are far more restrictive than other states. Votes in 2017:

- HB1428 and SB872-(Co-sponsor)-Requires photo ID with absentee ballot application. (Marshall = co-sponsor) (Bill vetoed)
- HB1598--Requires proof of citizenship to be registered to vote in state elections. (Bill killed)
- SB1105--Requires investigations into voter registration lists to identify persons who may not be eligible to vote. (Bill vetoed)
- SB1253--Grants localities the option of including in their electronic poll-books the photos of registered voters obtained from DMV records. (Bill vetoed)
- SB1581--Requires registrar to match the name, birthdate, and Social Security Number on voter registration applications with the SSA database ; also requires the registrar to verify every registered voter's info with the Social Security Administration's database on an annual basis. (Bill vetoed)
- SB 1256 (2013)- Voted to require a photo ID to vote at the polls. (Bill enacted)

## Anti-Immigrant:

### Chief Sponsor:

- HB 1468 (2017) Requires sheriffs and local jails to comply with ICE immigration detainers
- HB481-(2016)-Local compliance with ICE detainers; same as HB1468 above. (Bill vetoed)
- HB494-(2016)-State agencies cannot assist federal gov't with resettling refugees from Iraq or Syria in Virginia. (Bill killed)

### Voted for:

- HB 2000 (2017) Prohibits localities from adopting sanctuary policies
- HB 1060 (2012) Requires law enforcement to ask about immigration status during arrest

## Anti-LGBTQ

### Chief Sponsor for:

- HB 1667 (2017) Chief Patron Prohibits agencies of the Commonwealth and other public bodies from requiring any contractor entering into a public contract to agree to additional nondiscrimination provisions with respect to gender identity or sexual orientation. The bill also provides civil immunity for any business or nonprofit organization that does not provide any benefit or accommodation with respect to gender identity or sexual orientation. (Bill killed)
- HB2011 ( 2017) Separation of sexes based on biological characteristics that distinguish an individual as male or female at birth does not constitute discrimination. ("Bathroom bill" killed)
- HB77- (2016) -Unlawful discrimination under Virginia Human Rights Act does not include sexual orientation or gender identity. (Bill killed)
- HB 773 (2016) (Allows discrimination against LGBTQ based on religious beliefs.) "Prohibits a government entity from taking any discriminatory action against a person on the basis that such person believes, speaks, or acts in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief that marriage is or should be recognized as the union of one man and one woman and that the terms "man" and "woman" refer to an individual's immutable biological sex as objectively determined by anatomy and genetics of the individual at the time of birth." (Killed in Senate)

Voted for:

- SB 349 Authorizes private adoption agencies to refuse certain placements
- HB 189 Authorizes adoption agencies to refuse adoptions for religious reasons.
- HB2025 and SB1324—[2017] (Bill vetoed) Prohibits the state from requiring any person or organization to participate in a marriage ceremony and/or imposing any penalty for refusing to solemnize a marriage due to a belief that marriage is the union of one man and one woman.
- HB77--Unlawful discrimination under Virginia Human Rights Act does not include sexual orientation or gender identity. (Bill killed)
- Authored the Virginia Marriage Amendment (also called the Marshall-Newman Amendment) defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman; the amendment to the state constitution was ratified by voters in 2006 and then ruled unconstitutional by district judge in 2014.

**Anti Gun Safety**Chief Sponsor:

- HB1469- (2017)Permits designated school employees to carry concealed handgun on school property. (Arms teachers in K-12 schools)(Bill killed)
- HB76- (2016) -Concealed handguns in schools; same as HB1469 above. (Bill killed)
- HB79- (2016) -Allows college and university faculty to carry concealed handguns on campus. (Bill killed)
- HB1201-(2016)-Requires law enforcement to recognize concealed handgun permits issued by other states. (Bill killed)

Voted for:

- SB 610 (2016) Authorizes Concealed Carry Reciprocity for Out-of-state License Holders
- HB 1906 (2016) Prohibits Regulation of Firearms without Legislative Authority
- HB 1234 (2016) Authorizes School Security Officers to Carry Firearms
- HB 766 (2016) Authorizes Individual with Restraining Order to Carry Concealed Gun without Permit
- SB 323 (2012) Repeals Purchase Limit for Handguns

**Undermining Public Education:** Voted for bills that undermine public education.

- HB1605--Parental Choice Education Savings Accounts ("school vouchers") allows parents to use public tax money for private and religious schools. (Bill vetoed)
- HB1578 and HB2007--Legislation supporting home schooling. (1578 vetoed; 2007 killed)

**Anti-Environment:** Voted to:

- SB 1470 /HB 2198--Extend tax credits for coal companies. (Bill vetoed)  
According to VA Chapter of the Sierra Club, Since 1988, Virginia tax payer dollars as subsidize the cold industry in the form of a cold tax credits. To date, \$637 million in corporate welfare to a dying industry has done little to change the economic realities of the cold fields.

During bankruptcy proceedings last year, coal mining corporation Alpha Natural Resources shredded labor contracts with Union Mine Workers of America, the union representing the Virginia is coal miners. Alpha cut health and pension benefits for unionized members and over 4,500 nonunion retired coal miners, who had worked underground for 20 years or more and emerged with significant health problems including black lung. One year before declaring bankruptcy, Alpha gave its executives more than \$3.5 million in bonuses. CEO

Kevin Crutchfield alone received \$7.75 million in total compensation in 2014. Hundreds of millions of dollars provided through the coal tax credits have made CEOs rich, but not one penny has gone to coal miners or their families.

**Companion bills SP 1470 and House Bill 2198** would have continued tax credit for bad actors like Alpha.

- HB 1679 – Allow fracking companies to not disclose chemicals used in the process which are dangerous to human health by considering them to be trade secrets. (Passed by house, withdrawn by Patron in Senate committee.)

### **Anti-Health Insurance:**

Consistently voted with the Republican block against Medicaid expansion. This vote amounts to taking money away from Virginians that would otherwise be made available, and denying coverage to thousands of residents in his district. Furthermore, Medicaid expansion funds would include coverage for important mental health services for the most vulnerable of the population. Medicaid expansion would also have provided thousands of Virginians access to substance abuse services at a time when opioid overdose deaths exceed fatal car accidents as the leading cause of unnatural death in Virginia.

## **TOP ISSUES**

### **Anti-abortion and anti-contraception:**

- Opposes all abortions even in cases of incest and rape
- Opposes funding for Planned Parenthood
- Helped devise the federal Hyde Amendment prohibiting use of tax funds for Medicaid abortions
- Opposes contraception that prevents implantation, including birth control pills and IUDs, because he considers that an abortion
- Opposes embryonic stem cell research (refers on his website to videos of clinic staff pricing human organs from aborted fetuses)

### **Anti-LGBT:**

- Authored the Virginia Marriage Amendment (also called the Marshall-Newman Amendment) defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman; the amendment to the state constitution was ratified by voters in 2006 and then ruled unconstitutional by district judge in 2014

### **Anti-gun safety:**

- Endorsed by the NRA and other gun lobbies
- Proposed legislation allowing designated teachers/staff to carry concealed handguns on school property
- Proposed legislation allowing college and university faculty to carry concealed handguns on campus

### **Anti-public and pro-religious education:**

- Supports school vouchers for religious schools
- Supports home schooling
- Passed legislation requiring public schools to display the motto "In God We Trust"

**Anti-immigration:**

- Supports stronger border control and construction of wall/fence
- Personal website lists anti-immigrant legislation he supports (no public benefits for illegal immigrants, penalties for those who employ illegal immigrants, requirements for local police and jails to assist ICE with detention of illegal immigrants, etc.)
- Personal website cites stories designed to raise fears about Muslim immigrants and the threat of Islamic terrorists in the state of Virginia

**Anti-environment:**

- Supports reducing regulations on oil, gas, and coal companies
- Supports offshore oil and gas extraction and expansion of coal production
- Opposes restrictions on energy consumption
- Personal website characterizes green technologies as expensive and unwieldy
- Received an F grade from the VA Sierra Club in 2016 for opposing the EPA's Clean Power Plan to address climate change, for voting to continue tax credits for coal companies, and for opposing the governor's budget recommendation to fund solar energy development across the state

**Anti-health insurance:**

- Opposes expansion of Medicaid - HB1500 (Budget Bill)—Voted with the Republican block against Medicaid expansion. This vote amounts to taking money away from Virginians that would otherwise be made available, and denying coverage to thousands of residents in his district. Furthermore, Medicaid expansion funds would include coverage for important mental health services for the most vulnerable of the population. Medicaid expansion would also have provided thousands of Virginians access to substance abuse services at a time when opioid overdose deaths exceed fatal car accidents as the leading cause of unnatural death in Virginia.
- Opposed Affordable Care Act

**Anti-taxes:**

- Voted no on all proposed tax increases during his 25 years in state legislature
- Voted no to adding federal stimulus money to Virginia's budget

**Anti-voting rights:**

- Consistently votes for restrictions on voting rights, including strict photo ID laws and Social Security Administration database matching

**Transportation:**

- Opposed HOT and HOV-3/Toll lanes on I-66 and any reduction in regular use lanes
- Consistently opposes transportation taxes and any diversion of transportation tax revenues for non-transportation uses
- Mounted a successful lawsuit in 2006 against legislation passed by the VA General Assembly (HB3202) allowing two regional transportation agencies to raise revenues for transportation improvements; state Supreme Court unanimously sided with Marshall's argument that the state constitution did not allow unelected government bodies to impose or collect taxes

## EGREGIOUS BEHAVIOR

### Anti-abortion statement:

- Said that disabled children were God's punishment to women who had aborted their first pregnancy.

Statements from 1989 while employed at the All Life League (a Catholic anti-reproductive rights organization):

- When asked about abortion in the case of incest, he said that incest was sometimes voluntary.
- When asked about abortion in the case of rape, he said that the woman becomes a sin-bearer of the crime because the origin of the child should not be held against it and that the rights of the child outweigh the woman's embarrassment.

### Anti-gay quotes:

- "If homosexuals are allowed to marry whoever they love, then it will not be long before bisexuals are allowed to marry two people, polygamists several, and pedophiles children."
- "Judges who have declared marriage to be between two men or two women obviously think they are smarter than Moses or Jesus Christ."
- "The state should not condone or promote sexual behavior that does not serve the common good and which has unfortunately led to serious illnesses which harm individuals and overburden our health care system."
- Regarding his proposed bill in 2010 to ban gays from the Virginia National Guard because they would spread sexually transmitted diseases and distract the straight servicemen:
  - "If I needed a blood transfusion and the guy next to me had committed sodomy 14 times in the last month, I'd be worried."
  - "It's a distraction when I'm on the battlefield and have to concentrate on the enemy 600 yards away and I'm worried about this guy whose got eyes on me."

\*Sources for all this information are available from Local Majority.

\*\*Also note: Some of the information and quotes were taken from an older version of Marshall's delegate website. The newer version that is now online contains less inflammatory language.