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Inglis rates high on conservation issues

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WASHINGTON -- A Republican group gave Rep. Bob Inglis high marks on conservation issues in its scorecard on GOP lawmakers released Monday.

Inglis, R-Travelers Rest, got a 54 percent rating for pro-environment votes in 2006, putting him among 39 House Republicans scoring 50 percent or higher.

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He got a little extra credit for writing and getting passed in the House legislation to create H-prizes to spur research to remove some of the technical and scientific impediments that now make hydrogen a costly alternative energy source.

His average score for the 2005-2006 session of Congress was 56 percent, according to Republicans for Environmental Protection.

Advertisement "He's a guy who is a true conservative. He understands that protecting our natural resources and getting a handle on our energy problems and not wasting anything is in line with conservative thinking," said David Jenkins, government affairs director for Republicans for Environmental Protection.

"He's one of our favorites."

As an organization, Jenkins said the goal for Republicans for Environmental Protection is to encourage GOP lawmakers to continue the conservation tradition of GOP presidents Theodore Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Richard Nixon.

To read the scorecard, go to http://www.repamerica.org/2006_scorecard.pdf.