

Downing Video Archives

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- July 13, 2010 – Sen. Downing hosts the [Hillcrest Drummers](#) at the Massachusetts State House. The students performed in the Senate Chamber, as honored guests of Downing and Senate President Therese Murray.
- May 20, 2010 – Sen. Downing speaks in favor of his legislation aimed at protecting the Commonwealth's inland [lakes and ponds](#) from aquatic nuisance species. The legislation passed after the Senator's remarks.
- May 3, 2010 – Sen. Downing is Bob Dean's guest on *Berkshire Senior Television*, a locally produced program by Berkshire County Elder Services. ([Part 1](#) – [Part 2](#) – [Part 3](#))
- April 1, 2010 – Sen. Downing speaks in favor of his amendment to the Senate's economic development reorganization bill which allows state agencies to establish a [preference for Massachusetts-based](#) goods and services in their procurement practices. The amendment was adopted by the Senate on a vote of 36-0.
- April 1, 2010 – Sen. Downing speaks in favor of an amendment to the Senate's economic development reorganization legislation establishing a December 31, 2010 [reporting deadline for the Massachusetts Broadband Institute](#) to detail its progress with expanding broadband access to all unserved and under-served areas of western Massachusetts. The amendment was adopted by the Senate.
- April 1, 2010 – Sen. Downing leads the debate in opposition to an amendment seeking to repeal state regulations advancing [solar initiatives](#) in Massachusetts. The amendment was rejected by the Senate.
- April 8, 2010 – Sen. Downing, Chairman of the Revenue Committee, discusses data used to rank the [business climate in Massachusetts](#) during the Senate's debate on an economic development reorganization bill.
- February 11, 2010 – Sen. Downing, Chairman of the Revenue Committee, outlines actions the Senate has taken to [encourage business growth](#) in Massachusetts during a relevant debate.
- February 5, 2010 – Sen. Downing is Lee Harrison's guest on the Berkshire Brigades *Common Sense* Television Show. ([Part 1](#) – [Part 2](#) – [Part 3](#))
- February 4, 2010 – Sen. Downing delivers [opening remarks](#) during the Senate's debate on An Act Relative to Comprehensive Siting Reform for Land Based Wind Projects.
- February 4, 2010 – Sen. Downing defends his amendment to the Comprehensive Siting Reform for Land Based Wind Projects bill mandating that only [projects fully compliant with the Siting Standards](#) will be eligible to participate in the fast-track permitting processes created by the bill. The amendment was not adopted.

- February 4, 2010 – Sen. Downing defends his amendment to the Comprehensive Siting Reform for Land Based Wind Projects bill that eliminates language authorizing wind developers to be considered “[public service corporations](#)” by the Department of Public Utilities. The amendment also explicitly states that no local board’s denial of a project can be overturned by an appeal to the state’s Energy Facilities Siting Board. The amendment was adopted, thereby strongly preserving home rule authority in the legislation.
- February 4, 2010 – Sen. Downing’s [closing remarks](#) during the Senate’s debate on An Act Relative to Comprehensive Siting Reform for Land Based Wind Projects.
- November 17, 2009 – Sen. Downing speaks in favor of an Education Reform package amendment stabilizing [regional school transportation](#) budgets in future fiscal years.
- October 20, 2009 – Sen. Downing’s [Pathways](#) out of Poverty grant program is made permanent by the Massachusetts Senate.
- May 19, 2009 – Sen. Downing leads the Senate debate against increasing the [personal income tax](#) rate.
- May 19, 2009 – Sen. Downing leads the Senate debate against increasing the [gas tax](#).
- May 19, 2009 – Sen. Downing debates the merits of increasing the [sales tax](#) to 6.25%.
- May 14, 2009 – Sen. Downing helps lead the Senate debate on a legislative package on [Ethics Reform](#).
- May 4, 2009 – Sen. Downing appears as the guest on *Berkshire Senior TV*, a locally produced television show by Berkshire County Elder Services. ([Part 1](#) – [Part 2](#) – [Part 3](#))
- February 20, 2009 – Sen. Downing’s [Coffee and Conversation stop in Williamstown](#), video footage by the League of Women Voters – Williamstown.
- October 27, 2008 – Sen. Downing on WTBR’s [Good Morning Pittsfield](#). (Scroll to 33:08 into the show for the Senator’s segment).
- October 5, 2008 - [Berkshire Brigades](#) Democratic Rally video opening.
- September 20, 2008 - Boston University's [Students for Change](#) rally.
- September 18, 2008 - Groundbreaking ceremony for the [Beacon Cinema Project](#).
- July 31, 2008 – Sen. Downing’s [Green Collar Jobs](#) legislation is passed by the Senate after his remarks in the Chamber.
- July 18, 2008 – Sen. Downing on WTBR’s [Good Morning Pittsfield](#). (Scroll to 45 minutes into the show for this segment).
- July 10, 2008 – Sen. Downing debates in favor of [broadband expansion](#) for unserved western Massachusetts communities.
- May 26, 2008 - North Adams' [Memorial Day](#) events.

- April 14, 2008 - [Adams Democratic Committee](#) meeting.
- April 10, 2008 – Sen. Downing leads the Senate debate to pass his legislation to protect [school campus air quality](#).
- July 2, 2007 – Sen. Downing leads the Senate debate on boosting local revenue by placing underperforming [local pension systems](#) into the state pension system.
- June 26, 2007 – Sen. Downing delivers his [Maiden Speech](#) to his colleagues in the Chambers of the Massachusetts Senate.