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The First Regular Session of the 114th Maine Legislature has begun, with a record-breaking 2,100 bills placed in the hopper for consideration during the next six months. While property tax relief, solid waste disposal, and affordable health care have dominated the headlines thus far, the weeks ahead will highlight other major issues — many of critical importance to Maine women and their families.

In this first edition of Legislative Alert we outline this year's W.L.A.C. Agenda items, plus other measures of interest. Of primary concern and importance are two bills on which the M.W.L. is taking a leadership role: AN ACT to Establish Occupational Safety and Health Standards for Operators of Video Display Terminals; and the cornerstone of our 1989 package, AN ACT to Improve Family Communication with Adolescents, to be presented as the alternative to anti-choice legislation mandating parental or judicial consent for minors seeking abortion.

Both issues will require significant organizational support from our membership, so don't delay: read on and learn how you can help, and keep your legislators informed about those issues of importance to you. AND REMEMBER -- YOUR INPUT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

by

TORY LEUTEMAN

Things are hopping! We have an exciting legislative agenda, the Membership Committee has brought us over the 900 mark, the Development Committee is holding the best raffle ever, and the Grassroots Committee is starting its campus organizing drive! It's great to be a member of such a dedicated, hard-working, and wonderful group of people. While most of the work is done by members of the Board of Directors, all M.W.L. members are encouraged and welcome to participate — we need your help! Please write us or leave a message at our office (622-5798) if you'd like to volunteer for any committee activities.

The Membership Committee has recently completed a massive mailing seeking new members. As a result, over 100 people have recently joined the M.W.L. Three House Parties have been held and four more have been scheduled. If you would like to have a House Party to introduce your friends to M.W.L. and meet other Lobby members, call us!

Not only is the Development Committee holding the best raffle ever, but the Great Chocolate Event has been brought back by popular demand. Mark your calendar and save March 29th for an evening of indulgence in the greatest chocolate desserts made by some of Maine's best restaurants.

The Grassroots Committee will begin a membership drive at the University of Southern Maine this month. If you are a student, faculty member or alumna/us and would like to help, call us! The committee will also be organizing a "telephone chain" of M.W.L. members who will call to lobby legislators on key pieces of our legislative agenda. Please volunteer to work on our telephone chain — it's important that we be heard!

The Legislative Committee has worked hard getting the M.W.L. agenda and prioritizing bills. The Committee will meet regularly with Joanne, helping to set strategy, organizing public hearings and testimony, and developing support. This session, the committee hopes to involve more M.W.L. members in testifying and lobbying. It's important that the Legislature knows Joanne has a strong and active organization backing her up. If you have a particular interest or expertise in the subject areas covered by M.W.L. legislation, please contact us!

The next six months will be very hectic with, I'm sure, many triumphs and a few disappointments along the way. I am confident that if we all continue to work hard and pull together, the 114th session will be a very successful one for Maine women and their families.

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UNINSURED PERSONS NETWORK

As a member organization of Consumers for Affordable Health Care, the M.W.L. is supporting the organization of the Uninsured Persons Network, designed to advocate for health insurance for all Maine citizens, regardless of economic status. There will be several pieces of legislation introduced this session which will significantly benefit Maine's low-income citizens by expanding health insurance opportunities. These include: a Medicaid buy-in program, in which premium payments are based on a sliding fee scale for individuals earning below 150% of poverty; a payroll tax to finance health insurance for low-income workers; expansion of the high-risk insurance program; and subsidies for rural health care providers who serve low-income persons.

The legislation designed to make health care more affordable will have a greater chance of passage if the Legislature hears from people who do not have health insurance and for whom the cost of health care is a burden. The purpose of the Uninsured Persons Network is to organize the thousands of Maine people who are facing this dilemma. If you're one of those citizens, please complete the Uninsured Persons Network questionnaire included in this newsletter. Becoming a member of the U.P.N. will keep you informed about the legislation, and will provide you an opportunity for your voice to be heard in this important debate. If you can't use the questionnaire, please pass it on to someone who can. Thank You!

--Tory Leuteman

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COMING SOON TO YOUR MAILBOX!

M.W.L. RAFFLE TICKETS

for

OUTSTANDING WORKS DONATED BY MAINE CRAFTSWOMEN

*Handknit Sweater by Kirsten Scarcelli of Hallowell
*Collection of Pottery by Pat Proctor of Camden
*Handcrafted Jewelry by Marilyn Farrell of Richmond
*Handmade Basket by Joli Green of Bar Harbor
*Torchcut Metalwork by Bia Winter of Mount Vernon
*Handpainted Silk Scarf by Karen Perry of Falmouth
*Handenameled Bowl by Sandra Stewart of Windsor

Drawing: May 3, 1989

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Save This Date

for

*** THE GREAT CHOCOLATE EVENT ***

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1989

(Time and Location to be announce in future Legislative Alerts)
The following bills, which will be considered by the 114th Legislature, are measures initiated by member organizations of the Women's Legislative Agenda Coalition (WLAC), and, as of press time, were not yet available in L.D. form. Additional information about these bills -- including L.D. numbers, sponsors, committee reference, and public hearing dates -- will be provided in future editions of this newsletter. Additional measures will be added to our slate as the session progresses. Please call Joanne at 622-5798 if you have questions or need more information. (***) — Indicates bills included on WLAC Agenda

***AN ACT to Improve Family Communication with Adolescents.
(Sponsor: Sen. Pam Cahill of Woolwich; Co-sponsors: Sen. Joe Brannigan of Portland, Rep. Francis Marsano of Belfast; Rep. Patricia Stevens of Bangor). (WLAC Sponsor: Maine Women's Lobby). Developed and initiated by the H.A.R.T. Coalition (Helping Adults Reach Teens), this bill will be presented as alternative legislation to a bill mandating parental or judicial consent for minors seeking abortion. While parental guidance for teens in crisis is an important goal, experience in other states where parental/judicial consent is required indicates that mandating such communication does not work and is, in fact, detrimental to teens. In the interest of encouraging family communication in a meaningful, effective, and compassionate manner, this measure will provide $250,000 for new and existing education and training programs for parents, teens, peers, school personnel, clergy and others on how to communicate with children about sexuality issues.

[Our next edition of Legislative Alert will provide background on the development of the HART Coalition, of which the MWL is a member, and our strategy for defending reproductive choice during this legislative session.]

AA to Establish Occupational Safety and Health Standards for Operators of Video Display Terminals (Sponsor: House Speaker John L. Martin). Initiated by the MWL, this bill will require employers to implement basic safety standards, including user-adjustable workstations, equipment, and chairs; flexible work schedules providing for periods of rest or alternative work away from VDTs; employee education and training programs; and baseline and annual eye examinations. [See "VDT Safety Project", pg. #7 for more information about this bill]

AA to Provide Respite Care to Caregivers of Victims of Alzheimer's Disease. (Initiated by Maine Committee on Aging). Provides funds to establish a respite program in boarding and nursing homes throughout the state in order that caregivers can take time off from the responsibility of caregiving 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

***AA to Provide Funds for Start-Up of School-Based Child Care.
(Sponsor: Rep. Marge Clark) (WLAC Sponsor: Maine Home Economics Association). Provides $500,000 for FY 1989-90 to cover start-up costs to those schools that wish to establish on-site child care for student parents.

AA To Provide Increased Funding for the Family Planning Association's Basic Clinical and Education Services. (Sponsor: Sen. Nancy Randall Clark; Co-Sponsor: Rep. Judith Foss). Seeks a $525,000 appropriation in each fiscal year to mitigate impact of federal cutbacks on FPA services and allows FPA to continue to provide clinical services at current levels. These funds will provide for on-going and new education and training programs for communities, teachers, parents, students, health care professionals, and clergy in the area of sexuality and responsible decision-making.
***AA to Increase Displaced Homemaker Program Funding (Sponsor: Rep. John Lisnik). (WLAC Sponsor: Displaced Homemaker Program). Now in its fourth and final year of utilizing VISTA volunteers and facing a loss of funds from the state Bureau of Adult and Secondary Vocational Education, DHP is seeking approx. $670,000 to continue its outreach, assessment, and training programs at current levels, and to continue rural community resource development and coordination in outlying areas.

***AA to Support the Maine Women, Infants, and Children Program. (Sponsor: Rep. John Lisnik; Co-Sponsors: Sen. Barbara Gill). Because of inadequate administrative support funds, Maine's WIC program is able to reach only 40-50% of eligible low-income women and children. Although there is sufficient money available for food vouchers, there is a lack of funds for personnel to distribute them. This bill seeks $84,000 to enable full delivery of direct services under the WIC program.

***AA to Amend the Harassment Law to Correct Errors and Inequities. (WLAC Sponsor: Maine Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance). This measure tightens up the current harassment law to prevent its use under inappropriate circumstances.

***AA To Increase Funding of Elderly Legal Services. (WLAC Sponsor: Maine Committee on Aging). This measure seeks $98,500 to provide additional support in Maine's most populous counties, in order to meet the rapid increase in the demand for services. The funds would provide for additional staff, increase the LSE salary structure (now the lowest public interest attorney salary in the state), enhanced training opportunities, and additional travel and phone expenses.

***AA to Provide Housing for the Homeless (WLAC Sponsor: Maine Assoc. of Interdependent Neighborhoods). A major funding initiative that will: propose a $10 million bond issue for the construction of emergency shelters, transitional and permanent housing for very low income people; provide $10 million over two years to the State Housing Authority for funding of shelter operations; $5 million over 2 years for rent subsidies for very low-income housing; with priority allocation to non-profit operators; and $1 million to assist non-profits to develop affordable housing. The measure will also provide a sales tax exemption for non-profit housing developers and will streamline loan regulations for non-profit lenders.

***AA to Amend Existing Title 17-A, Chapter 11 Sex Offenses (Sponsor: Rep. Patrick Paradis) (WLAC Sponsor: Maine Coalition on Rape). This measure will strengthen Maine's rape and sexual violence laws, enacted over 12 years ago, by clarifying definitions or raising classifications of crimes for behavior already defined as illegal. The measure proposes to: raise to felony status the crime of having sexual intercourse or performing a sexual act with anyone under 18 if that person is a relative or under the guardianship of the perpetrating adult; raise the status of sexual assaults committed against an individual who is impaired and unable to give meaningful consent; makes illegal the act of sexual intercourse between a psychiatrist (and certain other medical professionals) and a current patient; and expands the definition of 'compulsion' to include coercive means of obtaining consent.

***AA to Fund Rural Outreach Programs, Community Response Programs, Minimum Standard Requirements, and Increased Insurance Costs in the 9 Members of the Maine Coalition of Family Crisis Services. (Sponsor: Sen. Nancy R. Clark; Co-sponsors: Rep. Pat McGowan, Rep. Mary Cathcart) Due to increasing demand for crisis intervention and support services (particularly in rural regions of the state), escalating costs of insurance, and long-overdue salary increases, this measure will seek funds to help FCS continue its outreach services.
tet to Establish a Blue Ribbon Task Force to Study Sex
Discrimination in the Public School System (WLAC Sponsor: Maine Human
Rights Commission). To be jointly appointed by the Governor and the
Legislature, the Task Force would examine the incidence and causes of
discrimination against women in the public school system, and would report
its recommendations to the 1990 session of the Legislature.

AA to Increase Civil Penal Damages (WLAC Sponsor: Maine Human
Rights Commission). Currently, a court can award a successful plaintiff $1,000 in
civil penal damages under the Maine Human Rights Act for the first violation of
a respondent who discriminates, $2,000 for the second, and $3,000 for the
third. This bill would increase those damages to $5,000, $7,500, and
$10,000, respectively.

AA to Include the Term "Sexual Orientation" in the Maine Human Rights
Act. Would amend the Maine Human Rights Act to make illegal discrimination
in areas of employment, housing, access to public accommodations, and credit
extension on the basis of sexual orientation.

AA to Establish Child Care Availability for Individuals in the
Substance Abuse Treatment System. (Sponsor: Rep. Marge Clark). Passed by
the Legislature last year but vetoed by the Governor, this measure proposes
to fund day-care slots as well as a 24-hour care demonstration project for
children of individuals seeking treatment in out- or in-patient treatment
centers.

AA To Provide Funding for Homestead Land Trusts Initiated by HOME,
Inc. This bill will provide affordable housing throughout Maine by
encouraging the development and growth of homestead land trusts, locally-
controlled non-profit organizations which own land and build housing to be
sold or leased to low and very low income families. The sale or lease is
established in a manner that provides the family mortgageable interest in
the dwelling. Though the family cannot sell this interest outside the land
trust for more than its investment in the dwelling, its interest in the
dwelling and the land is inheritable, and therefore, permits the housing to
remain affordable for generations, even when land prices nearby are shutting
low-income families out of the market.

***AA to Provide Clothing Allowances for AFDC Children (WLAC Sponsor:
M.A.I.N.). Provides $776,500 for clothing allowances of $75 per child in
August 1989 for families receiving AFDC.

***AA to Establish a Special Housing Allowance for the AFDC Program.
(WLAC Sponsor: M.A.I.N.). Provides that a "special need" pursuant to
federal AFDC regulations be established to pay a supplement of up to $100
per month to AFDC families whose total housing costs are more than 75% of
their income.

***AA to Increase the AFDC Standard of Need up to the Poverty Level.
(WLAC Sponsor: M.A.I.N.) This emergency measure would increase the AFDC
Standard of Need up to 100 of the current federally-defined poverty level,
and would provide for an annual adjustment each year thereafter to remain
equal to the poverty level (Maine's present Standard of Need is now at 75%
of the poverty level.)

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V.D.T. SAFETY PROJECT

There are about 31 million video display terminals in U.S. workplaces, and that number, according to the National Academy of Sciences, is expected to reach 40 million by 1990. Nationwide, women constitute 65–85% of all VDT workers — and they make up nearly 95% of those VDT workers who spend more than six hours of the workday before a terminal. Without question, VDTs have made work faster and, in some ways, easier for stockbrokers, secretaries, newspaper reporters, accountants, and data processors alike. But they have also changed the nature of the workplace in ways that raise questions and concerns about worker safety. In light of recent nationwide studies, as well as testimony by VDT workers, there is growing evidence that continuous, extended, and uninterrupted use of and exposure to VDTs can lead to visual and musculoskeletal disorders. Despite rapid growth in the service sector — including banking, insurance, telecommunications, telemarketing, and other information-based industries highly dependent on computerization — Maine has not yet passed rules or regulations establishing minimum safety standards in the VDT workplace.

To address these issues, the MMW is introducing this session AN ACT To Establish Occupational Safety and Health Standards for Operators of Video Display Terminals. A similar measure considered by the Legislature in 1983 suffered defeat, due largely to the dearth of scientific data supporting the need for worker protection. Five years later, we have at our disposal sufficient evidence indicating that safety standards are indeed warranted — and that we can proceed with much greater confidence for passage.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! The business community will be vigorously opposing this legislation, so we will need the support and participation of workers who have first hand-experience in the VDT workplace — whether as operators, terminal maintenance people, or medical professionals who can testify to the need for minimum safety standards.

If you are interested in testifying, lobbying, or providing us information, please call us at 622-5798 and/or complete and return the form below. We look forward to hearing from you!

________________________________________________________________________________________

VDT Safety Project

Name ____________________________

Maining Address ________________________________________________________________

Town & ZIP______________________ Phone Number(s)______________________________

Yes, I am interested in helping the Lobby win passage of VDT Safety legislation. Please call/write and let me know how I can help.

[Please detach and return to: VDT Safety Project, P.O. Box 15, Hallowell, ME 04347]
March 7, 1989
"We The People: Women's Day At The Legislature"

Room #113 • State House • Augusta, Maine

8:30-9:00 Registration
9:00-9:25 Welcome and Overview
9:30-10:30 Tour of State House, View Legislature in Session
10:30-11:00 Overview of Women's Legislative Agenda, 1989
11:00-12:30 Workshops
12:30-1:30 Bag Lunch with Legislators
1:30-2:30 Observe Legislative Committee Hearings
2:30-3:30 Blaine House Reception Honoring Women Legislators and Policy Makers

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Workshops

☐ Women's Economic Development
☐ You Can Make A Difference: How to Lobby
☐ Access to Health Care
☐ Running for Office: Panel of Legislators
(Please check Workshop preferences)

Cost: ____$3.00 Pre-Registration
      ____$5.00 Registration at the Door
      ____Enclosed is $_________ for _____ people.
      ____I need child care (Available through advance notification no later than Feb. 22.)

Name: ________________________________________ Tel.:_________________
Address: ________________________________________

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Name: ________________________________________ Tel.:_________________
Address: ________________________________________

Make check payable to Maine Commission for Women. Mail to MCW, State House Station #93, Augusta, ME 04333. For information call 289-3417. Scholarship money is available.

UNINSURED QUESTIONNAIRE

1. DO YOU PRESENTLY HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE?
   __ YES __ NO

   IF YES, IS IT THROUGH YOUR:
   __ EMPLOYER __ SPOUSE'S POLICY
   __ OTHER (PLEASE INDICATE) ____________________________

   IF NO, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE?
   __ MONTHS __ YEARS

2. DO YOU HAVE A SPOUSE, CHILD(REN) OR OTHER DEPENDENT WHO IS WITHOUT HEALTH
   INSURANCE? PLEASE CIRCLE ONE OR MORE.

   INDICATE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITHOUT COVERAGE:_________

3. ARE YOU PRESENTLY EMPLOYED ON A:
   __ FULL-TIME BASIS __ PART-TIME BASIS (#__ HOURS PER WEEK)
   __ SEASONAL BASIS (#__ MONTHS PER YEAR)

4. DOES YOUR EMPLOYER HAVE:
   __ 5 OR LESS WORKERS
   __ 6 - 15 WORKERS
   __ 16 - 25 WORKERS
   __ 25 OR MORE WORKERS (PLEASE INDICATE #__ OF WORKERS)

5. IF YOU HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE, DO YOU HAVE A DISABILITY, CONDITION OR ILLNESS
   WHICH HAS BEEN EXCLUDED FROM COVERAGE BY YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY?
   __ YES __ NO

6. IF YOU HAVE NO HEALTH INSURANCE, IS IT BECAUSE YOU HAVE A CONDITION,
   DISABILITY OR ILLNESS WHICH INSURANCE COMPANIES EXCLUDE FROM COVERAGE?
   __ YES __ NO

7. IF YOU ARE A MEDICARE BENEFICIARY, DO YOU HAVE A MEDIGAP POLICY (INSURANCE
   THAT COVERS THOSE SERVICES/ITEMS THAT MEDICARE DOES NOT).
   __ YES __ NO

8. HAVE YOU EVER DECIDED TO DO WITHOUT HEALTH SERVICES BECAUSE MEDICARE WILL
   NOT OR DOES NOT COVER WHAT YOU NEED?
   __ YES __ NO

9. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DENIED HEALTH CARE BECAUSE YOU ARE A MEDICAID RECIPIENT?
   __ YES __ NO

10. HAVE YOU EVER DECIDED TO DO WITHOUT HEALTH CARE BECAUSE YOUR HEALTH CARE
    PROVIDER DOES NOT ACCEPT MEDICAID?
    __ YES __ NO

11. COMMENTS:_________________________________________

_________________________________________

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Capital Office: 8 Crosby Street, P.O. Box 2490, Augusta, Maine 04330 (207) 622-4740
Consumers for Affordable Health Care is a coalition of individuals and organizations whose aim is to ensure that all Maine citizens, regardless of their ability to pay, have health insurance. We ask that you complete this form so that we can inform you of our goals and activities and give you an opportunity to let your voice be heard. Only by taking action will you obtain health insurance for you and your family.

NAME __________________________

ADDRESS _______________________________________________________

_________________________________ ZIP _______

PHONE ___________________________________________________________

IDENTIFY PROBLEMS OR SPECIFIC CRISIS THAT YOU OR YOUR FAMILY HAVE FACED BECAUSE YOU HAVE NO HEALTH INSURANCE:

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WHAT I CAN DO TO HELP CONSUMERS FOR AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE OBTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE FOR ME AND OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE UNINSURED: (PLEASE CIRCLE)

1) SPEAK AT NEWS CONFERENCE YES NO

2) CONTACT OTHER UNINSURED PERSONS YES NO

3) TESTIFY AT PUBLIC HEARINGS YES NO

4) ATTEND TRAINING ON ISSUE AND LOBBYING YES NO

5) WRITE/CALL LEGISLATORS YES NO

6) AGREE TO BE INTERVIEWED BY REPORTER YES NO

7) WRITE LETTER TO EDITOR YES NO

8) ATTEND MEETING/EVENT IN MY AREA YES NO

9) OTHER: __________________________________________________________

OTHER UNINSURED PERSON(S) WHO SHOULD BE PART OF UNINSURED NETWORK:

NAME: __________________________ NAME: __________________________

ADDRESS: __________________________________________________________

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ZIP _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: __________________________ PHONE: __________________________

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO JOE DITRE, MAINE PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE, P.O. BOX 17534, PORTLAND, ME 04101.

(SEE OTHER SIDE)
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

The following are those Joint Standing Committees to which MWL Legislation is most often referred for public hearing. For a list of all 19 Committees, call the MWL Office or the Office of the Clerk of the House (289-1400):

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THANK YOU!  THANK YOU!  THANK YOU!  THANK YOU!  THANK YOU!  THANK YOU!

. . . .  FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT:  Fundraising tickets, raffle sales, contributions, new memberships, renewals, and your phone calls and letters to legislators!

LITTLE KNOWN FACT:  If our memberships doubled, we wouldn't have to rely on constant fundraisers.  ASKA FRIEND TO JOIN THE LOBBY TODAY!

Name____________________________________  Town & ZIP____________________________

Mailing Address______________________________________________________________

Phone Numbers:  Days____________________  Evenings_________________________

Will you help with:  Fundraising?  Recruiting Members?  Calling Legislators?
(Circle one or more)

My Contribution to the Lobby is:

  _____Life ($500)          _____Supporting ($50)
  _____Sustaining ($250)    _____Individual ($25)
  _____Sponsoring ($100)    _____Other ($1-24)

***The Maine Women's Lobby is committed to representing women of all economic means.  Any contribution you are able to make will entitle you to membership***

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