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# ADVOCATE

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## THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT: 2008 - 2009

### Under the Dome

#### Priority Legislation Advances, Falters for the Maine Women's Lobby

**A**t the close of another busy legislative session, we celebrated passage of several bills that addressed vital issues facing women and their families. In particular, we were proud to advance three major bills to help decrease discrimination. "An Act To Ensure Fair Pay" (L.D. 84) addresses a shortcoming of existing state law by explicitly stating that employees have the right to discuss salary information when seeking to enforce their right to equal pay. Simply put, you can't take action against pay discrimination if you don't know about it. By addressing the issue of wage disclosure, this law will promote fair pay and will alleviate poverty by giving women better tools for uncovering wage discrimination.

Early on in the session, The Maine Women's Lobby worked with Coastal Enterprises, Inc. in opposing "An Act To Conform State Mortgage Laws with Federal Laws" (L.D. 1439) due to concerns regarding the bill's proposed changes to Maine's existing anti-predatory law. However, the final version of bill, which we ultimately supported, keeps the substantive provisions of the law intact with only minor technical changes.

To address discrimination against Native American women, the legislature also took strong action against the use of offensive place names by expanding current law to prohibit the use of any derivative of the word "squaw." "An Act To Fully Implement the Legislative Intent in Prohibiting Offensive Place Names" (L.D. 797) addresses efforts in some Maine communities to usurp the intent of the law by using obvious derivatives of the offensive name.

While you've probably already heard, we're still celebrating enactment of the marriage equality bill (L.D. 1020) which made Maine the first state in the nation to pass marriage equality for gay and lesbian couples through the legislature and go on to receive the Governor's signature. Now, it's time to defend that win at the ballot box (you can read more about this monumental bill later in this newsletter).

Throughout the session, you heard us talk, write, blog, and even tweet about our caregiver protection bill. "An Act to Protect Family Caregivers" (L.D. 962) sought to include 'family caregiver' status in Maine's anti-discrimination law. Enactment of this legislation would have made it illegal for employers to refuse to hire, advance, or otherwise discriminate against an individual

based simply on perceptions about the employee's familial obligations. With strong bipartisan support in the House (100-40), it appeared that passage of this bill was probable. However, a last ditch rally by a bevy of corporate lobbyists stripped support in the Senate. The bill was ultimately defeated at the end of the session. Unfortunately, many Senators failed to recognize that this bill sought to *reduce* lawsuits by clarifying existing law, as well as protect working women (and men, too) from a growing form of discrimination.

We formed some new alliances through our work with the Alliance for a Clean and Healthy Maine on "An Act Allowing Workers' Compensation Benefits for Firefighters Who Contract Cancer" (L.D. 621). This bill addresses the connection between cancer and repeated exposure to the chemicals associated with firefighting, particularly important for breast cancer victims in the field. It creates a rebuttable presumption to allow certain firefighters to receive workers' compensation if diagnosed with a related cancer.

In the usual category of bad bills that just won't go away, we saw a return of "An Act To Enact a 5-Point Welfare Reform Program" (L.D. 254). This bill threatened to impose unnecessary

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At the beginning of the 124th session, the Maine Women's Lobby, along with our many partners in the 'Maine Can Do Better' coalition, welcomed legislators and thanked them for their service to Maine people.

residency requirements and strict time limits on Maine's most vulnerable families seeking General Assistance. The Maine Legislature recognized the potential harm and ultimately voted to defeat the measure. Additionally, working with the Maine Choice Coalition, we once again defeated anti-choice legislation seeking to invade minors' access to contraceptives. The Health and Human Services Committee voted unanimously against "An Act To Protect the Safety of Maine Children by Requiring the Express Consent of a Legal Guardian To Dispense Prescription Medication to a Minor" (L.D. 251) and "An Act To Require Reporting on Medical Services or Treatment Provided to Minors without Parental Consent" (L.D. 802).

In the last few days of session, following a successful campaign for tax reform, the Governor signed "An Act To Implement Tax Relief and Tax Reform, (L.D. 1495). The enactment of this bill was supported by the Maine Women's Lobby for including a partially refundable earned income tax credit, providing much-needed tax relief for people with the lowest incomes.

Also worthy of note is the legislature's enactment of "An Act To Improve the Ability of the Department of Education To Conduct Longitudinal Data Studies" (L.D. 1356). This law establishes an information data collection system to compile students' educational data. By allowing the Department of Education and the Department of Labor to track the progress of students into the workforce, we will now be able to evaluate the success of Maine's education and workforce initiatives and set benchmarks for job attainment for both young and adult students. Because higher education is definitively linked to skills attainment and higher-paying jobs—and ultimately, a stronger Maine economy—this law will be critical in meeting the needs of Maine women.

Finally, during a year when women's commissions across the Country were being defunded, the Maine Legislature endorsed "An Act To Establish the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women" (L.D. 236). This puts into statute a permanent Commission dedicated to promoting, carrying out, and coordinating programs designed to improve opportunities for Maine women. Although no funding was appropriated, the Commission will be housed by the Secretary of State. The Maine Women's Lobby is excited about partnering with this new ally for future legislative endeavors and leadership development opportunities! *For a complete wrap-up and to see how your legislators voted on these issues, check out the insert in this newsletter.*

## Moments in Time:

### **Laura Harper, Director of Public Policy, Reflects on the Passage of Marriage Equality**

I know there were moments in my parents' lifetime that they will never forget, such as the moment they heard President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. For my generation, that moment was replaced by, "Where were you when the twin towers fell?" These instants of national crisis or profound change – when time itself seems to stop – are burned into our collective consciousness. These memories are timeless. We may age, but these moments seem immutable.

I know my moment in time. It was the day that culminated in the passage of Maine's marriage equality legislation, which concluded the latest phase of Maine's social struggle for equal rights for all. It's a legacy I'll be able to share with my nieces and nephews. And, no matter how many times I pinch myself, I still can't believe that I was one of the principle lobbyists working on the bill.

I feel blessed and forever grateful that I was given the opportunity to lead in the Freedom to Marry Coalition and work alongside such incredible women and men making history in Maine. It was a gift to work on the bill and to share my personal story with legislators in order to illustrate the need for marriage equality. And, I've got stories!

But for now, I simply want to thank you, our members and supporters, for all of the work that you did – making calls, writing letters, and asking others to do the same. Without your support, I couldn't have kept sharing my stories of discrimination with so many legislators.

Now, I need you to join me and tell your stories to new people. In this stage of the campaign, it will be voters who decide the fate of marriage equality. We all need to share with our friends, family, and neighbors that all Maine families deserve the rights and protections of civil marriage. You can keep up with what's happening by subscribing to our e-newsletter. Visit us at [www.mainewomen.org](http://www.mainewomen.org) today.

## From the Executive Director

### **Sarah Standiford**



One of the most gratifying days of the year is the day in March when 100 8th grade girls from across the State join us in Augusta for a day of learning and action. Girls' Day at the State House gives Maine's young women insight into the legislative process

and, most importantly, the tools they need to have an impact now and in the future. Judging from the evaluations and comments we receive from the girls each year, the experience is transformative. For some, it's the beginning of a lifelong commitment to public service.

One participant, Hannah, showed us how Girls' Day can make a far-reaching difference. After her experience with Girls' Day in 2008, Hannah, the niece of our Outreach and Communications Manager, Charlotte, decided to get more involved in public policy. She currently volunteers with us in the office and advocates in her school and community for the issues she cares about. Specifically, as she received our updates on the marriage equality debate in Maine, Hannah shared what she knew – and what she believed – with her schoolmates, even when others disagreed. "My experience at Girls' Day taught me that it's really important, and easy, to make a difference in our communities. Also, there are people who sometimes need to be spoken up for, and I learned that I have a powerful voice."

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She's not alone. Here's what Katie, a student from Fairfield, had to say about the day, "It was so much fun, I learned a lot, I want to be a Representative when I grow up." Regarding political leadership, Olivia from Newport said, "I think that a lot of girls should do this ... It isn't all about having to know big words and everything about government."

This year was made special with the launch of some new media and social networking tools. For example, Speaker Hannah Pingree recorded a special greeting for the girls, which was posted on a Facebook page for participants. Throughout the day, girls recorded their impressions. Those, along with a photo montage and other clips from the day, are on our web site at [www.maine-womens-policy-center.org](http://www.maine-womens-policy-center.org).

Going forward, we hope to expand the reach of Girls' Day through collaboration and networking. Partnering with other leadership programs, such as Girl Scouts of Maine and Hardy Girls Healthy Women, we are working to map the field and, ultimately, create a vibrant network so that leadership opportunities are visible and available for more Maine girls.

Thanks to the dozens of sponsors who made the 2009 Girls' Day a success, and, in particular, our lead sponsors: **AAUW Educational Foundation, Margaret E. Burnham Charitable Trust, King and Jean Cummings Charitable Trust, Women's Fund's New Girls' Fund for Social Change, and Time Warner Cable.**

## Are You in the Know?

We can help! In February, we launched a brand new web site and amped up our electronic communications. Throughout the legislative session, we kept our subscribers "in the know" with up-to-the-minute announcements from the halls of the State House. Joining is easy. With such topics as: "Judiciary Committee says, 'I DO' to marriage equality," "The corporate lobbyists have descended," and "It's party time," we're working hard to keep you interested – and informed. To subscribe to our e-list and view our archive of e-communications, visit our web site, [www.maine-women.org](http://www.maine-women.org).

## Get BPA Out of Our Bodies!

Every Maine family deserves to live in a home free from toxic chemicals. Unfortunately, despite overwhelming evidence of negative health effects, there's no system for testing and labeling the toxic chemicals found in everyday products, leaving consumers—and retailers—in the dark. One of the chemicals of great concern is Bisphenol A (BPA), which has been linked to a wide range of adverse health effects, including increased risk of breast cancer and early puberty in girls. It is present in baby bottles, water bottles, and food storage containers. It's even used to coat the lining of metal food cans – including those used for infant formula.

Last session, the Maine Women's Lobby, along with the Alliance for a Clean and Healthy Maine, worked to pass the Kid-Safe Products bill. Because of that new law, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection has the authority to require alternatives to some of the most toxic chemicals. BPA should be on that list! Join us to urge him to get BPA out of our bodies. Visit the Current Action page of our web site, [www.maine-women.org](http://www.maine-women.org), and sign the petition.

# Meet the Women

of the Maine Women's Lobby and the Maine Women's Policy Center

LINDA SMITH DYER FELLOW  
KATHY WILLETTTE



Kathy is a law student at the University of Maine School of Law in Portland. As the Linda Smith Dyer Fellow, Kathy is responsible for research and strategic development of the Maine Women's Policy Center's public policy initiatives on such issues as equal pay, paid family and medical leave insurance, and protections for survivors of violence.

"The research and policy writing that I am doing this summer has provided the perfect opportunity and introduction to this new life I have chosen and has inspired me to pursue a joint degree in Public Policy. After just one year of law school, I feel very fortunate to have acquired a position that so ideally fits with my goals in life," said Kathy.

Kathy was raised in Northern Maine, the youngest of five daughters. She attended the University of Maine at Orono, graduating cum laude with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Child Development & Family Relationships. She enjoys swimming, boating, cooking, and is currently learning how to drive her motorcycle.

To learn more about the Linda Smith Dyer Fellowship, visit [www.maine-womens-policy-center.org](http://www.maine-womens-policy-center.org).

PROGRAM ASSISTANT  
KIM FLEMING



Kim Fleming joined the Maine Women's Lobby and Maine Women's Policy Center in March of this year. She works as Program Assistant to both organizations, providing membership, communications, fundraising, research, and board, staff, and donor support.

Kim understands the balancing act that working mothers have to perform. "Like all of us, I'm trying hard to embrace and enjoy each moment – even the hard ones. I also try to remember to give myself a break. For example, my current vegetable garden has disowned me, but that doesn't mean that I have failed as a gardener, it just means that I need more Miracle-Gro. Don't we all?"

Kim is a 2003 graduate of the University of Southern Maine with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. She brings over nine years of experience in the nonprofit development arena, most recently from the Penobscot Marine Museum where she served as Development and Marketing Coordinator. Kim lives in Belfast, with her husband, Mark Bulmer, and their 2-year-old son, Benjamin. She is an active member of her community as a member of the school board and a strong advocate for women's rights, political equality, Maine coastal preservation, and the arts.

## WEEKFAST OF CHAMPIONS: SAVE THE DATES

**Tuesday, October 6, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.**  
**Northern Maine Community College, Presque Isle**

**Wednesday, October 7, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.**  
**Spectacular Event Center, Bangor**

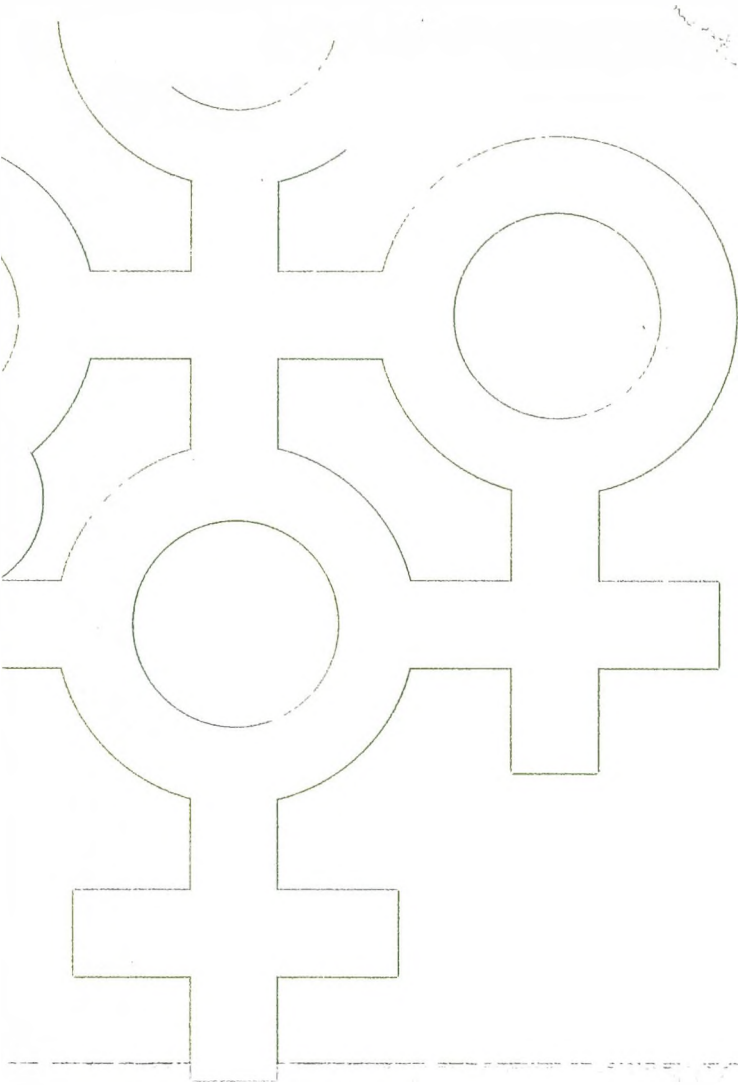
**Thursday, October 8, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.**  
**Holiday Inn By the Bay**

*As Women Succeed, Maine Prospers:  
Women in Business and the Economy*

This year's Breakfast of Champions will engage national and regional experts in discussing policies and practices that support the well-being of our families, our businesses, and our communities.

We are proud to welcome **Beth Shulman**, a nationally renowned policy and media expert focusing on the American workplace, low-wage work, and inequality. We are also pleased to welcome **Lisa Maatz**, Director of Public Policy and Governmental Relations at AAUW.

For more information or sponsorship opportunities, contact Bonnie Buckmore at 207.622.0851, ext. 22, or [bbuckmore@mainewomen.org](mailto:bbuckmore@mainewomen.org).



As part of the effort to pass the marriage equality bill (L.D. 1020), Maine Women's Lobby volunteers gathered in our Augusta office for a phone bank. We reached out to our membership - as well as voters in key districts - and asked them to call on their legislators to vote 'yes' for marriage equality.

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## 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

### Girls' Day at the State House Expands Leadership Opportunities for Girls

"I think you should keep doing this so that girls become aware that they have as much of a chance of being here as boys and so they know they have a say in everything." *Madeline, Orrington*

More than 100 8th grade girls, 60 volunteers, and dozens of legislators helped make the 12th annual Girls' Day a success. In 2008, the Maine Women's Policy Center introduced these young women to



the legislative process and to the role women play in shaping public policy. The result? Girls like Madeline left with a new-found interest in running for office.

### Supporting Family Values, at Work

When you work hard in Maine, you shouldn't have to risk your job to provide care for your family, and you shouldn't have to put your family at risk just to do your job. In 2008, the Maine Women's Policy Center leveraged the educational opportunity provided by statewide and federal elections and recommitted to educating voters about what they can do to improve the lives of working women and the families they support.

We launched a work and family voter guide and distributed it to thousands of women across Maine. We also identified thousands of new supporters.

All in all, we took our message to the streets, communicating with over 20,000 women by mail and phone, hosting in-district meetings with candidates, and calling hundreds of women to get out the vote on Election Day. As a result, we doubled the size of our grassroots action network and set the stage for a strong policy debate in 2009.

### Financial Report

January 1, 2008—December 31, 2008

<u>Income</u>	
Grants	199,616
Donations	157,649
Workplace Giving	6,640
Miscellaneous	6,747
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>370,652</b>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Program	238,306
Operating	31,837
Fundraising	26,922
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>297,065</b>
Unrealized Loss on Investments	(27,600)
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>45,987</b>
<i>MWPC Operating Loss (5,484)</i>	
<i>Restricted for Linda Smith Dyer Fund 51,471</i>	
Current Assets	119,845
Equipment Basis	2,582
Beneficial Interest in Assets Held by Maine Community Foundation	43,067
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>165,494</b>
Current Liabilities	9,180
Restricted Fund Balance	111,843
Unrestricted Fund Balance	44,471
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>165,494</b>



## 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

### Working to increase opportunities for Maine women and girls in the legislature

In 2008, Maine Women's Lobby Director of Public Policy, Laura Harper, worked the halls of the State House: combing through hundreds of bill titles to identify those of highest impact to Maine women, meeting face-to-face with legislative leaders, and speaking with key representatives as they rushed between committee meetings and the Chambers.

The Maine Women's Lobby backed up Laura's work with the grassroots advocacy necessary to make the power of women, as a constituency, visible.

As a result, in 2008, the Maine Women's Lobby helped women support themselves and their families by:

- Increasing the minimum wage from \$7.25 per hour in 2008 to \$7.50 per hour in 2009.
- Expanding Maine's Family and Medical Leave law to include siblings who share living arrangements.
- Advocating for legislation which would guarantee a minimum number of paid sick days for all Maine workers, to improve their health and prevent the spread of disease.
- Producing and disseminating a work and family policy guide to every Maine candidate for statewide office and Congress, capturing pledges of support by incoming lawmakers.
- Defending against harmful budget cut proposals that would have eliminated or reduced state funding for domestic violence and sexual assault services, family planning clinics, public assistance, and health coverage. By advocating for a more balanced approach to resolving the budget deficit, funding for these critical services was restored.
- Protecting women and children against toxic chemicals found in consumer products through the Kid-Safe Products bill. As a result, Maine became one of the first states in the nation to set up a comprehensive chemical policy to require safer alternatives to dangerous chemicals used in consumer products.

Additionally, the Maine Women's Lobby educated, engaged, and listened to the women and girls of Maine by:

- Hosting over 25 house meetings across Maine. Our grassroots outreach and membership-building efforts engaged over 100 new supporters in our work.

And, we celebrated. In commemoration of our 30th year of advocacy on behalf of Maine women and girls, members, supporters, policymakers, and community leaders gathered in Portland to celebrate the Maine Women's Lobby's pioneering achievements for women and girls.

### Financial Report

January 1, 2008—December 31, 2008

#### Income

Membership Contributions	21,152
Grants	63,250
Donations	5,893
Miscellaneous	805

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>91,100</b>
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#### Expenses

Program	81,269
Operating	14,018
Fundraising	3,425

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>98,712</b>
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<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(7,612)</b>
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Current Assets	59,991
Equipment Basis	5,202

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>65,193</b>
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Current Liabilities	5,689
Unrestricted Fund Balance	59,504

<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>65,193</b>
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**124th HOUSE FIRST SESSION ROLL CALL VOTES FOR THE MAINE WOMEN'S LOBBY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

	<i>Marriage Equality &amp; Religious Freedom</i>	<i>To Protect Family Caregivers</i>	<i>5-point Welfare Reform</i>	<i>To Ensure Fair Pay</i>	<i>Tax Reform</i>	<i>Firefighters Presumptive Cancer</i>
Roll Call (RC) #	52	87	177	21	230	100
Legislative Document (L.D.) #	1020	962	254	84	1495	621
YES = Agreed With	YES = MWL	YES = MWL	YES = MWL	YES = MWL	YES = MWL	YES = MWL
MWL Position:	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Support	Support
Herbert C. Adams ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Susan M. W. Austin ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Bernard L. A. Ayotte ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Stephen R. Beaudette ( D )	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT
Paulette G. Beaudoin ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Michael G. Beaulieu ( R )	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Henry E. M. Beck ( D )	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
Seth A. Berry ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Bruce A. Bickford ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Richard D. Blanchard ( D )	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Anna D. Blodgett ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Andrea M. Boland ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Brian D. Bolduc ( D )	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES
Sheryl J. Briggs ( D )	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
William P. Browne ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Mark E. Bryant ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
David C. Burns ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Steven J. Butterfield, II ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Emily Ann Cain ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
James J. Campbell, Sr. ( R )	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Michael E. Carey ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Alan M. Casavant ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Richard M. Cebra ( R )	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
Michael Celli ( R )	- ABSENT	ABSENT	NO	ABSENT	NO	ABSENT
Kathleen D. Chase ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Herbert E. Clark ( D )	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Tyler Clark ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Richard C. Cleary ( D )	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES
Joan F. Cohen ( D )	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Gary A. Connor ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Alexander Cornell du Houx ( D )	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
H. David Cotta ( R )	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
Dale J. Crafts ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Dean A. Cray ( R )	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Jarrold S. Crockett ( R )	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Patsy Crockett ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Philip A. Curtis ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Andre E. Cushing, III ( R )	NO	NO	ABSENT	YES	NO	NO
Paul T. Davis, Sr. ( R )	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Cynthia A. Dill ( D )	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES
Stacy T. Dostie ( D )	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES
Timothy E. Driscoll ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Robert S. Duchesne ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Robert N. Eaton ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Jane E. Eberle ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Peter E. Edgecomb ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Mark Eves ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Edward D. Finch ( D )	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES
Stacey Allen Fitts ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	ABSENT
Sean Flaherty ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Elspeth Flemings ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Kenneth C. Fletcher ( R )	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Patrick S. A. Flood ( R )	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO



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Leslie T. Fossel ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Jeffery Allen Gifford ( R )	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
Paul E. Gilbert ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Jayne Crosby Giles ( R )	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Adam Goode ( D )	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES
Christian D. Greeley ( R )	ABSENT	ABSENT	NO	ABSENT	NO	YES
James Michael Hamper ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Stephen P. Hanley ( D )	NO	YES	NO	YES	ABSENT	YES
Charles W. Harlow ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Lance Evans Harvell ( R )	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Anne M. Haskell ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Teresea Hayes ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dawn Hill ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Jon Hinck ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
George Hogan ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Robert B. Hunt ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT
Melissa Walsh Innes ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Peter B. Johnson ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Patricia Jones ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Henry L. Joy ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Bryan T. Kaenrath ( D )	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
Peter S. Kent ( D )	YES	ABSENT	NO	YES	YES	YES
Jane S. Knapp ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
L. Gary Knight ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Charles B. Kruger ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Michel A. Lajoie ( D )	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Brian D. Langley ( R )	NO	NO	NO	ABSENT	NO	YES
Edward P. Legg ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Sarah O. Lewin ( R )	NO	NO	ABSENT	YES	NO	NO
Stephen D. Lovejoy ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
W. Bruce MacDonald ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Veronica Magnan ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
James R. Martin ( D )	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES
John L. Martin ( D )	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Edward J. Mazurek ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Jeff M. McCabe ( D )	YES	ABSENT	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES
Howard E. McFadden ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Jonathan B. McKane ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Everett W. McLeod, Sr. ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Elizabeth S. Miller ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
H. Sawin Millett, Jr. ( R )	NO	YES	NO	ABSENT	NO	NO
Terry K. Morrison ( D )	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES
Joan M. Nass ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Mary Pennell Nelson ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Robert W. Nutting ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Andrew Roesing O'Brien ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Peggy A. Pendleton ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Ann E. Peoples ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Leila J. Percy ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Anne C. Perry ( D )	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES
Matthew J. Peterson ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Wendy Pieh ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Donald E. Pilon ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO

	<i>Marriage Equality &amp; Religious Freedom</i>	<i>To Protect Family Caregivers</i>	<i>5-point Welfare Reform</i>	<i>To Ensure Fair Pay</i>	<i>Tax Reform</i>	<i>Firefighters Presumptive Cancer</i>
Roll Call (RC) #	52	87	177	21	230	100
Legislative Document (L.D.) #	1020	962	254	84	1495	621
YES = Agreed With	YES = MWL	YES = MWL	YES = MWL	YES = MWL	YES = MWL	YES = MWL
MWL Position:	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Support	Support
Hannah M. Pingree ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Wright H. Pinkham, Sr. ( R )	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
John F. Piotti ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Gary E. Plummer ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Benjamin Marriner Pratt ( D )	ABSENT	ABSENT	YES	YES	ABSENT	ABSENT
Kerri L. Prescott ( R )	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Charles R. Priest ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Helen Rankin ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
David E. Richardson ( R )	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
Wesley E. Richardson ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
John C. Robinson ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Kimberley C. Rosen ( R )	ABSENT	NO	NO	ABSENT	ABSENT	YES
Margaret R. Rotundo ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Diane Russell ( D )	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES
Linda F. Sanborn ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Ralph W. Sarty, Jr. ( R )	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
Thomas B. Saviello ( U )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
James M. Schatz ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Michael A. Shaw ( D )	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Lawrence Sirois ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Nancy E. Smith ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Sara R. Stevens ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Meredith N. Strang Burgess ( R )	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	ABSENT
Peter C. Stuckey ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Patricia B. Sutherland ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Richard M. Sykes ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Joshua A. Tardy ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Charles Kenneth Theriault ( D )	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Michael D. Thibodeau ( R )	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
Douglas A. Thomas ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Dianne Tilton ( R )	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Sharon Anglin Treat ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Pamela Jabar Trinward ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
John L. Tuttle, Jr. ( D )	NO	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES
Linda M. Valentino ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
David A. Van Wie ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Joseph Andrew Wagner ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Richard V. Wagner ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Thomas R. Watson ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Windol C. Weaver ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
David Webster ( D )	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT
Joan W. Welsh ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Walter A. Wheeler, Sr. ( D )	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES
Michael J. Willette ( D )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Thomas J. Wright ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Yes	89	100	85	143	87	110
No	57	40	60	0	61	34
Absent	5	11	6	8	3	7
Excused	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	146	140	145	143	148	144

## 124th SENATE FIRST SESSION ROLL CALL VOTES FOR THE MAINE WOMEN'S LOBBY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

	Marriage Equality & Religious Freedom	To Protect Family Caregivers	5-point Welfare Reform	To Ensure Fair Pay	Tax Reform	Firefighters Presumptive Cancer
Roll Call (RC) #	64		149		207	200
Legislative Document (L.D.) #	1020	962	254	84	1495	621
YES = Agreed With	YES = MWL	YES = MWL	YES = MWL	YES = MWL	YES = MWL	YES = MWL
MWL Position:	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Support	Support
Justin L. Alfond ( D )	YES	<b>NO ROLL CALL</b>	YES	<b>NO ROLL CALL</b>	YES	YES
Philip L. Bartlett, II ( D )	YES		YES		YES	YES
Lawrence S. Bliss ( D )	YES		YES		YES	YES
Peter B. Bowman ( D )	YES		YES		YES	YES
Joseph C. Brannigan ( D )	YES		YES		YES	NO
Bruce S. Bryant ( D )	YES		YES		YES	YES
Jonathan T. E. Courtney ( R )	NO		NO		NO	YES
Margaret M. Craven ( D )	YES		YES		YES	YES
Dennis S. Damon ( D )	YES		YES		YES	YES
Gerald M. Davis ( R )	NO		NO		ABSENT	ABSENT
Bill Diamond ( D )	YES		YES		NO	YES
Stanley J. Gerzofsky ( D )	YES		YES		YES	YES
Seth A. Goodall ( D )	YES		YES		YES	YES
Walter R. Gooley ( R )	NO		NO		NO	NO
David R. Hastings, III ( R )	NO		NO		NO	NO
Barry J. Hobbins ( D )	YES		YES		YES	YES
Troy Dale Jackson ( D )	NO		YES		YES	YES
Lisa T. Marraché ( D )	YES		YES		YES	YES
Earle L. McCormick ( R )	NO		NO		NO	YES
Peter Mills ( R )	YES		NO		YES	NO
Elizabeth H. Mitchell ( D )	YES		YES		YES	YES
Richard A. Nass ( R )	NO		NO		NO	NO
John M. Nutting ( D )	YES		YES		YES	YES
Joseph C. Perry ( D )	YES		YES		YES	YES
Debra D. Plowman ( R )	NO		NO		NO	YES
Kevin L. Raye ( R )	NO		NO		NO	YES
Christopher W. Rector ( R )	YES		NO		NO	YES
Richard W. Rosen ( R )	ABSENT		NO		NO	NO
Elizabeth M. Schneider ( D )	YES		YES		YES	NO
Roger L. Sherman ( R )	NO		NO		EXCUSED	EXCUSED
Deborah L. Simpson ( D )	YES		YES		YES	YES
Douglas M. Smith ( R )	NO		NO		NO	NO
Nancy B. Sullivan ( D )	YES		YES		YES	YES
A. David Trahan ( R )	NO		NO		NO	YES
Carol Weston ( R )	NO		NO		NO	NO
Yes	21		20		20	24
No	13		15		13	9
Absent	1		0		1	1
Excused	0		0		1	1
Total	34		35		33	33



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