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# LWV maine voter

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November 1981

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## NOTE from NATIONAL

TO: LWV Members;  
FROM: Ruth Hinerfeld, President  
RE: Voting Rights Act Ext.  
HR 3112

What a wonderful victory we had on Oct. 5 when the House of Representatives passed the Voting Rights Act extension, HR 3112, by 389-24!!!!

It is truly all our victory, for it was your hard work, and the work of your officers and members that made this possible. We not only passed the final bill on a 15 to 1 margin, but we beat back all the weakening amendments by 2 to 1 and in one case 3 to 1 margins.

This mandate from the House for a strong bill puts us in the best possible position for beginning work on the bill in the Senate. So, our strategy for playing it strong and tough in the House really paid off. Thanks again!!

Below is the list of those who voted "no" (24) and who were not present (20). All the other MC's (389) voted "yes" for passage. We have sent them a thank you for their "yes" vote. Please, take the time to send them one yourself. And, in your thank you note, please ask your MC to tell your Senators of his/her support for the bill.

### NOT VOTING

Ashbrook	Horton
Beard	Jones (NC)
Bonker	Lehman
Brown (OH)	Pashayan
Burton, John	Paul
Crane, Philip	Peyser
Dannemeyer	Solomon
Dingell	Thomas
Fiedler	Vander Jagt
Goodling	Williams (OH)

### VOTED AGAINST

Archer	McDonald
Bliley	Montgomery
Brinkley	Nichols
Butler	Parris
Collins (TX)	Robinson
Crane, Daniel	Rousselot
Daniel, Dan	Rudd
Daniel, R.W.	Shelby
Dickinson	Stump
Hansen (ID)	Trible
Johnston	Wampler
Lott	Whitehurst

### LWVME RECEIVES GRANT

The National Board of LWVUS supports the LWVME's Membership Contest with a \$60. grant. This encourages us to continue to offer incentives to our local Leagues to enlarge their memberships.

The LWVME's Board is very pleased by Nation's effort to help us.

Remember: For every 10th new member the local League keeps the \$6. PMP for State.



# Natural Resources

"Promote the wise management of resources in the public interest and an environment beneficial to life."

- \* WATER: Action for improvement of water quality and for planning and management of water resources to meet regional needs and the national interest.
- \* AIR: Action to reduce air pollution from vehicular and stationary sources.
- \* SOLID WASTE: Action supporting policies to reduce the nonessential part of the waste stream, recover its nonreducible portion, then ensure safe disposal of the rest.
- \* LAND: Action in support of management of our finite land resources and built environment to ensure consideration of public and private rights and responsibilities.
- \* ENERGY: Action supporting policies that: (1) bring about a significant and progressive reduction in the U.S. energy growth rate; (2) give priority to conservation, renewable resources and the environmentally sound use of coal in the U.S. energy mix between now and the year 2000; (3) effect a shift to predominant reliance on renewable resources beyond the year 2000.

Winning isn't everything but,  
wanting to is. A. Palmer

ALVIN MOSS: Natural Resources  
State Chairperson, Ocean Ave.,  
Sorrento, ME 04677

Alvin has been an LWV activist since 1947 (Tax Chair in Pennsylvania) and has held leadership positions in many other community civic, athletic and military organizations. He has served in several appointed public offices and was an Ass't. Superintendent of a Public School District, Aerospace Engineer with G.E., and a Dept. of Defense Computer Manager. He had 31 years as a U.S. Army Field Officer and a member of the National Governing Board of Common Cause.

The preceeding is a statement of our national positions on our Natural Resource program. For more complete information on this position read "Impact on Issues 1980-82, publication #386. It can be ordered from LWVUS, 1730 M Street, NW; Washington, DC, 20036 for \$1.50.



Alvin and his wife Ruth, a journalist and former League president and State Board member in Pennsylvania, have four children who are respectively: physician, actress, attorney and a psychologist.

For those who have marital aspirations, he is also a Justice of the Peace.

# Single Issue vs Big Picture

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The LWV at the National, State and Local levels is at work, in varying degrees, in all six of the above areas. The publications catalogue can provide material giving in depth background and profuse details for all of these subjects, therefore this space will not be used to retread ground already amply covered.

Instead your attention and thinking will be stimulated in broader terms-natural resources worldwide and within our nation.

Most recently, at the "Survival Summit" of 22 national leaders at Cancun, Mexico the heads of eight industrial countries met with the leaders of 14 developing countries to discuss what the "have" countries can do for the "have not."

What they discussed was not strickly limited to natural resources. They also included the extracting, cultivating, refining, producing, manufacturing, transporting, trading, marketing, and perhaps most important of all-financing- the sharing of the world's economic pie.

The 140 "developing" countries have 34 billion people- 75% of the world's population- but only 20% of the world's resources. At this point, our subject overlaps "International Relations," as with most significant topics that affect our lives and futures; natural resources cannot be considered exclusively.

Throughout the world and domestically, the presence of abundant natural resources is a significant headstart, but as illustrated by Japan, industrial and commerical capability can overcome the lack of inherent raw materials. At the

other end of the spectrum, Russia has perhaps the greatest abundance of nature's treasures and still evidences the characteristics of an under-developed nation.

The point to be stressed here is the direction a country chooses for resources implementation-that delicate balance between under-utilization and exploitation.

Enter the Dept. of the Interior and the LWV. What should the League's role be? Our organization has potent advantages over most of the single issue institutions on the national scene.

The League does not analyze, evaluate or advocate courses of action based on one narrow focus, i.e. environment, realizing that alternatives all interact. Beneficial aspects in one area frequently have "side effects" which affect another area detrimentally, sometimes disastrously. Therefore the League's broad, big picture, overall approach is not only appropriate but absolutely vital in the continuing role of Natural Resources guardian.

Unfortunately, our federal government currently has not adopted the LWV perspective. The basic criteria evidenced by the Interior Dept. appears to be-if it's there-use it-and use it now-the future will take care of itself. Since the League has worked for over 30 years to safeguard the environment and to alert the public and public officials to the dangers, costs, and advantages lost when our natural resources are abused- it is now more vital than ever to maintain a strong voice of conscience across the land.

There are too few voices now

speaking (without special interest motivation) to urge wise stewardship of what can never be replaced or regained once it is lost.

Your attention is directed to the "Sept. LWV report from The Hill" which every League president receives-the pages on NR outline a frightening administration strategy to weaken national health standards with extreme cutbacks in the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (by giving the states the responsibility for defining and enforcing strip mining controls), sharply reducing: Environmental Quality Controls, Clean Water, Clean Air, Acid Rain, Energy Conservation, Solar Energy Development, Automobile Emissions Reduction, Pollution Controls for New Factories and Coal Burning Power Plants, Sewage Treatment Plants and the list goes on encompassing almost every Natural Resource protection passed by Congress in the last 15 years.

Not so strangely, many hundreds of millions of dollars were left untouched or increased for highly questionable projects such as the "Tennessee-Tombigee Waterway" (Cloning the Mississippi) and the "Clinch River Plutonium Breeder Reactor" (Technologically obsolete) plus the many, very costly west and southwest water irrigation projects to benefit a small number of wealthy agribusiness conglomerates (food stamps for corporations).

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READ National VOTER-Fall 1981 for directions in program planning. The delegates at National Convention will be deciding on program and directions for our organization. Now is the time for local members to have input. Like our local, state and national governments; LWV's effectiveness is directly related to the time, energy and commitment of its members.

WHAT CAN WE DO???? The LWVUS has testified at the national level, presented studies and position papers, lobbied Congressmen and spoken at public hearings on most of the above. What is most urgent now is the grassroots action-letters and phone calls to your Senators and House Members giving them the incentive and support to stand up against this erosion of the citizen's national assets.

Our Members of Congress (MCs) do react to constituent communications (Social Security proved that) but they must hear from us-and frequently-not just once a year! Keep those letters coming in-the future will not take care of itself-the future is what we choose to make it!!

THE FUTURE IS NOW!!!!!!!



TO: LWV Members  
FROM: Lois Harrison, ERA Chair-LWVUS  
RE: ERA Joint Media Project

The LWVUS is one of the lead organizations initiating this collaborative venture which was announced OCT. 27. The LWVUS has contributed \$50,000 to the combined organizations' budget of \$212,000. Time and talent donations of the Communications Task Force represents \$750,000. A million dollar radio campaign, targeted to four unratified states and reaching over eight million households, is something we are pleased and proud to report to you.

August 9, 1981

Gallup Poll finds highest-ever level of support for ERA-63% of Americans favor ratification.

August 3, 1981

Harris Poll cites support for ERA at 52%; states that since 1975, a majority of Americans have supported ERA with an average margin of 55% for and 35% against.

Statistical Breakdown:

54% of men favor ratification  
51% of women favor ratification  
71% of blacks favor ratification  
53% of Catholics favor ratification

great Prizes

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MAINE

Prizes

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Raffle

Last month's VOTER contained raffle tickets which gave everyone the opportunity to win great prizes while helping fund our state program.

During the month questions have come up about how the money will be spent. The budget for 1981-82 in brief is as follows:

monitoring

## EXPENSE BUDGET

Cost per member

Operational Cost:	\$1300.	\$2.84
Board & Administration	1500.	3.28
Delegate Travel	1537.	3.36
State VOTER	1000.	2.18
Education (Member/Voter Service)	7700.	16.84
National Per Member Payment		
of MALS	478.50	
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$13,515.50</u>	<u>\$28.50</u>

testifying



RAFFLE

## INCOME BUDGET

Local League Support(pmp)	
based on 388 @\$6.	\$2328.00
MAL (Member-at-Large) Dues	
based on 43½ @\$15.	
½ is household membership	652.50
MAL Contributions	150.
Publication Sales	1000.
Fund Raising:	
Raffle	3400.
Practical Politics Course	5000.
State Program Studies	
(July State VOTER)	600.
Workshops	50.
National Education Fund	335.
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$13,515.50</u>

lobbying



registering



This budget is a big committment and was passed by the delegates from all local leagues at State Convention last May. The State Board members are now trying to carry out the challenges set forth to them by the delegates.

We decided to share the fund raising between the 457 members by asking every member to sell/buy two books of tickets. The other choice we had was to ask local board people to sell the tickets. This would have put an extra load on your already very busy leaders.

The League of Women Voters is all of the members and it will take some effort on everyone's part if we are to meet our program goals. If you are not in agreement with these goals--please ask questions/express your feelings at program planning and budget time. We need your help and involvement if we are to meet our goals.

When love and skill work together  
expect a masterpiece.

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# league of women voters

## *Around The State*



### Orono-Old Town-Veasie

Ed Laverty, Professor of Political Science at UMO, was guest speaker at O/OT/V league's membership meeting. He spoke on Citizen Participation, Ways to Influence Your State and Local Government. Prof. Laverty stated clearly that children need to be taught the ideals of democracy in the family and schools. He feels this is not done effectively now because the largest group of non-voters is between the 18-28 year olds. Citizens have a responsibility to be active in their communities if our towns and cities are going to survive. Volunteerism must return to our schools and communities. Mr. Laverty strongly recommends people get involved in an interest group of their choice. He left the league with 4 suggestions on how to become an effective citizen:

- 1) Be aware of the ideals of democracy and be ready and willing to defend them.
- 2) Have a sense of justice and personal self-interest.
- 3) Know how to initiate policy and how to choose among alternatives.
- 4) Know how political systems operate and how to manipulate them to get what we deserve.

Joan said the meeting was attended by 20 people including a state legislator and 8 perspective members. Handwritten invitations were sent to many citizens.

O/OT/V now looks toward planning a Health Care Study. More information on this study in the next VOTER.

### Mount Desert Island

MDI started their year with a potluck supper. It was well attended by members and perspective members who were treated to an award winning "Save the Clean Air Act" exhibit. This exhibit included 2 terrariums assembled to show the effect of acid rain on plant life and was honored by the Bar Harbor Garden Club's Annual Flower Show. A pictorial map poster illustrating the eastward flow of acid rain from the industrialized mid-west toward the lakes and forest of northern New England completed the exhibit. If anyone is interested in learning more about this exhibit contact Louise Gilbert. \*\*

### Lewiston-Auburn

President Susan Hayward was excited to report about L/A's successful International potluck supper. It was attended by 30 people which included at least 10 new perspective members. In attendance were several invited guests who were called upon to share some views on IR. Francis Russell, former ambassador who has worked in New Zealand, Tunisia, Ghana and Israel, complimented the LWV and the leadership role we have played in examining peace issues. His wife was a member of LWV and he has been familiar with league since 1945. He also says that no other country has any organization like the LWV.

Rep. Georgette Berube, another invited guest, spoke to the "Canadian Connection." She spoke of the history and goals of this advisory committee.

Rep. Harriet Lewis, an archeologist who lived in Greece, spoke about Greek elections and how the Greeks perceive the Americans. She stressed the importance of personal relationships.

Debbie Hibbard of the American Friends Service Comm. talked about peace activities in Maine.

# Membership

UPDATE: The contest is on and all local leagues in Maine are busy at work sharing League and encouraging league membership.

Bangor has welcomed about 14 new members and Portland Area has had about 10 new people "join-up". Other Leagues have had several new people attend their fall meetings and are in hope to have new members soon.

Meanwhile, dues from current members seem to be lagging. Local board people are very busy with all the demands put on them. Each current member can help by sending your dues to the local treasurer. If you have questions or can not pay right now, please call your treasurer to tell her you want to rejoin and when you will be able to pay. She/he will be very appreciative.

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CONGRADULATIONS to Martha Dane (B-BA) who was elected to the Bangor School Committee. She topped all other candidates by collecting the highest number of votes!!!!!!

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Greater numbers of our members are full/part time employed. This leaves less time to do volunteer work. At least 3 local presidents in Maine are employed outside the home, as well as, many local board people. All leagues need your help to full-fill program commitment. If you have any time-1 hour per month or more-let your local membership chair/unit chair or president know. Support your local board--attend your next general meeting.

"WELCOME" Susan McGinty to State Board. She is Chair of the Solid Waste portfolio. Sue became interested in solid waste issues in 1979 as a member of the Natural Resources Council of Maine and is currently chairperson of the recycling committee in Cumberland.

As LWVME's Solid Waste Coordinator she is anxious to establish contact with local league committees or individual league members interested in studying solid waste issues--also hazardous/nuclear waste. She urges those members/committees with information to share or wanting help/direction to contact her (14 Sparhawk Lane, Cumberland, ME 04021).

Susan also wants to review League positions on waste disposal; review legislation to determine where League action is indicated; and examine the possibility of educational projects.

In her "spare" time Susan and husband Frank are raising their 2 children, George 4½ and Kelly 2. She participates in many cooperative ventures--nurse school, play groups, babysitting and a food co-op. Sue also teaches Sunday school, jogs and x-country skis and has been a member of the Portland Area League for about 3 years.

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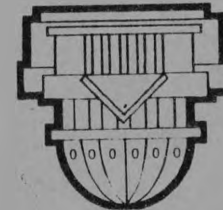
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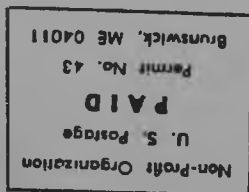


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