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Greetings NOW Members & Friends!

May 1998

The June 9th primary elections are just around the corner! Maine NOW Political Action Committee [MNP] folks have studied the 1998 Questionnaires received so far and some key 118th votes. We want to share what we've learned. The Fall General Election Guide will be out in September. Grateful THANKS to those of you who recently sent donations to MNP! Big and small, we love them all. If you, or if someone you know, could throw a little something [money, I hope] in the enclosed envelope, we promise to use it wisely in the elections!

MAINE NOW PAC JUNE 9th PRIMARY GUIDE

In Senate District 24*, there's a Democratic primary between Robert Celeste who **OPPOSES EVERYTHING NOW** stands for, and Rodney Jamison who has not sent in a questionnaire (yet?). The winner will face 2-term incumbent, Norm Ferguson Jr., a moderate Republican. Actually, we have a "Dist. 24 Mystery Questionnaire" mailed from Portland, but don't know if it's Jamison's or a House Dist. 24 candidate's.

In Senate District 31 [Dayton, Saco, OOB, part of Buxton, & most of Scarborough] both the Ds and the Rs are holding primaries. Maine NOW PAC hasn't heard from the Rs, but both Ds look great. Because we count votes as more dependable than questionnaires, but mostly because when two candidates are more or less equal we give the nod to the minority candidate (in this case, the woman), MNP has endorsed incumbent Peggy Pendleton! A former NOW member, she is solid on choice, the anti-discrimination bill (tho opposed to same-sex marriage), ERA, and most other issues.

Her Democrat challenger, Arthur St. Hilaire, sent us a most excellent and enthusiastic questionnaire (least enthusiastic about same-sex marriage). He is very much in agreement with NOW on a wide range of issues. He is a most endorsable candidate, perhaps equal to Pendleton.

*Senate District 24 is Andover, Bethel, Brownfield, Buckfield, Byron, Canton, Dixfield, Fryeburg, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Hartford, Hiram, Lincoln Plt., Lovell, Magalloway Plt., Mason, Mexico, Milton, Newry, Peru, Porter, Roxbury, Rumford, Stoneham, Stow, Sumner, Upton, Waterford, Woodstock, and unorganized territories.

On the HOUSE side, there are 19 Primary Races. MNP has made several endorsements, and has some helpful information in some others.

2 York - D Michael Zimmer is Endorsed by MNP! D opponent Robert McIntire ran in '96, but sent no Questionnaire either time. This open seat was held by R, Ott, who creamed McIntire in '96 3287-1921. The D will face R Mary Black Andrews in November.

7 Wells - D primary for open seat- no info on Ds Richard Clark or Harold Tomah.

19 Biddeford - D Joanne Twomey is Endorsed by MNP! Twomey lost by only 16 votes in a '96 primary with Dutremble. In '98 this is an open seat, and with no R in the race, the primary IS the race! Her D opponent Albert Grover is anti-choice, against an expanded ERA, not

flexible on TANF (AFDC) 5 year limit, anti-COLA for TANF, anti-increase in minimum wage, and anti-same-sex marriage.

22 Scarborough - R primary matches 2-term incumbent Robert Pendleton (husband of Sen. Peggy P.) against Harold Clough, who is unknown to us. Pendleton's '96 NOW Rating was 47%. He was solidly pro-choice in the 118th, but anti-Lesbian & Gay Rights, anti-increase in minimum wage, and only so-so on a range of issues. There is no D.

30 Portland - 3-Way D Primary for open seat. No R. MNP has Endorsed Benjamin Dudley! His Questionnaire shows him outstanding on all our issues! D opponents, Robert Griffin (a pipe-fitter) and Martin Joyce Jr. (former sheriff) did not send in questionnaires.

32 Portland - D Richard Farnsworth is Endorsed by MNP! Farnsworth is a 1-term incumbent, also endorsed by MNP in '96. Tho absent during some abortion-related votes, he is pro-choice according to his other votes (including a correct vote on the late term procedure) and his '96 & '98 MNP Questionnaires. Voted well on a range of issues, but he does question whether COLA should attach to TANF (AFDC) payments. D opponent, John McDonough answered our Questionnaire with mostly "will work for", but did not answer how he'd vote on Lesbian & Gay Rights, or on discrimination by weight and height. Also says he is not a feminist. No R in this race.

33 Portland - Ds Michael Quint, 1-term incumbent, and Herb Adams, former 4-term incumbent, are both excellent. Both have been endorsed by MNP in the past. No R.

40 Falmouth & part of Cumberland - R Primary puts David Savage (no info) against Gerald Davis. Davis ran as a D in '96 against Fisk, losing 2680-2666 in a recount. No Questionnaires. Winner will face D Elaine McCool in the fall.

42 N. Yarmouth & most of Cumberland - R Primary for open seat. No info on Rs, Terrence McKinney or Carl McPherson. D is Jennifer Germaine Yahr.

59 Jefferson, Nobleboro, & Waldoboro - R Primary for open seat. No info on Rs A. David Trahan or Brian Miller Woodbury. For the general election, MNP has Endorsed Steve Cartwright, D. Steve ran against incumbent Spear in '96, 2446-1797. His '96 & '98 Questionnaires are excellent.

81 Anson, Norridgewock, Rome, Smithfield, Starks, and part of Skowhegan - D Primary for open seat. Rodney Hiltz is unknown to us. Richard H.C. Tracy is a former 4-term House member. He had an excellent voting record, tho he admitted on '90 and '92 Questionnaires he's unsure how he'd vote on abortion funding. He's sent no Questionnaires since '92. In '94 he lost a primary to then-D June Meres by only 4 votes. In '95 Meres became a R & faced Tracy in '96, winning again 1976-1584 (3rd candidate got 320 votes), tho Tracy outspent her \$14,000 to \$4000. The D winner will face R, R. David Jarvis in the fall.

85 Durham, parts of Lisbon & Brunswick - D Primary for open seat The '96 gen'l election vote was R 2151 - D 2100. Our Questionnaire did not reach D Patrick Beck ("attempted not known"). D David Tamulevich says he's not a feminist. He's opposed to Medicaid funding or health care funding for abortion, anti-same-sex marriage, but says he'd "vote for" most of our issues. The candidates in the R Primary are unknown to MNP.

86 part of Lewiston - D Richard Mailhot is Endorsed by MNP! This 1-term incumbent voted with us most of the time, 100% on choice issues. He voted against same-sex marriage, but with us on Lesbian & Gay Rights.. He's very good on a range of issues. His D opponent is a former 8-term House member, Roger Pouliot, who is ant-choice, anti-Lesbian & Gay

Rights, mixed on environment issues, so-so on most else. The D winner will face R Gary Adams in the fall. Adams lost in '96 2500-1400 to Mailhot, tho they spent about the same (\$4000-4200).

87 part of Lewiston - D Primary puts William Cote (unknown to MNP) against 1-term incumbent Thomas P. Shannon. In the 118th, Shannon voted progressively most of the time, 100% on choice, tho he opposed same-sex marriage. In the fall, the D will face R Ray Poulin. Poulin was creamed by Shannon in '96, 1533-750.

90 part of Lewiston - 3-Way D Primary. 2-term incumbent Gerald Bouffard is anti-choice, anti-same-sex marriage, but pro-Lesbian & Gay Rights (MHRA) and mostly ok on other votes. D Robert Poulin's Questionnaire shows him also anti-choice, anti-same-sex marriage, ok on Lesbian & Gay Rights, and real good on other issues. D, Ronald Jean is unknown to MNP. R, Larry Poulin is also unknown to MNP.

102 Winslow - D Primary for open seat. D, Zachary Matthews is a former 4-term Senator (112-115th), 1-term House member(111th). He was consistently anti-choice. His most recent votes on Lesbian & Gay Rights ('89 & '91) were negative. He was with us more often than not on other issues. D, James Mathieu is not known to us. Nor is R, Jeremiah McDonald.

125 Charleston, Corinth, Exeter, Newport, Stetson - R Primary R, Susan Kasprzak rates "X!". The 1-term incumbent is anti-choice, anti-Lesbian & Gay Rights, one of only 8 opposed to providing "adequate nutrition & support to low-income legal immigrants", one of only 18 opposed to creating a family division in District Court, and opposed to almost everything MNP supports. R, Kenneth Wade Fredette, not known to MNP, ran against Kasprzak in '96, losing 314-357. The D is Bernard Hammond who ran against Kasprzak

in the '96 general election, losing 1771-2193. Hammond is retired Maine State Police. On his '96 Questionnaire he's "not sure" if he's a feminist. He is pro-ERA, anti-choice, and did not answer the question on Lesbian & Gay Rights. He's mostly ok on other issues.

126 Corinna, Dexter, Garland, Ripley - D Primary Neither D is known to MNP, They are Lawrence Folsom and Douglas Pooler. The R is 1-term James Tobin Jr. He voted in favor of Lesbian & Gay Rights, but against us on almost everything else, including choice.

NOW MEMBERS RUN!

It's always fun to see how many NOW members are running for the legislature. We're real excited about former NOW State Coordinator & National NOW Representative **Beth Edmonds** of Freeport running for Senate seat 23. She's trying to unseat Philip Harriman of Yarmouth. We wish all our NOW members well! Volunteer to help one near you!

NOW members (ID'd so far) running for the Senate:

- Mary Cathcart, Orono - S7, part of Penobscot
- Chellie Pingree, N. Haven - S12, part of Knox
- Christine Krauss, Wilton - S17, Franklin & parts of Kennebec & Somerset counties
- Sharon Treat, Gardiner - S18, part of Kennebec & Richmond
- Betheda Edmonds, Freeport - S23, Brunswick, Freeport, & Yarmouth
- Anne Rand, Portland - S28, part of Portland and we're checking with S11 Sue Longley & S31 Peggy Pendleton, and David Shiah H53, about their NOW status. Did we miss anyone?

NOW members (ID'd so far) running for the House:

- Elizabeth Watson H82, Farmingdale, Litchfield, & W. Gardiner
- Pam Hatch H98, part of Skowhegan
- Alice Cheeseman H110, part of Waldo cnty.
- Tina Baker H117, part of Bangor

- Jane Saxl H120, part of Bangor
- Kassie Stevens H123, part of Orono
- Eddie Povich H127, Ellsworth, Dedham, Mariaville, Otis & Clifton

SNEAK PREVIEW!

MNP Endorsed Candidates - so far - for the November election:

SENATE Endorsed: 4 Harold Prescott, 7 Mary Cathcart, 12 Chellie Pingree, 15 Bev Daggett, 18 Sharon Treat, 23 Beth Edmonds, 27 Boyd Marley, 30 Lynn Bromley, 31 Peggy Pendleton
SENATE Supported: 6 Dick Ruhlin
SENATE Opposed: 24 Robert Celeste

HOUSE Endorsed: 2 Michael Zimmer, 17 Nancy Sullivan, 19 Joanne Twomey, 30 Ben Dudley, 32 Richard Farnsworth, 33 both Quint & Adams are endorsable!, 34 Bill Norbert, 36 Elizabeth Townsend (unopposed), 48 Tom Bull, 49 John Richardson, 53 David Shiah, 59 Steve Cartwright, 69 Rosita Gagne, 79 Linda Rogers McKee, 80 Elaine Fuller, 86 Richard Mailhot, 88 Patricia Lemaire, 91 Patrick Colwell (unopposed), 94 Charles Mitchell, 98 Pam Hatch, 105 John Marshall, 116 Ken Hayes, 121 Mat Dunlap, 122 Daniel Williams, 123 Kassie Stevens, 127 Eddie Povich, 129 Paul Volenik, 132 James B. Wagner

HOUSE Supported: 29 Robert Duplissie (unopposed), 56 Wendy Pieh, 73 Arnold Woolf, 75 Patricia Jacobs, 100 Ken Gagnon, 101 Paul Tessier, 114 Carl Pease, 115 Dusty Fisher

HOUSE Opposed: 19 Albert Grover, 49 Reginald Pinkham, 73 Belinda Gerry, 75 Roy Nickerson, 105 David Lindahl, 112 Ruel Cross, 125 Susan Kasprzak, 125 Bernard Hammond, 132 William Pinkham

NOTES: H24 McCoy is endorsable, but there's room for someone to be better (like the pesky Mystery Candidate).

If you're thinking. "Wow! These women do incredible work on this research, fundraising, endorsing, educating, and election work! I wish I could support them year-round!" What luck! For as little as \$5 per month, just \$60 per year, you can join our **NOW Sustainer Program**.

This entitles you to receive the newsletter "JAM, Jo's Action Message", a fun, thought provoking, monthly feminist jolt (which almost always arrives in the correct month). Just indicate your wish on the mail-back form below.

And please know, all donations to Maine NOW PAC are deeply appreciated. We promise to put yours to good use in the 1998 elections! **Thank you!**

JoAnne Dauphinee, Research & Analyses

Maine NOW PAC

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___ \$100 NOW member contribution ___ \$20 for 20 years of MNP!

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