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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MAINE BALLOT PREVIEW FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

Monday, June 19, 1972

ALL Maine voters may vote on the Direct Initiative Question and the four Referendum Questions. Republican and Democratic Party members **only** will nominate candidates for the General Election to be held Tuesday, November 7, 1972.

(Party ballots will also include candidates for offices of State Senator, Representative to the Legislature and County offices).

DEMOCRATIC PARTY BALLOT

For U. S. Senator

William H. Hathaway (Auburn)
Jack Louis Smith (Portland)

For Representative to Congress

(First District)

Everett Brown Carson (Brunswick)
Peter N. Kyros (Portland)

For Representative to Congress

(Second District)

Lewis G. Maxwell (Wilton)
Elmer H. Violette (Van Buren)

REPUBLICAN PARTY BALLOT

For U. S. Senator

Robert A. G. Monks (Cape Elizabeth)
Margaret Chase Smith (Skowhegan)

For Representative to Congress

(First District)

L. Robert Porteous, Jr. (Cumberland)
Clifton Hanna Young (Bristol)

For Representative to Congress

(Second District)

William S. Cohen (Bangor)
Abbott O. Greene (Columbia)

EXPLANATION OF BALLOT ISSUES

Direct Initiative Question (on ballot as result of petitions signed by 10% of voters in 1970 General Election)

"Shall an Initiated Act 'Relating to Form of Ballots in General Elections' Establishing an Office-type Ballot and Eliminating Voting by the Straight Party Square Box Become Law?"

A YES vote will:

- remove the large party square, making straight ticket voting by single mark impossible
- remove the political party columns
- remove words "Republican" and "Democratic"
- substitute for them "R" or "D" to the right of each candidate's name
- list all candidates for one office in vertical column
- require separate mark for each candidate voted for

A NO vote will retain the November General Election Ballot in its present **party column** form

- encourages voter to judge merits of each candidate regardless of political party loyalty
- encourages split ticket voting
- prevents candidates of inferior calibre from winning on "coattails" of strong candidate at head of ticket
- helps minority party candidates

Those in favor of changing to "Office-type" ballot say:

- requiring separate mark for each candidate assures more careful voting

Those in favor of retaining present Party Column ballot say:

- party column form easily understood by voters, whereas office-type confuses them.
 - less time is needed for voting; less time needed for counting
- (Continued on page 2)

- encourages political party responsibility
- encourages participation whereas more complicated office-type discourages participation
- fewer spoiled ballots and incompletely marked ballots when ballot form is simple
- ballot form does not influence the better informed voters

Note: Recent studies show that 33 states use political party columns on their ballots, and 27 states make straight ticket voting easy. All New England states except Massachusetts allow straight ticket voting by single mark. (Party square or circle at top of ballot). Massachusetts ballot includes whole word "Republican" or "Democratic" beside each candidate's name.

The following four Referendum Questions were passed by 2/3 vote of both Houses of the 105th Maine Legislature.

Referendum Questions

1. "Shall An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$3,850,000 for Student Housing at Central Maine Vocational Technical Institute, Eastern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, Washington County Vocational Technical Institute, and the Maine Maritime Academy, Water Front Engineering Complex (Phase I) at Maine Maritime Academy, Site Improvements at Washington County Vocational Technical Institute, Heating and Air Conditioning Shop and Laboratory at Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, Completion of School Building at Peter Dana Point Reservation and Multi-Purpose Buildings for Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Reservations, as passed by the 105th Legislature be approved?"

A YES vote will provide for improvements listed in the question as follows:

Vocational Technical Institutes and	
Indian Schools	\$2,305,000
Indian Reservations Buildings	50,000
Maine Maritime Academy	1,495,000

- A NO vote will prevent all the above improvements.
2. "Shall our mental and correctional institutions be enlarged and improved to better accommodate persons with mental, emotional or social disorders by issuing bonds in the amount of \$2,985,000?"

A YES vote will provide for improvements to these institutions as follows:

Augusta State Hospital	\$243,000
Bangor State Hospital	754,000
Pineland Hospital and Training Center.....	285,000
Boys Training Center	100,000
Stevens School	274,200
Men's Correctional Center	530,000
Maine State Prison	355,100
Gov. Baxter School for the Deaf	443,700

- A NO vote will prevent these improvements.
3. "Shall a bond issue be ratified in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 as set forth in 'An Act to Authorize the Construction of a Toll Bridge Across the Kennebec River between the Municipalities of Waterville and Winslow, passed by the 105th Legislature?"

A YES vote will authorize construction of this bridge and provide that the State Highway Commission operate it as a toll bridge until bonds are retired and all expenses paid.

- A NO vote will prevent construction of the bridge.
4. "Shall An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$3,090,000 for the Development and Improvement of State Park Facilities, Improvements to Various Airports and Maintenance Building at Augusta, as passed by the 105th Maine Legislature be approved?"

A YES vote will provide funds for developing and improving facilities at the following State Parks: Poland Spring, Peaks-Kenny (Dover-Foxcroft), Ferry Beach (Saco), Damariscotta Lake (Jefferson), Tyler Pond (Manchester and Augusta), Popham Beach (Phippsburg), Swan Lake (Swanville), Saco River Corridor and minor improvements at 11 other State Parks. It will also provide funds for continued preservation of Historic Sites, acquisition of various parcels of land, and state assistance to communities for federal recreation programs, improvements at various airports, and to Maintenance Building at Augusta.

Parks and Recreation	\$2,392,500
Aeronautics	494,400
Maintenance Building	203,100

A NO vote will prevent all the above improvements.

CALL TO COUNCIL

On May 24 and 25, 1972, Hostess League Mt. Desert Island will welcome State Board, local Presidents and two additional delegates from each League to State Council at the Bar Harbor Motor Inn. Delegates will decide on state program direction for next year and adopt a 1972-73 budget.

Council will focus on an environmental theme as Dr. Elizabeth S. Russell, research scientist at the Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, addresses herself to "Problems of Predicting and Planning Our Planet's Population" at the Council banquet. Dr. Russell, a member of the MDI League, has recently been elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

Co-chairmen of Council arrangements are Norma Hyde and Jackie Russell, both members of the MDI League.

FOR PRIMARY CANDIDATES WATCH MAINE NEWS AND COMMENT

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PRESENT PARTY COLUMN BALLOT

TO VOTE A STRAIGHT
TICKET MAKE A CROSS (X)
OR A CHECK MARK (✓)
WITHIN THIS SQUARE

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OR A CHECK MARK (✓)
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IF YOU DO NOT VOTE A STRAIGHT TICKET, MAKE A CROSS (X) OR A CHECK MARK (✓) IN THE SQUARE AT THE RIGHT OF THE NOMINEE FOR WHOM YOU WISH TO VOTE. FOLLOW DIRECTIONS AS TO THE NUMBER OF NOMINEES TO BE ELECTED TO EACH OFFICE. YOU MAY VOTE FOR A PERSON WHOSE NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT BY WRITING IT IN THE PROPER BLANK SPACE AND MARKING A CROSS (X) OR A CHECK MARK (✓) IN THE PROPER SQUARE AT THE RIGHT. DO NOT ERASE NAMES. NAMES WRITTEN IN MUST SHOW THE RESIDENCE OF THE WRITE-IN CANDIDATE.

REPUBLICAN

For United States Senator
Vote for One

NEIL S. BISHOP, Stock Springs ☐

☐

For Governor
Vote for One

JAMES S. ERWIN, York ☐

☐

For Representative to Congress
Vote for One

RONALD T. SPEERS, Winthrop ☐

☐

DEMOCRATIC

For United States Senator
Vote for One

EDMUND S. MUSKIE, Waterville ☐

☐

For Governor
Vote for One

KENNETH M. CURTIS, Augusta ☐

☐

For Representative to Congress
Vote for One

PETER N. KYROS, Portland ☐

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SAME BALLOT

In "OFFICE-TYPE" FORM

MAKE A CROSS (X) OR A CHECK MARK (✓) IN THE SQUARE AT THE RIGHT OF THE NOMINEE FOR WHOM YOU WISH TO VOTE. FOLLOW DIRECTIONS AS TO THE NUMBER OF NOMINEES TO BE ELECTED TO EACH OFFICE. YOU MAY VOTE FOR A PERSON WHOSE NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT BY WRITING IT IN THE PROPER BLANK SPACE AND MARKING A CROSS (X) OR A CHECK MARK (✓) IN THE PROPER SQUARE AT THE RIGHT. DO NOT ERASE NAMES. NAMES WRITTEN IN MUST SHOW THE MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE OF EACH WRITE-IN CANDIDATE.

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