# THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT: 2008 - 2009

### Under the Dome

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

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 antipredatory 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 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."

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

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MWL Position:	Support	Support	Oppose	Support	Support	Support
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
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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
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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	МО
Elizabeth S. Miller ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
H. Sawin Millett, Jr. (R)	NO	YES	NO	ABSENT	NO	МО
Terry K. Morrison ( D )	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES
Joan M. Nass ( R )	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	МО
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 NO
Donaid L. Filon (D)	1150	1150	1120	1170	1150	I NO

	Marriage Equality	To Protect	5-point Welfare	To Ensure	Tax	Firefighters
	ಈ Religious Freedom	Family Caregivers	Reform	Fair Pay	Reform	Presumptive Cancer
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 NO
Joshua A. Tardy (R)	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Charles Kenneth Theriault (D)	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	
Michael D. Thibodeau (R)	NO	YES	NO NO			YES
Douglas A. Thomas (R)	NO			YES	NO	NO
Dianne Tilton (R)	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Sharon Anglin Treat (D)		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Pamela Jabar Trinward (D)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
John L. Tuttle, Jr. (D)	YES NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Linda M. Valentino (D)	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES
		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
David A. Van Wie ( D ) Joseph Andrew Wagner ( D )	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
	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		100	85	143	87	110
No Albert		40	60	0	61	34
Absent	5	11	6	8	3	7
Excused Total		0 140	0	0	0	0
1 otal	140	140	145	143	148	144

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

124th SENATE FIRST SESSION ROL	Marriage Equality	To Protect			T	T'' - C - 1. 4
	& Religious Freedom	Family Caregivers	5-point Welfare Reform	To Ensure Fair Pay	Tax Reform	Firefighters Presumptive Cance
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 )	ŸES		YES		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
Ionathan 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	Z	YES		NO	YES
Stanley J. Gerzofsky ( D )	YES	4	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	į.	YES	YES
Troy Dale Jackson ( D )	NO	P	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	7	YES	P	YES	YES
Joseph C. Perry ( D )	YES		YES	a.	YES	YES
Debra D. Plowman ( R )	NO		NO	And the second	NO	YES
Kevin L. Raye ( R )	NO		NO		NO	YES
Christopher W. Rector (R)	YES		NO	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	NO	YES
Richard W. Rosen ( R )	ABSENT		NO	(0.0)	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			15		13	9
Absent			0		1	1
Excused		***************************************	0		· 1	1
Total	34		35		33	33



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