

The Maine Women's Lobby-Your Voice in the State House

Legislative Report 128th Legislature, First Regular Session

Each year we testify and lobby on a number of bills that we don't share in our annual Legislative Report. Some of those "went under the hammer" without a roll call. Others were the subject of lengthy debate with multiple votes making it difficult to present that information through a single roll call. On our website, mainewomen.org, you will find additional information about all the bills we asked you to act on during the legislative session.

In the roll calls presented here, you will notice that the House and Senate often vote on different reports or amendments. We have indicated whether we supported or opposed each bill. We have also included whether we supported or opposed the specific motion that was being voted on in each roll call. For example, we opposed LD 327. The House voted on the "Ought Not to Pass" report so we supported that motion because we didn't believe LD 327 should pass. The Senate voted on the "Ought to Pass as Amended" report so we opposed that motion. We know that this can be confusing. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 207.622.0851 x3 or kkilraindelrio@mainewomen.org.

LD 33 -An Act To Adjust the Lifetime Limit for the Receipt of TANF Benefits

Sponsor: Senator Eric Brakey

This bill would have limited participants in the Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF) program to a lifetime limit of only three years. After an earlier lifetime limit of five years was implemented, research demonstrated that many families who lost support due to the time limit simply fell further into poverty, rather than experiencing any sustainable transition into financial security.

MWL Position: *Opposed* Final Status: *Defeated*

House Roll Call #260, Accept Majority Ought Not to Pass Report (MWL Supported); Prevails
Senate Roll Call #171, Accept Minority Report to Pass-A Report (MWL Opposed); Fails

LD 274 -An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Working Group to Study Background Checks for Child Care Facilities and Providers

Sponsor: Representative Joyce "Jay" McCreight

This bill would require DHHS to implement a bipartisan legislative working group's suggested methods for requiring federal background checks for child care providers. Maine is the only state in the country that only requires a state-level background check, which only reveals violent history that occurred in the state, for those employed as child care providers.

MWL Position: *Supported* Final Status: *Carried Over*

House Roll Call #387, Accept Report 'A' Ought to Pass Report as Amended (MWL Supported); Prevail

LD 327 -An Act To Allow a Wrongful Death Cause of Action for the Death of a Viable Fetus

Sponsor: Representative Eleanor Espling

This bill would have established fetal personhood in Maine—granting a fetus “heirs and an estate”. This was part of a national effort by anti-abortion advocates to chip away at abortion rights by passing personhood legislation. The purpose is to create confusion in Maine law, which already has clear protections for pregnant women. LD 327 would open the door to wrongful death lawsuits against abortion providers performing a legal medical procedure.

MWL Position: Opposed Final Status: Defeated

House Roll Call #389, Recede and Concur (MWL Opposed); Fails

Senate Roll Call #348, Accept Minority Report to Pass-A Report (MWL Opposed); Prevails

LD 366 -An Act To Ensure Compliance with Federal Immigration Law by State and Local Government Entities

Sponsor: Representative Lawrence Lockman

This bill would have made it illegal for municipalities to refuse to enforce federal immigration policy even though federal law does not require local law enforcement to engage in federal immigration enforcement. Victims of crime from immigrant communities become less safe when local law enforcement must also act as immigration agents.

MWL Position: Opposed Final Status: Defeated

House Roll Call #199, Accept Majority Ought Not to Pass Report (MWL Supported); Prevails

Senate Roll Call #296, Accept Minority Report Ought to Pass Report (MWL Opposed); Fails

LD 1237 -An Act To Ensure Insurance Coverage for Contraceptive Supplies

Sponsor: Representative Joyce “Jay” McCreight

This bill requires insurance companies to cover up to 12 months of birth control at a time—giving Mainers more control over their personal family planning. While the Affordable Care Act (ACA) continues to face attacks, LD 1237 protected parts of the ACA for Maine women: insurance companies must provide copay-free birth control and Maine employers will not be able to opt out of birth control coverage.

MWL Position: Supported Final Status: Became Law without the Governor’s Signature

Senate Roll Call #163, Accept Minority Report Ought Not to Pass Report (MWL Opposed); Fails

LD 1259 -An Act Regarding Equal Pay

Sponsor: Senator Cathy Breen

This bill was a common-sense solution to address the pay gap and wage discrimination. This bill would have prevented employers from seeking information about a prospective employee’s past salary before offering employment. When companies use prior pay to determine an employee’s current wages, pay discrimination of the past follows employees into their next jobs.

MWL Position: Supported Final Status: Vetoed by the Governor

House Roll Call #350, Accept Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report (MWL Supported); Prevails

Senate Roll Call #400, Veto Override (2/3) (MWL Supported); Fails

Maine Women's Lobby Senate Roll Calls - 128th Legislature

MWL Position	LD 327	LD 1259	LD 1237	LD 33	LD 366
	Oppose	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose
Shenna Bellows (D-Dist. 14) Kennebec	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eric Brakey (R-Dist.20) Androscoggin/Cumberland	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Catherine Breen (D-Dist. 25) Cumberland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Michael E. Carpenter (D-Dist. 2) Aroostook	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brownie Carson (D-Dist. 24) Cumberland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Justin M. Chenette (D-Dist. 31) York	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Benjamin M. Chipman (D-Dist. 27) Cumberland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ronald F. Collins, (R-Dist. 34) York	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Andre E. Cushing, III (R-Dist. 10) Penobscot	✗	⊗	✗	✗	✗
Scott W. Cyrway (R-Dist. 16) Kennebec/Somerset	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Paul T. Davis, Sr. (R-Dist. 4) Piscataquis/Penobscot/Somerset	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Susan A. Deschambault (D-Dist. 32) York	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
G. William Diamond (D-Dist. 26) Cumberland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
James F. Dill (D-Dist. 5) Penobscot	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mark Dion (D-Dist. 28) Cumberland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dana L. Dow (R-Dist. 13) Lincoln	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
Geoffrey M. Gratwick (D-Dist. 9) Penobscot	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
James M. Hamper (R-Dist. 19) Oxford/Cumberland	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Dawn Hill (D-Dist. 35) York	✓	⊗	✓	✓	✓
Troy D. Jackson (D-Dist. 1) Aroostook	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Roger J. Katz (R-Dist. 15) Kennebec	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lisa Keim (R-Dist. 18) Oxford	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Brian D. Langley (R-Dist. 7) Hancock	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓

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	LD 327	LD 1259	LD 1237	LD 33	LD 366
Nathan L. Libby (D-Dist. 21) Androscoggin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Joyce A. Maker (R-Dist. 6) Washington	×	⊗	✓	×	✓
Garrett Paul Mason (R-Dist. 22) Androscoggin/Kennebec	×	×	×	×	×
Rebecca J. Millett (D-Dist. 29) Cumberland	✓	⊗	✓	✓	✓
David R. Miramant (D-Dist. 12) Knox	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kimberley C. Rosen (R-Dist. 8) Hancock/Penobscot	×	✓	✓	×	×
Thomas B. Saviello (R-Dist. 17) Franklin/Kennebec	×	✓	✓	✓	×
Michael D. Thibodeau (R-Dist. 11) Waldo	×	×	×	×	×
Eloise A. Vitelli (D-Dist. 23) Cumberland/York	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amy F. Volk (R-Dist. 30) Cumberland/York	×	×	✓	×	×
Rodney L. Whittemore (R-Dist. 3) Somerset/Kennebec	×	×	×	×	×
David C. Woodsome (R-Dist. 33) Cumberland	×	✓	✓	×	✓

✓ = Supported MWL Position	17	20	25	19	22
×	18	11	10	16	13
⊗ = Absent/Excused	0	4	0	0	0

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MWL Position	LD 327	LD 274	LD 1259	LD 33	LD 366
	Oppose	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose
Kent Ackley (I-Monmouth)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Robert W. Alley, Sr. (D-Beals)	x	✓	✓	✓	✓
Betty A. Austin (D-Skowhegan)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Susan M.W. Austin (R-Gray)	x	x	x	x	x
Christopher W. Babbidge (D-Kennebunk)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Donna Bailey (D-Saco)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dillon F. Bates (D-Westbrook)	✓	✓	✓	⊗	⊗
Kevin J. Battle (I-South Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	⊗
Pinny Beebe-Center (D-Rockland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Seth A. Berry (D-Bowdoinham)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bruce A. Bickford (R-Auburn)	x	x	x	✓	x
Russell J. Black (R-Wilton)	x	x	x	x	x
Lydia C. Blume (D-York)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Richard T. Bradstreet (R-Vassalboro)	x	x	x	x	x
Heidi E. Brooks (D-Lewiston)	✓	✓	✓	✓	⊗
Mark E. Bryant (D-Windham)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Richard H. Campbell (R-Orrington)	x	x	x	x	x
Barbara A. Cardone (D-Bangor)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Owen D. Casás (I-Rockport)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Richard M. Cebra (R-Naples)	x	x	x	x	⊗
Paul B. Chace (R-Durham)	x	x	x	x	x
Ralph Chapman (G-Brooksville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Benjamin T. Collings (D-Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Janice E. Cooper (D-Yarmouth)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Patrick W. Corey (R-Windham)	x	x	x	x	x
Garrel Robert Craig (R-Brewer)	x	x	x	x	x
Matthea E. L. Daughtry (D-Brunswick)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jennifer L. DeChant (D-Bath)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dale J. Denno (D-Cumberland)	✓	✓	x	✓	✓
Michael G. Devin (D-Newcastle)	⊗	⊗	✓	⊗	⊗
Kathleen R. J. Dillingham (R-Oxford)	x	x	⊗	x	x
Donna R. Doore (D-Augusta)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Robert S. Duchesne (D-Hudson)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Michelle Dunphy (D-Old Town)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ellie Espling (R-New Gloucester)	x	x	x	x	x
Richard R. Farnsworth (D-Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bradlee Thomas Farrin (R-Norridgewock)	⊗	⊗	x	x	⊗
Jessica L. Fay (D-Raymond)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ryan M. Fecteau (D-Biddeford)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Robert A. Foley (R-Wells)	x	x	x	x	x
Kenneth Wade Fredette (R-Newport)	x	x	x	x	x
Aaron M. Frey (D-Bangor)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Roger Jason Fuller (D-Lewiston)	✓	✓	✓	✓	⊗
Drew Gattine (D-Westbrook)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Karen A. Gerrish (R-Lebanon)	x	x	x	x	x
Sara Gideon (D-Freeport)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
James S. Gillway (R-Searsport)	x	x	x	x	x
Phyllis A. Ginzler (R-Bridgton)	x	x	x	x	x
Jared F. Golden (D-Lewiston)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gay M. Grant (D-Gardiner)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chad Wayne Grignon (R-Athens)	x	x	⊗	⊗	x
Martin J. Grohman (I-Biddeford)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stacey K. Guerin (R-Glenburn)	x	x	x	x	x
David G. Haggan (R-Hampden)	x	x	x	x	x
Scott M. Hamann (D-South Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
James R. Handy (D-Lewiston)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sheldon Mark Hanington (R-Lincoln)	x	x	⊗	x	x
Jeffery P. Hanley (R-Pittston)	x	x	x	x	x
Denise Patricia Harlow (I-Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Matthew A. Harrington (R-Sanford)	x	x	x	x	x
Lance Evans Harvell (R-Farmington)	⊗	⊗	x	x	✓
Stephanie Hawke (R-Boothbay Harbor)	x	x	x	x	x
Frances M. Head (R-Bethel)	x	x	x	x	x
Erin D. Herbig (D-Belfast)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lloyd C. Herrick (R-Paris)	x	✓	x	x	⊗
Craig V. Hickman (D-Winthrop)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Norman E. Higgins (R-Dover-Foxcroft)	x	x	x	x	⊗
Gary L. Hilliard (R-Belgrade)	x	x	x	x	x
George W. Hogan (D-Old Orchard Beach)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brian L. Hubbell (D-Bar Harbor)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Patricia Hymanson (D-York)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chris A. Johansen (R-Monticello)	x	x	x	x	⊗
Erik C. Jorgensen (D-Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jonathan L. Kinney (R-Limington)	x	x	x	x	x
MaryAnne Kinney (R-Knox)	x	x	x	x	x
Victoria P. Kornfield (D-Bangor)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Walter A. Kumiega III (D-Deer Isle)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mark W. Lawrence (D-Eliot)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lawrence E. Lockman (R-Amherst)	x	x	x	x	x

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Thomas R. W. Longstaff (D-Waterville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Louis J. Luchini (D-Ellsworth)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Peter A. Lyford (R-Eddington)	x	x	x	x	x
Colleen M. Madigan (D-Waterville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
John E. Madigan Jr. (D-Rumford)	x	✓	✓	✓	⊗
Richard S. Malaby (R-Hancock)	x	x	⊗	x	x
Donald G. Marean (R-Hollis)	x	x	x	x	x
John L. Martin (D-Eagle Lake)	x	✓	✓	✓	✓
Roland Danny Martin (D-Sinclair)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gina M. Mason (R-Lisbon)	x	x	x	x	x
Anne-Marie Mastraccio (D-Sanford)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
David Harold McCrea (D-Fort Fairfield)	x	✓	✓	✓	✓
Joyce "Jay" McCreight (D-Harpswell)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Carol A. McElwee (R-Caribou)	x	x	x	x	x
Andrew J. McLean (D-Gorham)	✓	✓	✓	⊗	✓
Gina M. Melaragno (D-Auburn)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kimberly J. Monaghan (D-Cape Elizabeth)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Matthew W. Moonen (D-Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Catherine M. Nadeau (D-Winslow)	✓	✓	✓	⊗	✓
Beth A. O'Connor (R-Berwick)	x	x	x	x	✓
Margaret M. O'Neil (D-Saco)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lester S. Ordway (R-Standish)	x	x	x	x	x
Jennifer Ellen Parker (D-South Berwick)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wayne R. Parry (R-Arundel)	x	x	x	x	x
Michael D. Perkins (R-Oakland)	⊗	x	x	x	x
Anne C. Perry (D-Calais)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
John Joseph Picchiotti (R-Fairfield)	x	x	x	x	x
Richard A. Pickett (R-Dixfield)	x	x	x	x	x
Jeffrey K. Pierce (R-Dresden)	x	x	x	x	x
Teresa S. Pierce (D-Falmouth)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Matthew G. Pouliot (R-Augusta)	x	x	x	x	✓
Dwayne W. Prescott (R-Waterboro)	x	x	x	x	x
Lois Galgay Reckitt (D-South Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Roger E. Reed (R-Carmel)	x	x	x	x	x
Christina Riley (D-Jay)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Deane Rykerson (D-Kittery)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Heidi H. Sampson (R-Alfred)	x	x	x	x	x
Heather B. Sanborn (D-Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Deborah J. Sanderson (R-Chelsea)	⊗	⊗	x	x	x
John C. Schneck (D-Bangor)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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	LD 327	LD 274	LD 1259	LD 33	LD 366
Stedman H. Seavey (R-Kennebunkport)	x	x	x	x	x
Bettyann W. Sheats (D-Auburn)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Roger L. Sherman (R-Hodgdon)	✓	x	x	x	x
Abden S. Simmons (R-Waldoboro)	x	x	x	x	x
Heather W. Sirocki (R-Scarborough)	x	x	x	x	x
Thomas H. Skolfield (R-Weld)	x	x	x	x	x
John Alden Spear (D-Thomaston)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stephen S. Stanley (D-Medway)	x	✓	✓	✓	✓
Paul A. Stearns (R-Guilford)	x	x	x	x	⊗
Joel R. Stetkis (R-Canaan)	x	x	x	x	x
Harold "Trey" L. Steward, III (R-Presque Isle)	x	x	x	x	x
Scott Walter Strom (R-Pittsfield)	x	x	x	x	x
Paula G. Sutton (R-Warren)	x	x	x	x	x
Michael A. Sylvester (D-Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	⊗
Rachel Talbot Ross (D-Portland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Denise A. Tepler (D-Topsham)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maureen Fitzgerald Terry (D-Gorham)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Timothy S. Theriault (R-China)	x	x	x	x	⊗
Jeffrey L. Timberlake (R-Turner)	x	x	x	x	⊗
Ryan Tipping (D-Orono)	⊗	⊗	✓	✓	✓
Ralph L. Tucker (D-Brunswick)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
William R. Tuell (R-East Machias)	x	✓	x	x	x
Beth Peloquin Turner (R-Burlington)	x	x	x	x	x
Karen R. Vachon (R-Scarborough)	x	x	x	x	✓
Nathan J. Wadsworth (R-Hiram)	x	x	x	x	x
Raymond A. Wallace (R-Dexter)	x	x	x	x	x
Karleton S. Ward (R-Dedham)	x	x	x	x	x
Charlotte Warren (D-Hallowell)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dustin Michael White (R-Washburn)	x	x	x	x	x
Tom J. Winsor (R-Norway)	x	x	x	x	x
Stephen J. Wood (R-Greene)	x	x	x	x	x
Stanley Paige Zeigler Jr. (D-Montville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓ = Supported MWL Position	74	80	79	77	77
x = Opposed MWL Position	71	66	68	69	59
⊗ = Absent/Excused	6	5	4	5	15
Total	151	151	151	151	151