

# MPA Legislative Scorecard

## 122<sup>nd</sup> Legislature Second Session

### Heroes of the Second Session

#### Heroes in the House

##### House Members with 100% Rating

\* Based on the voting records from the second half of the 122nd legislative session:

Herb Adams	Arthur Lerman
Walter Ash	Jacqueline
Christopher Babbidge	Lundeen
Patricia Blanchette	Elaine Makas
John Brautigam	Lisa Marraché
Mark Bryant	Edward Mazurek
Margaret Craven	Elizabeth Miller
Timoth Driscoll	Jacqueline Norton
Robert Duchesne	Lillian Lafontaine
Ben Dudley	O'Brien
Robert Duplessie	Ross Paradis
John Eder	Leila Percy
Sean Faircloth	Hannah Pingree
Edward Finch	John Piotti
Charlie Harlow	John Tuttle
Deborah Hutton	William Walcott
	David Webster
	Walter Wheeler

Maine People's Alliance has always believed that voters should know how their representatives are voting on issues that affect their daily lives. Each session we choose issues of concern to all voters in Maine and put together a scorecard. Some of the chosen bills were selected by MPA members or staff, while other bills were priorities for allied or-

ganizations. The outcome of all these bills means a lot to the lives of all Mainers.

Through this process we capture both House and Senate votes and the actions of the Governor. There are many more bills that we could not capture but we urge readers to look up the voting record of your representative at <http://janus.state.me.us/legis/LawMakerWeb/search.asp>; you can find the outcome of



Representative John Brautigam

all bills submitted for the 122<sup>nd</sup> session through this site. We have not reported on many votes important to our allies here, but you can find more information on our allies' websites, links to which can be found at <http://www.mainepeoplesalliance.org/Allies.htm>.

In compiling our voting index, we select bills that have roll calls from issue areas that are important to our members such as health care, the environment, labor and civil rights. After identifying the particular votes that best reflect a legislator's position on these issues, we mark a "+" for votes that MPA sees as the right choice and a "-" for incorrect votes. Unless officially excused from a vote on the role call website, we consider missing a vote on an important issue to be an

incorrect choice. In some cases, legislators are officially excused but that information does not make it to the legislative roll call website. If your legislator did not receive a 100% score



Representative Mark Bryant

due to an absence, it is best to check with the Clerk of the House, Millicent MacFarland (207-287-1400) or the Secretary of the Senate, Joy O'Brien (207-287-1540). They will know if the excused absence for that particular vote was translated to the roll call website.

It is important to note that not all bills have a floor vote or roll call. A legislator or senator must request a roll call and a fifth of the body must agree. It is rare that a roll call is requested and denied but many votes go by without the request. Some very important legislation never makes it to a role call or is voted down in one legislative branch, eliminating the need for a roll call in the other branch. There may be a House roll call on a bill and no recorded Senate vote on the very same bill, or vice-a-versa. SC 659 & SC 660 reflect an example of this—since the senate is the only legislative branch that can override a confirmation, no roll call can be found in the House.

#### Heroes in the Senate

##### State Senators with 100% Rating

\* Based on the voting records from the second half of the 122nd legislative session:

Phil Bartlett	Elizabeth Mitchell
Michael Brennan	Peggy Rotundo
Bruce Bryant	Ethan Strimling
Beth Edmonds	

While all of our legislative heroes stand out for their impressive MPA voting records, we want to single out a few for their outstanding contributions during this session. Representative Mark Bryant sponsored the bill that would have brought



Representative Deborah Hutton

DirigoChoice out from under Anthem's control by establishing Dirigo as a self-insured entity. Representative John Brautigam did an amazing job on the Insurance and Financial Services committee and voting on the floor. Representative Deborah Hutton has been a tireless worker on behalf of real Maine working families. She has just finished her final term and will be missed in the halls; we wish her well in her next endeavor.

## Legislative Hero: Senator Phil Bartlett

Recipient of this year's legislative Rising Tide Award at MPA's annual awards dinner, Senator Phil Bartlett worked tirelessly this year for the issues important to MPA. We recognize Senator Bartlett as one of this session's heroes.

Phil Bartlett was elected to the Maine Senate in 2004 by the voters of Gorham, Scarborough and Westbrook. In the Legislature, he serves as Chair of the Utilities and Energy Committee, a member of the Labor Committee and a member of the Government Oversight Committee.

Phil grew up in Gorham and attended the public schools there. He was actively involved in scouting throughout his youth, steadily working his way from Cub Scout to Eagle Scout. Scouting provided opportunities to visit the State House and meet the governor, to go camping on a regular basis, and most importantly, to learn the value of community service and civic leadership.

In high school, Phil was an avid debater and tennis player, and he served as class president during his senior year. He honed his debating skills by discussing public policy issues with anyone who would humor him.

After graduating from Gorham High School in 1994, Phil went on to Tufts University. At Tufts, he majored in economics and political science, but most importantly, he met his wife, Susan. After graduating in 1998, Phil and Susan were married in Maine.

Phil spent the next three years at Harvard Law School. His love of economics and public policy led him to join the Harvard Journal on Legislation, for which he eventually served as President, and to teach introductory economics to Harvard undergraduates. He also obtained a fellowship to write a law and economics paper on incentives created by certain employment law statutes.

After graduating from Harvard in 2001, Phil was admitted to practice law in Maine and Massachusetts. He moved back to Gorham and spent the next year clerking for Chief Justice Leigh Saufley of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. Back home, Phil began writing for his local newspaper, the Gorham Times. He serves as president of the Gorham Historical Society as well as president of the Baxter Memorial Library Association. He also serves on the boards of the Gorham-Sebago Lake Regional Land

Trust and the Adult Education Advisory Board.

Phil has been appointed by the Gorham Town Council to serve on the board of the Gorham Economic Development Corporation and on the Recreation Advisory Board. In 2005, he was appointed by the Cumberland County Commissioners to serve on the county's Human Services Advisory Committee.

#### Legislative accomplishments include:

- Led efforts to promote renewable energy, improve energy efficiency and conservation efforts, and lower energy costs for Maine consumers;
- Chaired the Study Commission Regarding Livable Wages to explore ways to enable every Mainer to earn a livable wage;
- Helped lead the battle in the Senate to oppose LD 1481, which proposed to severely restrict the ability of citizens to challenge permits issued by their municipalities;
- Helped lead the battle in the Senate to enact an increase in the minimum wage;

- Introduced legislation to require that patients be informed when vaccines administered to them or their children contain mercury;
- Introduced legislation to require mandatory training for law enforcement officers in dealing with individuals with developmental disabilities—this effort led to the incorporation of this training into the Criminal Justice Academy's curriculum;
- Co-sponsored legislation to require lobbyists and other interested parties to disclose to legislative committees whom they are being paid to represent;
- Co-sponsored legislation to prohibit the sale or dissemination of cell phone records;
- Supported Maine's newest civil rights law and volunteered on the Maine Won't Discriminate Campaign to defend it;
- Supported Dirigo Health and defended it against relentless legislative efforts to destroy it.



Senator Phil Bartlett

# MPA Voting Index - The House

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119	HERBERT C. ADAMS of Portland	D	100%	88%	100%	\	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
26	JAMES D. ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft	R	0%	13%	17%	28%	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	WALTER ASH of Belfast	D	100%	88%	81%	92%	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
109	SUSAN M. AUSTIN of Gray	R	13%	0%	4%	\	\	\	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
141	CHRISTOPHER W. BABBIDGE of Kennebunk	D	100%	88%	\	\	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
129	CHRISTOPHER R. BARSTOW of Gorham	D	88%	63%	85%	\	\	\	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
136	STEPHEN R. BEAUDETTE of Biddeford	D	63%	88%	\	\	\	\	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+
104	ROBERT A. BERUBE of Lisbon	R	0%	0%	0%	\	\	\	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-
34	L. EARL BIERMAN of Sorrento	R	0%	0%	12%	\	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
61	GEORGE R. BISHOP of Boothbay	R	0%	13%	\	\	\	\	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-
14	RICHARD D. BLANCHARD of Old Town	D	88%	75%	\	\	\	\	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
16	PATRICIA A. BLANCHETTE of Bangor	D	100%	50%	96%	79%	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
122	LAWRENCE S. BLISS of South Portland	D	88%	88%	91%	90%	\	\	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
46	STEPHEN L. BOWEN of Rockport	R	0%	13%	19%	\	\	\	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-
142	DAVID E. BOWLES of Sanford	R	0%	0%	0%	13%	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
117	JOSEPH P. BRANNIGAN of Portland	D	88%	88%	93%	85%	\	\	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
113	JOHN R. BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth	D	100%	100%	\	\	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
146	RICHARD B. BROWN of South Berwick	R	38%	25%	36%	\	\	\	+	+	+	-	X	X	-	-
58	WILLIAM P. BROWNE of Vassalboro	R	0%	13%	21%	\	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
110	MARK E. BRYANT of Windham	D	100%	88%	\	\	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
96	JOAN BRYANT-DESCHENES of Turner	R	0%	0%	0%	\	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
145	RICHARD J. BURNS of Berwick	D	88%	75%	\	\	\	\	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
19	EMILY ANN CAIN of Orono	D	88%	100%	\	\	\	\	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+
138	JAMES J. CAMPBELL of Newfield	R	50%	25%	38%	\	\	\	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
76	MARILYN E. CANAVAN of Waterville	D	88%	100%	96%	100%	\	\	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+
12	RODERICK W. CARR of Lincoln	R	13%	0%	23%	23%	\	\	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
101	RICHARD M. CEBRA of Naples	R	0%	0%	\	\	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	JOHN W. CHURCHILL of Washburn	R	0%	0%	12%	\	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	HERBERT E. CLARK of Millinocket	D	88%	88%	\	\	\	\	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
128	HAROLD A. CLOUGH of Scarborough	R	0%	0%	4%	11%	\	\	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-
147	RONALD F. COLLINS of Wells	R	25%	0%	13%	11%	\	\	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
74	MARGARET M. CRAVEN of Lewiston	D	100%	100%	100%	\	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
99	PHILIP A. CRESSEY of Cornish	R	13%	0%	0%	17%	\	\	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
60	CHARLES EARL CROSBY of Topsham	D	25%	63%	\	\	\	\	X	+	-	+	-	-	X	-
38	ROBERT H. CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth	R	0%	0%	0%	\	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
115	GLENN A. CUMMINGS of Portland	D	75%	88%	96%	100%	\	\	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	X
127	DARLENE J. CURLEY of Scarborough	R	63%	25%	8%	\	\	\	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
86	PHILIP A. CURTIS of Madison	R	0%	0%	\	\	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
140	ROBERT A. DAIGLE of Arundel	R	0%	13%	8%	11%	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
112	GERALD M. DAVIS of Falmouth	R	25%	25%	19%	38%	\	\	-	+	X	+	-	-	-	-
56	KIMBERLY J. DAVIS of Augusta	R	13%	13%	\	\	\	\	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
126	TIMOTHY E. DRISCOLL of Westbrook	D	100%	75%	\	\	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
13	ROBERT S. DUCHESNE of Hudson	D	100%	88%	\	\	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
120	BENJAMIN F. DUDLEY of Portland	D	100%	100%	100%	100%	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
33	EDWARD R. DUGAY of Cherryfield	D	50%	75%	41%	48%	\	\	+	+	-	X	X	X	+	+
18	MICHAEL EDWARD DUNN of Bangor	D	88%	88%	\	\	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+
125	ROBERT W. DUPLESSIE of Westbrook	D	100%	100%	100%	100%	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
39	BRIAN M. DUPREY of Hampden	R	0%	13%	0%	7%	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
123	JANE E. EBERLE of South Portland	D	88%	88%	\	\	\	\	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
118	JOHN M. EDER of Portland	G	100%	88%	100%	\	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
4	PETER EDGECOMB of Caribou	R	0%	0%	\	\	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	HAROLD IAN EMERY of Cutler	R	0%	0%	\	\	\	\	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-
17	SEAN F. FAIRCLOTH of Bangor	D	100%	100%	100%	\	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
130	DAVID W. FARRINGTON of Gorham	D	88%	88%	\	\	\	\	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+
84	EDWARD D. FINCH of Fairfield	D	100%	75%	72%	\	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
5	JEREMY FISCHER of Presque Isle	D	63%	88%	72%	\	\	\	+	X	-	-	+	+	+	+
21	CHARLES D. FISHER of Brewer	D	75%	88%	\	86%	\	\	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	+
29	STACEY ALLEN FITTS of Pittsfield	R	0%	0%	\	\	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54	KENNETH C. FLETCHER of Winslow	R	25%	0%	4%	\	\	\	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
82	PATRICK S. A. FLOOD of Winthrop	R	13%	25%	\	\	\	\	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
66	STANLEY J. GERZOFSKY of Brunswick	D	88%	100%	100%	100%	\	\	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
124	KEVIN J. GLYNN OF South Portland	R	50%	0%	28%	7%	\	\	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
121	CONSTANCE D. GOLDMAN of Cape Elizabeth	D	88%	88%	\	\	\	\	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
22	CHRISTIAN D. GREELEY of Levant	R	13%	0%	12%	\	\	\	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	-
68	CAROL ANN GROSE of Woolwich	D	88%	88%	91%	\	\	\	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
20	DARREN M. HALL of Holden	R	0%	0%	\	\	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100	JAMES M. HAMPER of Oxford	R	0%	0%	\	\	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
94	BRUCE Q. HANLEY of Gardiner	D	88%	63%	\	\	\	\	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
59	STEPHEN P. HANLEY of Paris	R	0%	0%	\	\	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
116	C. WILLIAM HARLOW of Portland	D	100%	75%	\	\	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
132	C.S WILLIAM HOGAN, SR. of Old Orchard Beach	D	75%	88%	\	\	\	\	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	+
93	RANDY E. HOTHAM of Dixfield	R	25%	13%	34%	\	\	\	+	-	+	-	X	-	-	-
67	DEBORAH J. HUTTON of Bowdoinham	D	100%	100%	93%	100%	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
1	TROY D. JACKSON of Fort Kent	D	88%	75%	89%	\	\	\	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+
139	LAWRENCE E. JACOBSEN of Waterboro	R	0%	0%	13%	\	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
81	RODNEY C. JENNINGS of Leeds	D	75%	88%	68%	\	\	\	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	X

More information on any of the following bills and the specific roll calls can be obtained by going to <http://janus.state.me.us/legis/lawMakerWeb/search.asp>. From this site, you can enter any of the LD numbers and search the text of the bills, the amendments and any roll call votes.

**LD 235 RC 484 “An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage”**

Sponsored by Representative John Tuttle, this bill increases the minimum wage in Maine to \$7.00 an hour over a 2-year period. This bill passed in the House with a vote of 73 to 70 with 8 absent. MPA supported the legislation, which was signed by the Governor on April 13, 2006 (Public Law, Chapter 578).

**LD 1021 RC 584 “An Act to Implement Task Force Recommendations Relating to Parity and Portability of Benefits for Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters”**

Introduced by Representative Robert Duplessie, this bill allows retired county or municipal law enforcement officers and retired municipal firefighters to enroll in a group health plan. The bill passed in the House by a vote of 72 to 71 with 8 absent. MPA supported the bill, which was signed into law by the

Governor on May 24, 2006 (Public Law, Chapter 636).

**LD 1481 RC 560 “An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Enactment Procedures for Ordinances”**

Sponsored by Senator Lynn Bromley, this bill limits citizens’ ability to have a voice in the planning decisions of their municipality by changing the procedures through which citizens can change municipal ordinances and reverse the planning decisions of their elected officials by holding a citizen’s referendum. The bill, which MPA opposed, passed in the House by a vote of 75 to 66 with 10 absent. The bill passed in the Senate, but died when the Governor chose not to sign it.

**LD 1727 RC 521 “An Act to Extend the Lobbyist Reporting Requirements to Executive Branch Lobbying Activities”**

Sponsored by Representative Marilyn Canavan, this bill would have extended the definition of “lobbying” under the current lobbyist disclosure laws to ensure that all the reporting and disclosure requirements currently in place for individuals who lobby officials in the legislative branch and Governor would also apply to individuals who lobby any official in the executive branch

of State Government. The bill, which MPA supported, failed in the House by a vote of 58 to 80 with 13 absent.

**LD 1769 RC 439 “An Act to Strengthen the State Purchasing Code of Conduct Laws”**

Sponsored by Senator Margaret Rotundo, this bill gives Maine’s Division of Purchases authority to ensure that taxpayer dollars do not subsidize sweatshop labor and gives workers at factories making apparel, footwear, and textiles for the State of Maine the ability to file complaints against a supplier or contractor who fails to meet appropriate labor standards. The bill passed in the House by a vote of 77 to 60 with 14 absent. MPA supported the bill, which was signed by the Governor on April 7, 2006 (Public Law, Chapter 554).

**LD 1822 RC 460 “An Act To Require the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Produce a Register of All Registered Lobbyists”**

Sponsored by Representative Marilyn Canavan, this bill requires the Ethics Commission to produce a Register of lobbyists working in Maine that will be accessible to the public and indexed by both lobbyist names and the names of

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9	HENRY L. JOY of Crystal	R	0%	0%	0%	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	JEFFERY H. KAELIN of Winterport	R	0%	25%	27%	\	-	-	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-
35	THEODORE S. KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor	D	75%	75%	91%	83%	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
75	SCOTT E. LANSLEY of Sabattus	R	0%	0%	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
57	ARTHUR L. LERMAN of Augusta	D	100%	100%	95%	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
148	SARAH O. LEWIN of Eliot	R	0%	0%	0%	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	R. KENNETH LINDELL of Frankfort	R	13%	0%	\	\	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
6	JACQUELINE A. LUNDEEN of Mars Hill	D	100%	63%	63%	92%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
71	ELAINE C. MAKAS of Lewiston	D	100%	75%	100%	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
131	DONALD G. MAREAN of Hollis	R	0%	0%	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
114	BOYD P. MARLEY of Portland	D	75%	100%	93%	100%	+	X	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	+
77	LISA T. MARRACHÉ of Waterville	D	100%	50%	61%	60%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
47	EDWARD J. MAZUREK of Rockland	D	100%	88%	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
79	EARLE L. McCORMICK of West Gardiner	R	13%	0%	13%	\	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	HOWARD E. McFADDEN of Dennysville	R	0%	0%	\	\	-	X	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	-
51	JONATHAN B. McKANE of Newcastle	R	25%	0%	\	\	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
108	TERRENCE P. McKENNEY of Cumberland	R	0%	0%	6%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	EVERETT McLEOD of Lee	R	13%	0%	\	\	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	BARBARA E. MERRILL of Appleton	U	63%	63%	\	\	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
52	ELAZABETH S. MILLER of Somerville	D	100%	100%	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
95	H. SWAIN MILLETT, JR. of Waterford	R	0%	0%	16%	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
89	JANET T. MILLS of Farmington	D	50%	75%	72%	\	-	-	-	+	X	+	+	+	-	+
83	STANLEY A. MOODY of Manchester	D	63%	88%	66%	\	-	X	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
102	GARY W. MOORE of Standish	R	13%	25%	21%	\	X	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X
149	BRADLEY S. MOULTON of York	R	0%	13%	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
97	ROBERTA M. MUSE of Fryeburg	R	13%	13%	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
144	JOAN M. NASS of Acton	R	0%	0%	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	JACQUELINE R. NORTON of Bangor	D	100%	88%	100%	96%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
78	ROBERT W. NUTTING of Oakland	R	0%	0%	0%	25%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
73	LILLIAN LAFONTAINE O'BRIEN of Lewiston	D	100%	88%	93%	84%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
150	DAVID N. OTT of York	R	13%	0%	\	\	-	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	-
2	ROSAIRE PARADIS, JR. of Frenchville	D	100%	100%	100%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
92	JOHN L. PATRICK of Rumford	D	63%	100%	100%	100%	+	-	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	+
64	LEILA JANE PERCY of Phippsburg	D	100%	100%	96%	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
31	ANN C. PERRY of Calais	D	88%	88%	59%	\	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
133	DONALD E. PILON of Saco	D	88%	88%	\	\	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
87	RAYMOND G. PINEAU of Jay	D	75%	100%	100%	96%	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	X
36	HANNAH M. PINGREE of North Haven	D	100%	100%	96%	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
88	WRIGHT H. PINKHAM of Lexington Township	R	0%	0%	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	JOHN F. PIOTTI of Unity	D	100%	75%	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
111	GARY E. PLUMMER of Windham	R	0%	0%	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	CHRISTOPHER RECTOR of Thomaston	R	25%	25%	34%	\	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
27	EARL E. RICHARDSON of Greenville	R	13%	88%	4%	\	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
63	JOHN G. RICHARDSON of Brunswick	D	88%	0%	85%	86%	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+
85	MAITLAND E. RICHARDSON of Skowhegan	R	0%	13%	0%	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	DAVID E. RICHARDSON of Carmel	R	0%	0%	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	WESLEY E. RICHARDSON of Warren	R	0%	0%	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
53	PETER L. RINES of Wiscasset	D	75%	88%	83%	88%	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	+
103	JOHN C. ROBINSON of Raymond	R	13%	0%	\	\	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	KIMBERLY C. ROSEN of Bucksport	R	13%	25%	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
70	SONYA J. SAMPSON of Auburn	D	50%	88%	91%	\	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	X	+	+
90	THOMAS B. SAVIELLO of Wilton	U	25%	25%	78%	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
37	JAMES M. SCHATZ of Blue Hill	D	75%	88%	\	\	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+
137	H. STEDMAN SEAVEY of Kennebunkport	R	0%	0%	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	ROGER L. SHERMAN of Hodgdon	R	0%	0%	8%	25%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
68	THOMAS F. SHIELDS of Auburn	R	0%	0%	0%	7%	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
69	DEBORAH L. PELLETIER-SIMPSON of Auburn	D	88%	100%	100%	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+
80	NANCY E. SMITH of Monmouth	D	88%	75%	95%	\	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
3	WILLIAM J. SMITH of Van Buren	D	88%	100%	80%	92%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
28	VAUGHN A. STEDMAN of Hartland	R	0%	0%	\	17%	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X
86	RICHAED M. SYKES of Harrison	R	0%	0%	8%	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
381	JOSHUA A. TARDY of Newport	R	0%	0%	24%	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	DOUGLAS A. THOMAS of Ripley	R	0%	0%	\	\	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-
55	JUDD D. THOMPSON of China	D	88%	88%	91%	\	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
50	A. DAVID TRAHAN of Waldoboro	R	38%	13%	51%	40%	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
143	JOHN L. TUTTLE, JR. of Sanford	D	100%	75%	\	75%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
135	JOANNE T. TWOMEY of Biddeford	D	88%	88%	96%	100%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
134	LINDA M. VALENTINO of Saco	D	88%	88%	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
105	MICHAEL A. VAUGHAN of Durham	R	25%	0%	4%	\	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
72	WILLIAM R. WALCOTT of Lewiston	D	100%	100%	89%	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
62	THOMAS R. WATSON of Bath	D	88%	88%	93%	\	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+
106	DAVID C. WEBSTER of Freeport	D	100%	88%	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
151	WALTER A. WHEELER of Kittery	D	100%	88%	82%	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
107	RICHARD G. WOODBURY of Yarmouth	U	38%	75%	65%	\	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	X	-	+

those persons and organizations employing lobbyists. The registry is to include information about the compensation received by lobbyists and the basis upon which lobbyists charge for services. The bill passed in the House by a vote of 72 to 67 with 12 absent. MPA supported this bill, which was signed into law by the Governor on May 1, 2006 (Public Law, Chapter 613).

**LD 1845 RC 582 "An Act To Increase Access to Health Insurance Products"**

Sponsored by Representative Mark Bryant in the House and Senator Bruce Bryant in the Senate, this bill would have allowed the Board of Directors of Dirigo Health to cancel or not renew its contract with the provider of health insurance to DirigoChoice enrollees. In the event of cancellation or nonrenewal by either the private insurance carrier or the board, the board would have been authorized to expand an existing public plan or establish an alternative organizational structure to provide health insurance coverage to enrollees, rather than be required to seek another private insurer to administer the plan. The roll call vote was 73 to 73 with 5 absent and failed for lack of a simple majority.

**LD 1945 "An Act To Establish a High-risk Health Insurance Pool"**

Sponsored by Representative Joshua Tardy, this bill would have required the Bureau of Insurance to apply for federal funds that Congress is offering states to create high-risk insurance pools. It would have repealed the requirement of guaranteed issue (the requirement that an insurer or health plan accept everyone that applies for coverage and guarantee renewal as long as the premium is paid) for individual health insurance. The House voted to accept the Minority Ought to Pass as Amended Report by a vote of 74 to 72 with 5 absent. The bill, which MPA opposed, was ruled as not properly before the Senate (as having been introduced earlier in the session and defeated) and was killed.

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- E EXCUSED Absence did not count against the legislator due to conflict of interest, written medical excuse or away on official legislative business
- \* Votes cast in previous House or Senate term
- \ Indicates the legislator did not hold office at that time.

# MPA Voting Index - The Senate

DIST	MEMBER	PARTY	122ND 2nd	122nd 1st	121st	120th	LD235	LD 1021	LD1481	LD1727	LD1769	LD1845	LD1945	SC659	SC660
1	MARY A. ANDREWS of York	R	11%	17%	15%*	21%*	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	PHILIP BARTLETT of Cumberland	D	100%	100%	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
9	MICHAEL BRENNAN of Cumberland	D	100%	100%	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
7	LYNN BROMLEY of Cumberland	D	78%	83%	100%	95%	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
14	BRUCE BRYANT of Oxford	D	100%	83%	100%	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
34	DEAN CLUKEY of Aroostook	R	22%	17%	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
3	JONATHAN COURTNEY of York	R	0%	33%	0%*	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	SCOTT COWGER of Kennebec	D	89%	83%	80%*	85%*	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
28	DENNIS DAMON of Hancock	D	89%	100%	100%	\	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
27	PAUL DAVIS, SR of Piscataquis	R	0%	0%	7%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	BILL DIAMOND OF Cumberland	D	89%	67%	\	\	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
20	DANA DOW of Lincoln	R	11%	50%	\	\	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	BETHEDA EDMONDS of Cumberland	D	100%	100%	100%	95%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
25	KENNETH GAGNON of Kennebec	D	89%	100%	89%	90%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
13	DAVID HASTINGS of Oxford	R	0%	33%	\	\	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	BARRY HOBBS of York	D	78%	100%	\	\	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
35	JOHN MARTIN of Aroostook	D	89%	100%	95%	\	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
19	ARTHUR MAYO, III of Sagadahoc	D	89%	100%	57%	60%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
26	S. PETER MILLS of Somerset	R	0%	33%	53%*	20%	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	ELIZABETH MITCHELL of Kennebec	D	100%	100%	\	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
2	RICHARD NASS of York	R	0%	0%	7%	23%*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	JOHN NUTTING of Androscoggin	D	67%	83%	\	\	+	X	-	+	+	X	+	+	+
32	JOSEPH PERRY of Penobscot	D	89%	83%	61%*	90%*	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
33	DEBRA PLOWMAN of Penobscot	R	11%	33%	\	\	-	+	-	-	X	-	-	-	-
29	KEVIN RAYE of Washington	R	11%	50%	\	\	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
31	RICHARD ROSEN of Hancock	R	11%	33%	23%*	13%*	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
16	PEGGY ROTUNDO of Androscoggin	D	100%	100%	93%	85%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
22	CHRISTINE SAVAGE of Knox	R	0%	17%	7%	0%	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-
30	ELIZABETH SCHEIDER of Penobscot	D	67%	100%	\	\	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+
15	LOIS SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin	R	0%	17%	0%*	21%*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	ETHAN STRIMLING of Cumberland	D	100%	100%	100%	\	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
4	NANCY SULLIVAN of York	D	89%	100%	72%*	73%*	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
11	KARL TURNER of Cumberland	R	0%	33%	26%	10%	-	E	E	-	-	E	-	-	-
23	CAROL WESTON of Waldo	R	0%	17%	7%	13%*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	CHANDLER WOODCOCK of Franklin	R	0%	17%	18%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

More information on any of the following bills and the specific roll calls can be obtained by going to <http://janus.state.me.us/legis/lawMakerWeb/search.asp>. From this site, you can enter any of the LD numbers and search the text of the bills, the amendments and any roll call votes.

**LD 235 RC 416 "An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage"**

Sponsored by Representative John Tuttle, this bill increases the minimum wage in Maine to \$7.00 an hour over a 2-year period. This bill passed in the Senate with a vote of 19 to 15 with 1 absent. MPA supported the legislation, which was signed by the Governor on April 13, 2006 (Public Law, Chapter 578).

**LD 1021 RC 584 "An Act to Implement Task Force Recommendations Relating to Parity and Portability of Benefits for Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters"**

Introduced by Representative Robert Duplessie, this bill allows retired county or municipal law enforcement officers and retired municipal firefighters to enroll in a group health plan. The bill passed in the Senate by a vote of 20 to 13 with 1 excused and 1 absent. MPA supported the bill, which was signed into law by the Governor on May 24, 2006 (Public Law, Chapter 636).

**LD 1481 RC 486 "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Enforcement Procedures for Ordinances"**

Sponsored by Senator Lynn Bromley, this bill limits citizens' ability to have a voice in the planning decisions

of their municipality by changing the procedures through which citizens can change municipal ordinances and reverse the planning decisions of their elected officials by holding a citizen's referendum. The bill, which MPA opposed, passed in the Senate by a vote of 21 to 12 with one excused and 1 absent. The bill, which also passed in the House, died when the Governor chose not to sign it.

**LD 1727 RC 418 "An Act to Extend the Lobbyist Reporting Requirements to Executive Branch Lobbying Activities"**

Sponsored by Representative Marilyn Canavan, this bill would have extended the definition of "lobbying" under the current lobbyist disclosure laws to ensure that all the reporting and disclosure requirements currently in place for individuals who lobby officials in the legislative branch and Governor would also apply to individuals who lobby any official in the executive branch of State Government. The bill, supported by MPA, was voted ought not to pass in the Senate by a vote of 21 to 13 with 1 absent.

**LD 1769 RC 333 "An Act to Strengthen the State Purchasing Code of Conduct Laws"**

Sponsored by Senator Margaret Rotundo, this bill gives Maine's Division of Purchases authority to ensure that taxpayer dollars do not subsidize sweatshop labor and gives workers at factories making apparel, footwear, and textiles for the State of Maine the ability to file complaints against a supplier or contractor who fails to meet appropriate labor standards. The bill passed in the Senate by a vote of 21 to 13 with 1 absent. MPA supported the bill, which

was signed by the Governor on April 7, 2006 (Public Law, Chapter 554).

**LD 1845 RC 496 "An Act To Increase Access to Health Insurance Products"**

Sponsored by Representative Mark Bryant in the House and Senator Bruce Bryant in the Senate, this bill would have allowed the Board of Directors of Dirigo Health to cancel or not renew its contract with the provider of health insurance to DirigoChoice enrollees. In the event of cancellation or nonrenewal by either the private insurance carrier or the board, the board would have been authorized to expand an existing public plan or establish an alternative organizational structure to provide health insurance coverage to enrollees, rather than be required to seek another private insurer to administer the plan. The bill, which MPA supported, was defeated in the Senate by a vote of 17 to 16 with 1 excused and 1 absent. The House then indefinitely postponed the Bill rendering it dead.

**LD 1945 RC 433 "An Act To Establish a High-risk Health Insurance Pool"**

Sponsored by Representative Joshua Tardy, this bill would have required the Bureau of Insurance to apply for federal funds that Congress is offering states to create high-risk insurance pools. It would have repealed the requirement of guaranteed issue (the requirement that an insurer or health plan accept everyone that applies for coverage and guarantee renewal as long as the premium is paid) for individual health insurance. The bill passed in the House. In the Senate, a parliamentary inquiry was posed

asking if the bill, which had been defeated earlier in the legislative session under a different title, was properly before the body. After consideration of the inquiry, the bill was ruled properly before the Senate, but an appeal of that ruling, which passed by a vote of 19 to 16, reversed the ruling and rendered the bill dead. MPA opposed this bill.

**SC 659 RC 453 "Confirmation of Ned McCann to the Dirigo Board"**

Nominated to the Board by Governor Baldacci and on the recommendation of the Insurance and Finance Committee, the Senate vote was on whether to override confirmation. By a vote of 15 yeas to 20 nays, override of the confirmation failed and, supported by MPA, Mr. McCann's appointment to the Dirigo Board was confirmed.

**SC 660 RC 454 "Confirmation of Jonathan Beal to the Dirigo Board"**

Nominated to the Board by Governor Baldacci and on the recommendation of the Insurance and Finance Committee, the Senate vote was on whether to override confirmation. By a vote of 15 yeas to 20 nays, override of the confirmation failed and, supported by MPA, Mr. Beal's appointment to the Dirigo Board was confirmed.

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John E Baldacci	D	100%	100%	100%	\	+	+	+	+	+	+

As well as earning a 100% scorecard this year, Governor Baldacci signed two very important Executive Orders. The first, signed in February, promotes safer chemicals in consumer products. The second, signed in May, creates the Dirigo Health Blue Ribbon Commission, whose fifteen members will be announced on June 15<sup>th</sup>. MPA is confident that consumers will be well represented on the Commission.

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**LD 1792 "An Act To Protect Maine Families and the Environment by Improving the Collection and Recycling of Mercury Thermostats"**

This bill requires that beginning January 1, 2007, manufacturers selling thermostats containing mercury in the state pay a minimum of \$5 for each mercury thermostat brought to a state-approved collection site. This bill also requires the manufacturers to report annually to the Department of Environmental Protection on the results of the thermostat collection and recycling efforts. MPA supported the bill, which was signed by the Governor on April 10, 2006 (Public Law, Chapter 558).

**LD 1822 "An Act To Require the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Produce a Register of All Registered Lobbyists"**

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