

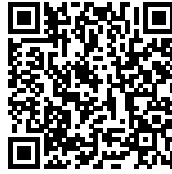


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This legislator voted constitutionally on **17%** of the votes shown below.

★ Pro-liberty      ✗ Anti-liberty      ? Did not Vote      **Vote**


**1. HP1448 Con-Con (Rejected 40 to 97 on 3/6/2024).** Applies to Congress for an Article V convention to establish term limits and address campaign finance reform. **No** 

**2. LD616 Abortion (Passed 79 to 66 on 6/20/2023).** Ensures that medical malpractice insurers in Maine cannot penalize healthcare professionals who offer reproductive health services solely because they face disciplinary actions in another state for providing those services. **Yes** 

**3. LD1376 Minimum Wage (Passed 71 to 70 on 6/12/2023).** Increases the state minimum wage of \$15 per hour. **Yes** 

**4. LD1703 Equal Pay (Passed 112 to 20 on 6/6/2023).** Amends the Maine Equal Pay Law by prohibiting pay discrimination based on race. **Yes** 

**5. LD1101 Energy Scoring System (Passed 70 to 67 on 6/8/2023).** Creates a home energy scoring system to evaluate residential building energy efficiency, estimating energy use and costs, suggesting improvements, and aligning with the US Department of Energy's standards. **Yes** 

**6. LD535 Hormone Therapy for Minors (Passed 71 to 65 on 6/27/2023).** Outlines the process by which minors, aged 16 and above, can provide informed consent for "gender-affirming" hormone therapy without parental or guardian consent. **Yes** 



## MAINE LEGISLATIVE **SCORECARD** BASED ON THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

**Rep. Walter Runte**

**ME Scorecard 2023**

**Lifetime Score: 17%**

**2023-2024 Regular Session Score 17%**

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U.S. Constitution, Amendment I --- 11 C.F.R. §114(4)(c)(4) --- 616 F.2d 45 (2d Cir. 1980)

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# Bill Descriptions for the Votes that Affect You

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## 1. Con-Con

HP1448 applies to Congress for an Article V convention to establish term limits and address campaign finance reform.

The Main State House of Representatives rejected H1448 on March 6, 2024 by a vote of 40 to 97. We have assigned pluses to the nays because a so-called “Convention of the States” would not be of “limited” purpose. The vague and contradictory text contained in this joint resolution dangerously permits what Article V of the U.S. Constitution describes as a “convention for proposing amendments”. Notably, Article V of the U.S. Constitution was designed to correct structural deficiencies in the federal government, not the behavior of its elected officials. HP1448 should be opposed in favor of less risky, more precise, and immediate solutions that would restore power back to the states and to the people, such as clear-cut proposals in Congress to repeal bad amendments or state nullification of specific unauthorized federal laws.

## 2. Abortion

LD616 ensures that medical malpractice insurers in Maine cannot penalize healthcare professionals who offer reproductive health services solely because they face disciplinary actions in another state for providing those services.

The Maine State House of Representatives passed LD616 on June 20, 2023. Maine should act to ban abortion, which disregards the unalienable right to life endowed by God to every person. States have a duty to not only secure this most sacred right, as guaranteed by both the 5th and 14th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution, but to also reject the notion that “health care” is in any manner the legitimate object of government.

## 3. Minimum Wage

LD1376 increases the state minimum wage of \$15 per hour.

The Maine House of Representatives passed LD1376 on June 12, 2023 by a vote of 71 to 70. We have assigned pluses to the nays because minimum wage laws are anti-constitutional acts of government-imposed theft that violate the right to freedom of contract between employers and employees. They go against free-market principles and disparage the principles of both the 5th and 14th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution, which were intended to protect “private property” and guarantee “equal protection of the laws” for all Americans.

## 4. Equal Pay

LD1703 modifies the Maine Equal Pay Law to stipulate that within the same establishment, employers cannot differentiate between employees based on race by offering lower wages to any employee for a particular job within the state if the requirements for skill, effort, and responsibility are comparable to those of another race.

The Maine State House of Representatives passed LD1703 on June 6, 2023 by a vote of 112 to 20. We have assigned pluses to the nays because equal pay for equal work is a liberal talking point and businesses should be paying their employees based on experience and performance or however they see fit. The government should not be telling businesses how they should be compensating their employees. That is done naturally by the free market.

## 5. Energy Scoring System

LD1101 creates a home energy scoring system to evaluate residential building energy efficiency, estimating energy use and costs, suggesting improvements, and aligning with the US Department of Energy's standards. Recipients can voluntarily report their scores to the trust, which maintains a database of these scores.

The Maine State House of Representatives passed LD1101 on June 8, 2023 by a vote of 71 to 65. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this is a ridiculous expansion of government and invasion of privacy. This legislation violates the fourth amendment which ensures, "the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures." Additionally, this legislation aligns with the goals outlined in Agenda 2030.

## 6. Hormone Therapy for Minors

LD535 outlines the process by which minors, aged 16 and above, can provide informed consent for "gender-affirming" hormone therapy without parental or guardian consent.

The Maine State House of Representatives passed LD535 on June 27, 2023 by a vote of 71 to 65. We have assigned pluses to the nays because Marxists and Leftists are pushing their woke agenda — telling everyone that one can choose their own gender and decide what their pronouns are. They are pushing this on younger generations, which is pure indoctrination. Additionally, 16 and 17 year olds, are not old enough to consent.