



# Concerned Women for America of Maine *News Report*

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## Maine Legislation:

**L.D. #903**, “An Act to Protect Rights and Privileges Granted under the United States Constitution and the Constitution of Maine.” Sponsor: Rep. Heidi Sampson (R-Alfred). This bill will prohibit Sharia or any other law from being practiced in Maine courts in the interest of protecting American citizens’ constitutional rights. *Status:* In the Committee on Judiciary. *Take Action:* Contact the [members on the committee](#) and ask them to vote “YES” on L.D.#903.

**L.D. #745**, “An Act To Prohibit Female Genital Mutilation.” Sponsor: Rep. Heather Sirocki (R-Scarborough). This bill makes it a Class B crime to perform female genital mutilation on a female person under 18 years of age for nonmedical purposes. *Status:* In the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. *Take Action:* Contact the [members of the committee](#), and ask them to vote “YES” on L.D. #745

**L.D. #366**, “An Act To Ensure Compliance with Federal Immigration Law by State and Local Government Entities.” Sponsor: Rep. Lawrence Lockman (R-Amherst) . This bill establishes prohibitions concerning restricting the sharing and use of immigration and citizenship information. It prohibits restricting the enforcement of federal immigration law. It authorizes law enforcement agencies to transport aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States to a federal facility. It establishes a complaint process, a private right of action and a duty to report. *Status:* In the Committee on Judiciary. *Take Action:* Contact the [members of the committee](#), and ask them to vote “YES” on L.D. #366

**L.D. #327**, “An Act To Allow a Wrongful Death Cause of Action for the Death of a Viable Fetus.” Sponsor: Rep. Eleanor Espling (R-New Gloucester). This bill provides for a cause of action for the wrongful death of an unborn viable fetus that has reached 24 or more weeks of gestation. *Status:* In the Committee on Judiciary.



*Penny at Hands Around the Capitol event with Sen. Lisa Keim (R-Dixfield)*

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*Take Action:* Contact the [members of the committee](#), and ask them to vote “YES” on L.D. #327

**L.D. #1168**, (Also know as Marsy’s Law.) “RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine ‘To Establish a Victims' Bill of Rights” Sponsored by President of the Senate Michael Thibodeau (R-Winterport). This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to enact a Victims' Bill of Rights, designed to ensure specific rights for victims of crime. The purpose of this resolution is to place into the Constitution of Maine various rights regarding notification of public proceedings at which the victim has a right to be heard, the right to confer with the prosecution and the right to prompt and full restitution. This resolution requires a court to grant a request by the victim to enforce the rights of the victim and to provide a remedy for violations of the victim's rights, including the appeal of a sentence. *Status:* In the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. *Take Action:* Contact the [members of the committee](#), and ask them to vote “YES” on L.D. #1168.



SO MUCH TO DO...

so little  
**TIME**

We want you to know that we understand your time is limited and the thought of contacting all of these legislators can be daunting. We appreciate any amount of time that you can contribute. If your time is limited, please consider making these three bills a priority: L.D. #327, L.D. #1066 and L.D. #347. Thank you in advance for your participation.

**L.D.# 1066**, “An Act To Promote Life with Dignity” Sponsor: Rep. Jennifer Parker. This bill enacts a process for patient-directed care at the end of life for Maine residents who are adults who are terminally ill and who have been determined to have a limited life expectancy. *Status:* In the Committee on Health and Human Services. A hearing was held on April 5. Penny testified before the committee. Click [here](#) to read testimony. *Take Action:* Contact the [members of the committee](#), and ask them to vote “NO” on L.D. #1166.

## Maine Legislative Update Since the March News Report:

**L.D. #347**, “An Act to Support Death with Dignity.” Sponsor: Sen. Roger Katz (R-Kennebec). The bill authorizes a physician to prescribe a medication that the patient may self-administer for hastening death. *Status:* It is still in the Committee on Health and Human Services. A hearing was held on April 5. Penny testified before the committee. Click [here](#) to read testimony. *Take Action:* Contact the [members of the committee](#), and ask them to vote “NO” on this heinous legislation, L.D. #347.

**L.D. #49**, “An Act to Improve Science and Engineering Education for Maine Students.” Sponsor: Rep. Michael Devin (D-Newcastle). *Status:* Suspended indefinitely.

**L.D. #95**, “An Act to Provide a Method for a Student to Be Excused from Standardized Testing.” Sponsor: Sen. Nathan Libby (D-Androscoggin). This bill would have given parents control over their child’s participation in standardized assessment. *Status:* Did not pass.

**L.D. #96**, “An Act to Improve Attendance at Public Elementary Schools.” Sponsor: Sen. Nathan Libby. The bill would require children to start school at five years of age if their parents enrolled them then instead of at age seven. Pushing a child too fast and too soon can lead to major learning difficulties, not to mention emotional stresses from a lack of stature or ability to handle situations calling for more maturity. *Status:* It is still in the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. If you haven't already, please *Take Action:* Contact the [members of the committee](#), and ask them to vote “NO” on L.D. #96.

**L.D. #356**, “An Act To Repeal Certain Requirements for Graduation from Secondary School.” Sponsor:: Rep. Heidi Sampson (R-Alfred). This bill would take

When contacting a legislator’s office be sure to let them know you are a member of Concerned Women for America of Maine. They need to know that CWA of Maine means business.

teachers out of the role of playing psychologist and keep them focused on teaching. A teacher's conclusion on a student should not be a metric for deciding whether a student may graduate or not. It is the parents' job to work on their child's attitudes, values, and belief systems. *Status:* It is in the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. Penny [testified](#) on behalf of this bill on February 27. If you haven't already, *Take Action:* Contact the [members of the committee](#), and ask them to vote "YES" on L.D. #356.

## Encouragers are Making a Difference

Thank you again to those participating the CWA of Maine's 2017 Encourage-A-Legislator program. If you haven't already sent out this month's postcard, please do so today.

*Note:* Recently while at the state capitol Rep. Paula Sutton (R-Warren) and Rep. Rich Cebra (R-Naples) expressed thanks to Penny for the program and the blessing that their specific encouragers have been. So, keep up the good work everyone. It is much appreciated by our lawmakers.

## Scripture of the Month

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." (Psalm 139:13)

## Judge Gorsuch Confirmed to the Supreme Court Despite U.S. Sen. Angus King (I-Maine)

As reported in our [March News Report](#), CWA of Maine has been making every effort to convince Sen. King to vote to confirm Judge Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court. We are sad to report that Sen. King has decided to oppose Gorsuch. Though, we are thrilled, of course, that Judge Neil Gorsuch, despite Sen. King, was confirmed on April 7! Praise the Lord!

## 40 Days for Life

Thank you to everyone that participated during this last 40 Days For Life Campaign. **The last event will be held on April 9** across the street from Maine Family Planning, 43 Gabriel Drive, Augusta, ME 04330. Hope you can make it. Penny will be there from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



EAL Coordinator Janet Pinkham  
with Penny

## Prayer Requests

- ◆ President Donald Trump's health, wisdom, and family.
- ◆ Gov. Paul LePage's health, wisdom, and family.
- ◆ Penny Morrell's safety and that CWA of Maine's financial needs will be met.
- ◆ For America to turn back to the ways of God.
- ◆ CWA of Maine volunteers' safety and health.
- ◆ Pray for Penny as she prepares her testimony for upcoming legislation and that her words will be persuasive.
- ◆ Pray for the multiple pieces of legalization. Pray for each of the legislators by name as you contact them.

Please consider giving to CWA of Maine. We cannot be your voice at the Maine State Capitol without your help. We are all volunteers, and all contributions go directly towards office supplies, projects, events, travel expenses and more. [Donate online](#) or send a check to 864 Manchester Road, Belgrade, ME 04917. Make the check out to "Concerned Women for America" or "CWA" and be sure to put "CWA of Maine" on the memo line. Reminder: If you contribute through one of CWA National's direct mail letters or e-alerts, those funds will be used for national activities, not for state activities.



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