



Maine – CPAC Scorecard

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Summary

The CPAC Scorecard for the 2024 Maine legislative session assesses 17 votes in the Maine State Senate and 18 votes in the State House. The Maine Republicans earned an average Conservative Rating of 94% and the Maine Democrats earned an average Conservative Rating of 4%. These scores are similar to the scores from 2023 when Republicans averaged 92% and Democrats averaged 2%.

The Maine legislature passed far-Left legislation that expanded government intrusion into business, increased taxes, and implemented Left-wing culture war priorities such as abortion, transgenderism and gun control. The legislature attempted to pass a bill which would have removed 14th Amendment protections from Maine citizens, but the bill failed to pass for procedural reasons, despite receiving majority support. Maine Democrats are determined to continue their attack on human freedom.

Key Takeaways

Incremental Attacks On The Second Amendment

The Maine Legislature passed several bills which place burdensome restrictions on the right to bear arms. **LD 2086** requires the state of Maine to destroy any firearms it subjects to forfeiture, even those legally owned by a person in the state. Another bill, **LD 2224**, would prohibit a firearms vendor from selling a firearm to a person through the internet or at a gun show without doing so through a federally licensed firearms dealer. Maine legislators also passed **LD 2238** which creates a three day waiting period for all firearms purchases. These pieces of legislation show that Maine Democrats are determined to gradually strip away Second Amendment rights.

More Bureaucracy To Harass Maine's Employers

Maine's Bureau of Labor Standards will now have the power to investigate companies even when no employees have made a complaint against the company. This means that even if every employee of the company is happy with the employer, bureaucratic busy-bodies from the Maine government will still interfere with the company. CPAC believes that people should not have their lives dominated by petty tyrants from a government bureaucracy.

Destroying Equality Before The Law And Establishing Privileged Castes

New legislation would require the Office of the Attorney General to establish a unit for the express purpose of depriving Mainers of their civil rights. The unit is designed to use the concept of “hate crimes” in order to treat people differently in criminal cases based on their race. CPAC opposes hate crime laws because they violate the 14th Amendment’s guarantee of equal protection of the law and because hate crime laws are always enforced in a racially discriminatory manner. The bill (**LD 2210**) passed both houses but thankfully did not become law.

Highlighted Votes Analyzed

LD 2184 - Waging War on Maine’s Employers Through The BLS

This bill empowers the Bureau of Labor Standards to investigate companies regardless of whether employees had made complaints against the establishment. CPAC opposes this radical government overreach and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 7, 2024 by a vote of 22-12 (75-63 in the House) and the bill later became law.

LD 2210 - Destroying the 14th Amendment

This bill requires the Office of the Attorney General to establish a Civil Rights Unit to combat “hate crimes” and unfair biases. CPAC recognizes that this organization will merely serve as a means of conducting lawfare against conservatives and employers in Maine and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 2, 2024 by a vote of 20-12 (74 - 64 in the House) but the bill never became law.

LD 227 - Transforming Maine Into a Sanctuary State for Abortionists and Transgenderism

This bill prevents the state from cooperating in any way with federal or state authorities investigating a person for their participation in “legally protected healthcare activity” such as abortion or radical gender surgeries. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, opposes radical gender surgeries, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 12, 2024 by a vote of 21-13 (House 80-70) and the bill later became law.

Trends and Observations

Maine’s 2024 Legislative Session Was Dominated By Left-Wing Culture War Issues

Bread-and-butter issues took a back seat to culture war issues as Maine Democrats focused their attention on Left-wing cultural priorities such as abortion, transgenderism, and efforts to remove guns from society. Democrats have been fully swept up in the cycle of outrage, with some pieces of legislation appearing to be more about needling conservatives than helping

Mainers. For example, the Maine Legislature passed a new bill declaring that women in Maine have a right to abortion, despite the fact that women in Maine have already had that right for many years.

Maine Joins Other Blue States In Adopting The National Popular Vote Compact

Maine formally joined the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact which requires all states which join the compact to give their electoral votes to the winner of the national popular vote regardless of the winner of the state's popular vote. As of July 2025 all states which voted for Kamala Harris in 2024 have joined this compact except New Hampshire and Virginia. None of the states that voted for Donald Trump in 2024 have joined the compact.

Creeping Socialism And High Taxes

Maine Legislators have increased the burden on free exchange by heaping more taxes onto Maine citizens with **LD 1231**, implementing a higher artificial wage mandate with **LD 2273**.

Maine is also becoming more dominated by socialist bureaucracy thanks to a new socialist housing authority (**LD 1867**), even more socialized medicine (**LD 1955**), and a bill which allows the bureaucracy to investigate businesses even when no employee of that business has filed a complaint (**LD 2184**).

Conservative Excellence - Senate

Russell Black - 93%	Matt Harrington - 100%	Marianne Moore - 94%
Eric Brakey - 100%	Lisa Keim - 100%	Trey Stewert - 94%
Bradlee Farrin - 93%	James Libby - 94%	Jeffery Timberlake - 94%
Stacey Guerin - 100%	Peter Lyford - 100%	

Conservative Excellence - House

Jeffrey Adams - 100%	Abigail Griffin - 100%	Shelley Rudnicki - 100%
John Andrews - 93%	David Haggan - 93%	Heidi Sampson - 94%
Amy Arata - 94%	Rachel Henderson - 94%	Tammy Schmersal-Burgess - 94%
Donald Ardell - 100%	Benjamin Hymes - 100%	Katrina Smith - 100%
Barbara Bagshaw - 94%	Kathy Irene Javner - 100%	Michael Soboleski - 94%
David Boyer - 100%	Laurel Libby - 100%	Tiffany Strout - 100%
Kenneth Davis - 100%	Sheila Lyman - 94%	Auston Theriault - 100%
Jack Ducharme - 94%	Joshua Morris - 94%	James Thorne - 94%
Larry Dunphy - 93%	Caleb Joshua Ness - 94%	Joseph Underwood - 94%
Billy Faulkingham - 94%	Reagan Paul - 100%	Mark Walker - 94%
Steven Foster - 100%	Chad Perkins - 100%	James Lee White - 100%
Ann Fredericks - 100%	Edward Polewarczyk - 94%	
Irene Gifford - 100%	Tracy Quint - 100%	

Conservative Achievement - Senate

Richard Bennett - 88%	Matthew Pouliot - 88%
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Conservative Achievement - House

Roger Albert - 88%	Scott Wynn Cyrway - 89%	Daniel Newman - 88%
Mark Babin - 88%	Gary Drinkwater - 88%	Robert Nutting - 89%
Mark John Blier - 89%	Randall Adam Greenwood - 89%	Wayne Parry - 89%
Richard Bradstreet - 88%	Timothy Guerrette - 89%	Jennifer Poirier - 89%
Richard Campbell - 89%	Randall Hall - 81%	Kimberly Pomerleau - 89%
Nathan Carlow - 83%	Caldwell Jackson - 80%	Abden Simmons - 83%
Meldon Carmichael - 88%	Thomas Lavigne - 83%	Gregory Lewis Swallow - 89%
Amanda Collamore - 88%	Michael Lemelin - 89%	Stephen Wood - 88%
Danny Costain - 86%	Richard Mason - 83%	David Woodsome - 88%
Dean Cray - 82%	Sawin Millett - 89%	

