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State Senator, SD-020 (D)

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ME Legislative Scorecard 2021-2022

✓ Pro-Freedom ✗ Anti-Freedom — Did not Vote

Vote

1. Requires, upon the request of a legislative committee, the preparation of a "racial impact statement," which assesses the potential impact that legislation could have on "historically disadvantaged" racial populations.



Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · LD2 · 03/11/2021

2. Would apply to Congress to call an "Article V constitutional convention to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to impose congressional term limits."



Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · HP0438 · 06/02/2021

3. Would place several limitations on the powers of the Governor to issue and maintain an emergency proclamation, and specify that a violation by the Governor of the exercise of emergency powers is an impeachable offense.



Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · LD980 · 06/08/2021

4. Would permit the use of deadly force to prevent death or serious bodily injury in self-defense, or in defense of a 3rd person, or to prevent a kidnapping, robbery, or gross sexual assault.



Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · LD1138 · 06/14/2021

5. Establishes the Maine Health Care Plan, which provides universal health care coverage to all residents of the state.



Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · LD1045 · 06/16/2021

6. Establishes the Maine Health Care Plan, which provides universal health care coverage to all residents of the state.



Pro-Freedom: **No** · LD811 · 04/25/2022

Scorecard Votes: 20%

Why do these votes matter?

1. "Racial Impact Statements" for Legislation

LD2 requires, upon the request of a legislative committee, the preparation of a “racial impact statement,” which assesses the potential impact that legislation could have on “historically disadvantaged” racial populations.

This bill divides and targets citizens on account of race, which makes it unconstitutional as well as immoral. The Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment guarantee that no state shall deprive “any person” of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, nor deny them the “equal protection” of the laws.

2. [Motion to Defeat] Article V Convention: Term Limits

HP348 would apply to Congress to call an “Article V constitutional convention to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to impose congressional term limits.”

Term limits conflict with the right of the American people to choose their representatives. Moreover, states should act immediately to nullify all unconstitutional federal laws, rather than risk an Article V convention. Article V of the U.S. Constitution was designed to correct potential errors or defects in the Constitution, not the failure of elected officials to uphold their oath of office.

3. [Motion to Defeat] Limiting the Governor's Emergency Powers

LD980 would place several limitations on the powers of the Governor to issue and maintain an emergency proclamation, and specify that a violation by the Governor of the exercise of emergency powers is an impeachable offense.

Article IV, Section 1, of the Maine Constitution vests legislative power in the House of Representatives and the Senate, not the Governor. Each state, under Article IV, Section 4, of the U.S. Constitution, is guaranteed a republican form of government, which requires a limitation and separation of powers.

4. [Motion to Defeat] Right to Self-Defense

LD1138 would permit the use of deadly force to prevent death or serious bodily injury in self-defense, or in defense of a 3rd person, or to prevent a kidnapping, robbery, or gross sexual assault. Government has a duty to secure the natural, individual, and unalienable right to self-defense — of one’s life, liberty, and property. This fundamental right belongs to the people and is guaranteed by the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment.

5. State-Controlled Health Care

LD1045 establishes the Maine Health Care Plan, which provides universal health care coverage to all residents of the state.

Health care is not the legitimate object of government, nor should be under federal, state, or local jurisdiction in the United States. No state should compel its citizens to furnish taxpayer money for a government-run health care system or any other unconstitutional project in violation of the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment.

6. Taxpayer-Funded Abortions

LD811 reimburses MaineCare providers engaged primarily in the delivery of “comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care services.”

States should act to ban abortion and secure the right to life for all persons. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and unalienable right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the 5th and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.