

Maine State Grange - Legislative Report 2026

I would like to start off by apologizing for not being able to focus as much attention on this position as I would have liked to this past year. My job has become simply overwhelming and constant, leaving little to no time for anything additional. I have attempted and occasionally succeeded in writing columns for the monthly newsletter.

I'm a bit disappointed that we only received one resolution for this committee to consider this year, and I was the author of it. With all the talk and chatter about things happening in the country, I think people would be more interested in submitting policy ideas for the Maine State Grange to support or oppose.

It's important that we discuss these various current issues in our Grange meetings. For it's my belief that the solutions to some these questions and policy's our Nation is facing could be solved by everyday Americans like us. If we take the time to discuss the issues of the day civilly and with respect for others' opinions, especially when they differ from our own, reasonable solutions can be found. One of core principles of the Grange is that we are non-partisan. With that in mind when discussing basic or even controversial issues, stick to policy ideas and discussions, and avoid the politics of the issue.

As for what the next big thing in Legislative activities here in Maine, Washington, D.C. and for across the country, it seems Artificial Intelligence is going to be the hot topic for the foreseeable future including the pros and cons of Data Centers.

Respectfully Submitted,

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