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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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There is still a buzz at the State House, as lawmakers push to finish their work and adjourn the 124th Legislative Session. The budget bill is being finalized and the Appropriations Committee will soon turn their attention to the consideration of bonds.

March was a busy month at the State House. The storylines and links below feature recent news that impacts the beer and wine industry:

- The governor signed a bill that makes it easier for wine shops, boutique breweries to hold taste-testing events. (http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/bills_124th/chapters/PUBLIC510.asp)
- For our retail partners, there remains one issue of concern, an act to prohibit surcharges on the use of debit cards. (<http://www.mainebeerandwine.com/downloads/LD1779.pdf>)

As we move closer to adjournment, we turn our attention to the upcoming 2010 elections, for a complete list of candidates, please visit <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elect/2010/candidatelist2010.htm>.

The MBWDA encourages you to stay engaged and communicate with those who represent you – they need to hear from you on issues of interest and issues of concern.

Let's welcome spring!

— Cheryl Timberlake
Executive Vice President