



Non-partisan citizen group joins League of Women Voters case challenging the legitimacy of the lame-duck session.

MADISON - It's not every day that the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign goes to court.

But this week, the Wisconsin Supreme Court accepted our amicus brief in the League of Women Voters case challenging the legitimacy of the lame-duck session.

Our brief took on one of the main Republican arguments: that the Legislature is in "continuous session" until the next Legislature is sworn in. The brief points out that the logic of the Republicans' argument would mean that "a lobbyist could never make campaign contributions and a legislator could never accept campaign contributions from a lobbyist." The reason for this is simple: Current Wisconsin law allows lobbyists to make contributions only when the legislature is not in session. But since their argument is that the Legislature is always in session, they've got a big problem on their hands.

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Figure 16: New Zealand's New Zealand Green Model, 2008, as the keynote of the "Climate Change Summit."