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LD 2086

I'm writing in opposition to LD 2086, An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms.

When I first read this bill I had no issues with it, then I received and read the sponsor's amendment concerning Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1051, sub-§2 which would redefine "machine gun." Using one unrelated law to try an amend another unrelated law, did you honestly think you may be able to sneak this by law abiding gun owners? Do you folks in Augusta play tricks like this often? I've learned one thing from this bill, I need to keep a closer eye on you folks.

Federal law: Section 5845(b) of the NFA defines "machinegun" as "any weapon which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.

By definition, a semi-automatic firearm is not a machine. Any device or gimmick that may increase the rate of fire doesn't magically make a semi-automatic firearm a machine gun.

The U.S. Constitution declares that federal law is "the supreme law of the land." As a result, when a federal law conflicts with a state or local law, the federal law will supersede the other law or laws.

This sponsor's amendment is clearly and blatantly unconstitutional. Senator Anne Carney should be ashamed of herself for proposing this amendment. You folks are elected to support and defend the Constitution, you're elected to defend our rights, and here you are attacking our rights and making we the people fight for them.

I urge this committee to vote "Ought Not To Pass" on LD 2086.