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LD 227

To those on the Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services Committee
Smile at us, pass us; but do not quite forget.
For we are the people of Maine, that have not been heard yet.

It is my opinion, Maine voices that oppose LD 227 “the neglected people.” Just as those who opposed LD 1619 were. They represent the backbone of this State. They are for the most part unorganized and unselfconscious. They are not rich enough to have individual power. They are taken for granted by each political party in turn. They are not .

The real life of the State of Maine is to be found in the homes of people who are nameless and unadvertised.

The elites of our time—in politics, business, education, and the media—tend to be divorced from their roots and disdainful of those classified by them as apparently less virtuous.

You were elected to be Representatives of the people of Maine, not Politicians. Representatives are those who rise above the people by understanding them. Politicians are those that rise above the people by refusing to understand them: by saying that all our dim, strange preferences are prejudices and superstitions. Representatives uplift while Politicians diminish. The Politicians make the people feel stupid, while the Representatives made the people feel wiser than they could have imagined that they were.

But this can have strange consequences. The Representatives who embrace and admire the people are often pelted, insulted and intimidated. The Politicians who despise the people are often praised in the media and crowned.

In our legislature, for instance, there are quite a number of Politicians, but comparatively few Representatives of the people.

LD 227 ought not to pass!

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