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I would like to add to the testimony for two bills, coming up for consideration.

First the idea of youth hunting on Sunday. I would expressed an opposition to this bill. I've grown up with a hunting tradition that I value that greatly. However, coupled with enjoying the outdoors through hunting is the idea of enjoying the outdoors without worry of gunshots occurring in the vicinity of someone simply enjoying a leisurely walk or hike in the Maine woods. Sunday is the one day of the week in Maine that people can enjoy that peace. And allowing any group to hunt on Sunday takes away from that balance between those who hunt and those who do not. I have heard the argument that hunting on Sunday would allow those who work Monday through Friday an additional data hunt. That same argument could also apply to those who work Monday through Friday, who fear walking in the woods when people might be out hunting, and who also only have two days off from work a week. So finding a balance between those two groups and allowing hunting on Saturday, and no hunting on Sunday, feels correct to me.