

LD 227 - "An Act Regarding Health Care in the State"
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Senator Chair Donna Bailey and Representative Chair Anne Perry and members of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance & Financial Services.

The content of LD 227 is questionable when it comes to rights. The reason I say that is because of many factors;

1. It expands LD 1619 by 5,000 percent. It takes the allotment for late-term abortion in Maine and expands it beyond our borders and into the other 49 states. **This is disrespectful to the sovereignty of the other states** and it overreaches beyond the power granted to Maine by the 10th Amendment.
2. It quite literally **approves kidnapping**.
3. Beyond approving kidnapping, it **encourages** the mutilation of children's reproductive organs and the chemistry of their body and brain. Adults can do what they want to themselves, but **there must be a solid limit to the destruction of children**.
4. People under the age of 18 are not allowed to get tattoos, purchase firearm ammo, get Tylenol from the school nurse without parental permission, fight for their country, or purchase alcohol and cigarettes. Why are they allowed to get abortions? Even further, this bill proposes that children would be allowed to get their genitals permanently removed without the consultation of their parents? **This bill strips parents of their rights and duties to care for their own children.**

I will now speak to the factors related to the manner of its presentation.

1. The Maine people had less than a week to prepare for the public hearing of this legislation. It would **seem as if this was intentional**, considering the turnout to the public hearing of LD 1619 when the notice was given more than a week in advance. The Maine people **deserve to know what is going on** in the People's House.
2. Maine has become a destination state for abortion. Now, this bill proposes we become a **destination for the transgender "care"** of minors seeking to bypass parental permission.
3. Finally, I question **whether it is ethical to propose such a controversial subject without allowing proper time** for interested parties to partake in its consideration.

Thank you for your time. I welcome any questions.