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Testimony of Rep. Tavis Hasenfus introducing LD 216, An Act to Change the Statutory Adjournment Date for the Second Regular Session of the Legislature Before the State and Local Government Committee

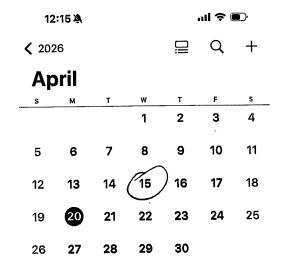
Good morning, Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury and esteemed members of the State and Local Government Committee. My name is Tavis Hasenfus, and I represent House District 57 and the communities of Winthrop and Readfield. I am here today to present LD 216, An Act to Change the Statutory Adjournment Date for the Second Regular Session of the Legislature.

This bill is very simple in its request. The bill would move the statutory adjournment date to the Wednesday before Patriot's day instead of the Wednesday the week of Patriots Day. The question for this committee to consider is whether our very last week of session should remain as one that is interrupted by a state holiday and school vacation week or if it is better to have a final week not interrupted by a holiday. I propose that it is better to avoid finishing on a Monday holiday week.

However, I am not opposed to pushing the end of session past its current date if this committee finds that to be a better solution. Nor am I opposed to clarifying what I already believe to be the case- that the legislature may take up any business it chooses on veto day.

Finally, this will have no impact on the current adjournment date for the 132nd Legislature, and it is important to remember that this is mere guidance for future legislatures as it is entirely within their power to amend this date mid-session.

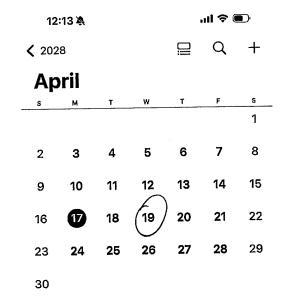
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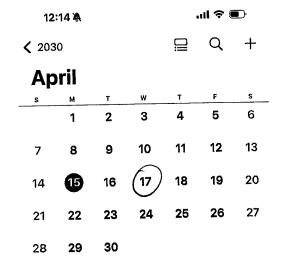
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