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**Testimony on**  
**L.D. 212, "An Act to Require the Valuation of Energy Produced by Hydropower Dams and Exploration of Alternative Ownership Options Before They Are Removed"**

**and**

**L.D. 430, "An Act to Impose Moratoria on Hydropower Dam Removal and on Water Release from Nonhydropower Dams and to Make Other Changes to the Laws Regulating Such Dams"**

**Presented by**  
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**Environment and Natural Resources Committee**  
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Good morning, Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and fellow members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

I am State Representative Richard H. Campbell, and I proudly represent District 19, Eddington, Holden, and Orrington. It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to introduce L.D. 212, ***"An Act to Require the Valuation of Energy Produced by Hydropower Dams and Exploration of Alternative Ownership Options Before They Are Removed,"*** and L.D. 430, ***"An Act to Impose Moratoria on Hydropower Dam Removal and on Water Release from Nonhydropower Dams and to Make Other Changes to the Laws Regulating Such Dams."***

The purpose in submitting these bills is twofold.

First there are dam owners who do not want responsibility to maintain them. Secondly, to determine the past, present, and future values before premature removal.

Dams serve different purposes to different communities. These bills will help to identify those values and assist with transferring ownership for the future.

A good example are three dams in Bucksport, Orland, and Penobscot -- all owned by AIM, the salvage company that bought the Bucksport Mill properties. The communities are interested in buying them, but they need more time.

The most interesting example is the dynamic tension about removal of Camden dams threaded through its downtown that for decades has attracted thousands to our quaintest little coastal town.

Thank you for your consideration. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.