

Testimony in Opposition to LD125

Senator Dill, Representative O'Neil and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry I am Robert Tardy and I am submitting written testimony not because I spent 10 years serving on your side of the horseshoe and want to avoid paying tribute---I promise to bring something sweet when things are back to normal---but because my testimony is brief.

This bill is essentially the same as LD 1691 from the 129th Legislature. It was dealt with by a study and an evaluation of forestry herbicide application methods. It seems that the sponsor chose to ignore the results as well as the DACF testimony from last year's public hearing and I quote:

"Aerial forestry applications, done in conformance with all applicable regulations and under appropriate conditions are a clearly regulated, carefully considered, essential tool for the Maine forestry products industry. LD 1691 eliminates use of this tool."

AS WOULD LD 125.