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Sen. Lawrence, Rep Berry, members of the Utility and Technology, my name is Douglas McLennan, I am a commercial Fisherman from Spruce Head , Maine. I have been a commercial fisherman for 45 years, and am a 10th generation fisherman, and I am in support of LD 101. After testifying in person and listening to the opponents of this bill, I feel we as fishermen are fighting a battle against tanks and planes with sticks and stones. Every one that testified against this bill is an employ of one of the companies getting money from these foreign companies and grants from the federal government., or a politician who is using thier title for gain. They make all these great points how offshore wind will be the best thing for everyone, all the jobs, and the money to be made. We just must do this now , they say. They are overlooking the impacts to the greatest body of water in the world. The technology they are hoping to take place, is just not a reality. The massive size of these windmills is staggering at best. Can you imagine in reality that conservation groups would be in favor of the industrialization of any body of ocean? Just the 400-foot vessels that will deploy these windmills is hard to fathom in today's world. Its all about the money, that is all I have heard from the opposition. Nothing about the actual impact of the deployment of these huge concrete and steel masses. Think about why all these conservation groups are for wind power. There are two sets of facts being proposed today. There is a lot of history of the negatives in the wind industry. All this is not been mentioned by any of the environmental groups. Maybe LD 101 isn't perfect, but something needs to be done to address the concerns of the magnitude of what this project will mean for the Gulf of Maine. The Governor has already released a date for a summit to meet with 15 foreign companies about industrializing 850 miles of open ocean. So, the concern isn't so much of one research array , but what it will lead to for The Gulf of Maine. I can't even begin to imagine what things will look like with no fishing villages left on the coast, and the massive windmills offshore. It just blows my mind how much support offshore wind gets from environmental groups. There is plenty of information on the web about the impacts of sea life and bird life on the ocean. Maine , the way life used to be. Thank You for your time Doug McLennan