

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO LDs 1033, 1054, and 1212

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These bills are just the latest attempts of many to get a foot in the Sunday hunting door. What part of NO do the proponents of these bills not understand?

Two of the bills would allow Sunday hunting on someone's own land or with the written permission of the landowner. Why should that make any difference? Presumably, these same proponents would not have any problem if written permission was required for all hunting. Bullets don't stop at boundary lines-and neither do hunting dogs. Speaking of boundary lines, unless the boundaries are clearly marked, could it be possible that a hunter would "accidentally" hunt where he/she is not allowed? What about retrieving a dead or wounded animal that crosses a property boundary?

Hunting is already allowed, six days a week, 52 weeks a year. Maine's people and Maine's wildlife need and deserve one day of rest and respite from the threat of being shot.

I look forward to the mass posting of private property if any of these three bills is approved by the legislature. If this occurs, it will be the single biggest victory that anti-hunters have ever achieved.