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RE: LD 404 - Sponsor Amendment

Good morning, Senator Jim Dill, Representative Scott Landry and the distinguished members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee.

I am Representative Chris Johansen, District 145, which is the 18 organized towns between Bridgewater and Sherman in Aroostook County. I will be brief.

There is a very impressive group waiting to testify on my amendment to LD 404, a concept draft that will protect Maine's deer wintering areas. There have been many small attempts to protect these deer yards over the years. My bill was destined to be one of them until some very knowledgeable, dedicated people saw an opportunity to turn it into something that could save our Maine deer herd for the future. Maine is very fortunate to have such people who are so dedicated to our woods and waters experience. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their efforts and I would like to thank this committee for the same reasons.