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Testimony Neither for Nor Against LD 883

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I support amending this bill to mandate that all federally listed endangered and threatened species are also state listed endangered and threatened species. When the gray wolf is returned to the federal endangered species list, we can expect that Maine will continue its unwritten policy of encouraging the killing of wolves by encouraging the killing of coyotes. We can expect the federal government to do nothing about it. We can also expect that the IFW commissioner will NOT recommend listing the gray wolf as a state endangered or threatened species despite evidence of its existence and endangered status in Maine. The only way to give this animal ANY protection on a state level is to mandate that federal listing automatically means state listing.