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Farmers in northern Maine are being confronted with a myriad of issues and global competition. This legislation will only exacerbate the expenses, labor issues and other problems that confront farmers on a daily basis. I graduated from high school in Aroostook county 50 years ago and at that time there were approximately 110+ potato farmers within a 15 to 20 mile radius of my town. Today that number stands at approximately 10 to 12. I guess empirical evidence is more of a nuisance today than something to review, investigate and understand. We will not and cannot regulate ourselves to prosperity. Both bills exhibit a complete lack of understanding of the farming industry and the obstacles faced in farming today.

How involved in farming are any of the sponsors of these bills and what true knowledge of the industry do any of the sponsors possess?

Please vote ought not to pass on LD 151 LD 1022

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