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Senate called to order by President Beth Edmonds of
Cumberland County.

Prayer by Senator Dana L. Dow of Lincoln County.

SENATOR DOW: Thank you, Madame President. Permission to pray for the last time. Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Each of you is special in the eyes of God and here we are again. Each of you deserves the same; well done, good and faithful servant. You have run the good race. As leaders you have been given special responsibilities. As we leave we still have these special responsibilities to perform because of our position of leadership. I leave you with these familiar words as to how we are to perform our duties. We can do these duties, not because of who we are or because we have to, but because of what God has already done for us and continues to do for us daily. I want you to think of this passage not as an imperative in how we are to treat people but as a gift from God to each of us individually. We can do this because God views each of us this way each and every day, thereby lifting our burdens. Let us be in the spirit of prayer.

Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not envy. It does not boast. It is not proud. It is not rude or self-seeking. It is not easily angered and it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with truth. It always protects. Always trusts. Always hopes. Always perseveres. Love never fails. May the Lord's blessing be upon you. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

Off Record Remarks

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Enhance the Security of State Credentials"
H.P. 1669 L.D. 2309

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-1020)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
SAVAGE of Knox

Representatives:

HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
BROWNE of Vassalboro
MARLEY of Portland
CEBRA of Naples
THOMAS of Ripley
ROSEN of Bucksport

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

DAMON of Hancock

Representatives:

THERIAULT of Madawaska
MAZUREK of Rockland
PEOPLES of Westbrook
FISHER of Brewer

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1020) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" (H-1026)** thereto.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **DAMON** of Hancock moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Damon.

Senator **DAMON:** Thank you, Madame President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. Over the past couple of weeks I've stood before you trying to make speeches that would have you join me in protecting everything from clams to scallops to elwives to roads to bridges. I stand before you this morning and ask you to join me in protecting something that's much more important than all of them. I ask that you join with me to stand up for and to protect our civil rights and our freedoms. It is these very liberties, these very freedoms, that set us apart as Americans from every other country in the world. It is these civil liberties and these freedoms that have been granted to us by our constitution and it is these freedoms that have been guaranteed to us by the blood of our fathers and our mothers and our brothers and our sisters who have given their lives that we may live to be free. Their battles have been against those who would oppress us. Those wars were easier to define. The threat was clearer. The call to arms was louder. Make no mistake, our freedoms are under attack again. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, we are now faced with an assault on some of our most basic rights. Rights so

fundamental to our democracy that sadly we take them for granted. Rights so important to us and so basic that we proclaim them as central to our independence when we said we hold these truths to be self-evident. Ladies and gentlemen, life, liberty, and the seeking of happiness are so integral to our being as free and independent Americans that we must never, never, never relinquish them. Furthermore, we are told whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends it's the right of the people to alter or to abolish it. Members of the Senate, it is our right, but it's more than that, it's our duty to protect our liberty and it's our moral obligation to honor those who before us have done the same.

Today we are faced with a threat to our liberty. Our freedom is under attack, not from foes foreign who wish to gain control over us for any host of reasons. We have always vanquished them before and will continue to do so. No, my colleagues, we are not being threatened by any of the traditional enemies. Instead we are being threatened by the only enemy capable of conquering us. We are our own worst enemy. Yet we must rely on we to defend us.

We're currently confronted by a bill that would have us submit to policies that are unduly and, in my opinion, unnecessarily infringing upon our civil liberties and our individual freedoms. L.D. 2309 is a response offered by our Chief Executive and this legislature to the Federal Homeland Security Administration's demand that Maine get back in line and comply with the so-called Real ID Act. As a reminder to you, this legislation and this legislature voted last year to enact a law prohibiting our participation in this Real ID program. We said no then and we should continue to say no now. You have received some details about the cost of Real ID, perhaps it's coming to your chairs now. These figures came from the Congressional record. These aren't figures that somebody pulled out of the air. You can see that the estimated cost of the program is over \$14 billion. You should also note that the vast majority of the payment for this federal program comes from the states. Maine's portion exceeds \$71 million. We've gone through some of the most excruciating times that we've been through here in the past six years that I've been here trying to cut money out of our budget so that we can balance it and we're looking at an additional \$71 million. That figure alone ought to be enough to sour you from joining that march, yet together the greater cost is by far the price that we're being asked to pay by handing over our freedoms and our liberties.

Real ID is supposedly not the issue here. L.D. 2309 cleverly shies away from the Real ID issue and instead repackages this pill in a clever coating called 'An Act to Enhance Security of State Credentials.' Who wouldn't want to do something like that? After all, security and enhancement of credentials all sounds like noble pursuits. If that isn't enough to move you, some apparently figure that it isn't, perhaps you will swallow this bitter pill more readily if you are threatened. The federal government now says that Maine people will not be able to board planes or enter federal buildings using their Maine driver's license because we don't subscribe to the edict presented in L.D. 2309. Really. Does it occur to anyone that perhaps we ought to challenge that edict? That on its face it violates our right to travel unfettered throughout this country? We ought to challenge it. Then there is the small issue that L.D. 2309 requires Maine to institute laws regarding legal presence that no other state in this country is required to do. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, Maine is the last state in the union to be granted a waiver under the federal Real ID program

even though some states did not even apply for a waiver, and Maine did. We are being required to institute such things as facial recognition scanning technologies. Required to provide photographs of people applying for driver's licenses and then submitting them to a data base for future reference. Required to participate in the federal saved data base, institute coterminous documents, and come up with a way to determine whether a person is in this country legally. I don't think I happened to mention before but I will now that there apparently is no current standard acceptable definition of legal presence. According to our leading military officer, General Libby, who is Director of Homeland Security for Maine, and I quote from his testimony offered before the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation in March of this year; 'At the February 28th meeting of the committee I was asked as a part of the discussion to research and propose language that the committee might consider should they desire to add a requirement to show legal proof of residence as part of the process of obtaining a Maine driver's license. Legal presence is generally defined as meaning that a person is either a U.S. citizen or is legally authorized to be in the United States. In researching acceptable forms of identification for proof of legal presence I used the 2007 United States Driver's License and State ID Information and Application Guide from U.S. Publisher's Inc. I talked with representatives from the Coalition for a Secure Driver's License, a nonpartisan not-for-profit organization that has recently met with Department of Motor Vehicle officials in Maryland, New York, Vermont, Oregon, Virginia, and Massachusetts. The facts are that no standard definition of legal presence exists at the federal level and therefore no list of acceptable forms of proof of legal presence exists.' No, no. 'Among the states that have adopted a legal presence standard there is little consistency in the list of acceptable forms.' Little consistency. 'A thorough analysis of the definition of legal presence which provides for meaningful debate and input of stakeholders, both for and against, cannot be completed prior to the end of this session. Language proposed by the Secretary of State to strengthen residency requirements, accompanied by a rulemaking process, was reviewed and agreed to by the Commissions of the Departments of Public Safety and Defense and Veteran and Emergency Management.' That's a different bill but it has relevance to what we are talking about here today.

These are the recommendations of General Libby; the committee pass emergency legislation this session to strengthen residency requirements for the issuance of Maine driver's licenses. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, we've done that. It will be back before us today. It was a good step. Something that we ought to do. Something that we did. Something that was recommended. This bill, L.D. 2309, is being used and its intention is being justified by citing a need to fix Maine's lax driver's license rules. Those rules have been addressed and the fix is in this legislature now. The changes that will require that the driver's license only be issued to people who are Maine residents will pass this legislature's scrutiny before we adjourn. The rest of what this bill demands is punitive or unnecessary or both and ought to be rejected.

My most revered friends and colleagues, the battle is on and it's before us now. The time is here. The time has come. The last stand is ours to make. Right here in this Chamber, in this tiny little state, we have become the last soldiers standing to save our union and its freedoms. I urge you to aim straight, fire until all your bullets are gone, and then resist to your last breath this assault. This may very well be the single most important battle

we fight together. The last time this country faced such an assault to our union the threat was more overt. The response was more pronounced. The result divided us but it did not defeat us. President Lincoln said it best as he stood on the battlefield at Gettysburg during that Civil War and his words remain today in the minds and the hearts of all Americans, 'We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.' I urge you to support the pending motion and defeat L.D. 2309. Thank you, Madame President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Savage.

Senator **SAVAGE:** Thank you, Madame President, men and women of the Senate. Don't expect a long oration like you just heard. I know time is limited. I just want to mention a few facts. The agreement negotiated between the Governor and the Department of Homeland Security does not require Maine to submit any information to a data base. In fact, no such national data base currently exists. The agreement negotiated by the Governor only requires Maine to establish legal presence and legal residence in our driver's license statute and related conditions. The bill helps to ensure the integrity of Maine's driver's licenses. Maine's current driver's license process allows out-of-state residents to come to Maine, secure a license under false pretenses, and then leave. It also allows non-resident, illegal aliens to secure a Maine license, which creates serious consequences for the integrity of our license, our law enforcement, and our security. If you go back and read the news clippings about the non-resident who got a license, bought a gun, and held up a bank, that's proof that we need to do something. As far as SAVE is concerned, SAVE is currently being used by the Maine Department of Human Services on a regular basis. SAVE only verifies the validity of documents provided by non-citizens. I could go on further but just ask me the questions and I may have the answers. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Bartlett.

Senator **BARTLETT:** Thank you, Madame President. I rise in support of the pending motion, though I will not be able to speak nearly as eloquently as my good colleague from Hancock, Senator Damon. I believe that this legislation is an affront to the state of Maine and to the citizens thereof. One of the most egregious concerns that I have in the way that this has been portrayed nationally is that there are some suggestions that this will make us safer and that had this been in place it would have stopped things like what happened on September 11th, those terrorist attacks. It's important to recognize that of the 19 September 11th hijackers 17 of them were in this country legally and had driver's licenses that would not have been prevented through this legislation. The extent that the argument is that we need to go down this path, spend millions of dollars, and violate the rights of Maine's citizens to stop the next 9/11 is false. This bill would not do it. The Real ID Act would not accomplish that task. We must understand that in going down this road we are not accomplishing the core mission of the program.

Secondly, it is wrong for the federal government to impose new requirements upon the states that will cost millions and millions of dollars to comply with without any resources. It's

particularly egregious in areas of immigration. I was just reminded of a provision in Article 1, section 8 of the United States Constitution, which specifically enumerates the powers of Congress. Among them is that Congress has the exclusive right to establish a uniform rule of naturalization, but they have abrogated that responsibility and instead looked to the states and said, 'You do it piecemeal, we don't want to.' They cannot do that under the federal constitution.

It also is particularly problematic that Maine is being treated differently than other states. The people of Maine should have every right to travel as any other person in this country. In fact, the federal constitution has repeatedly been interpreted to apply a right to travel, a right of citizens to travel between the states. We have now been told that if we don't undertake onerous burdens that no other state has been required to do and spend millions of dollars our residents will not be able to travel with their driver's licenses to other states even though the folks in Hawaii, who specifically passed an act that they were not going to comply with Real ID and has no legal status requirement, will be able use their licenses to travel to Maine, but Maine will not be able to use their licenses to travel to Hawaii. There is nothing different between the two licenses except the fact that the federal government has chosen to give them a waiver but forced us to blink. Similarly Montana and South Carolina didn't even pass laws opposing Real ID. They didn't even ask for a waiver from the program, but they objected to it publicly and the federal government said, 'Okay, we'll give you a break.' For some reason they decided that they are going to make an example of the state of Maine and require us to spend millions of dollars without even giving us time to explore the most cost effective ways of compliance so our residents cannot travel to other states with the same requirements on their driver's licenses.

With respect to the cost, we are being told that we have to rush this legislation through right now. We don't. We do not. We should have the opportunity to take the time, even under the terms laid out by the federal government in response from a letter from the Chief Executive. We have time, at least through December 15th of this year, to work this out. We should be exploring, if we are going to go down this road, the most cost effective ways of compliance to do the minimum necessary at the minimum cost instead of rushing this thing through at the end of the session. We deserve that time. We have a right to that time. The 124th Legislature will be convening by December 3rd of this year. There will be time to act, even under the artificially imposed deadline of December 15th of this year. For those who would suggest that we have to act now, we simply do not. It is not wise and it does not protect the people of this state to rush through legislation that has not had the chance to be fully vetted and to find the least costly way to comply.

I'll finish where I began in terms of the issue of safety. We've heard from many who said that this law will not improve the safety and, quite frankly, could make us less safe. The more barriers you place to getting driver's licenses the fewer people will get them. If they don't have driver's licenses they are not even within our state system and it makes it much harder to track those individuals should we ever need to. This bill does not improve our safety. It unfairly harms the people of the state of Maine and interferes with their right to travel. I would urge you to support the pending motion.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond.

Senator **DIAMOND**: Thank you, Madame President, men and women of the Senate. I don't very often disagree, as a member of the Transportation Committee, with my Senate Chair, the Senator from Hancock, Senator Damon. I don't necessarily enjoy that, but there's something I enjoy even less. I don't enjoy being put in this position through the various e-mails and various people who are spinning this bill about those incorrect assumptions about those of us who support the Majority Report, that somehow we are not caring about immigrants, people who come to this country to make their lives better and, in doing so, make our lives better, and that we are too intolerant of big government intrusion and that we are being simply insensitive. This bill, ladies and gentlemen, buys time. It buys time for us to make the fight. The Governor has agreed. He's written an agreement with Secretary Chertoff in Washington that will give us the same opportunities as 49 other states to make the fight, to make the changes, and to make Maine be heard. If we don't pass this legislation, which is simply an agreement from our Governor to Secretary Chertoff, come December 15th people in Maine, 1.3 million, will not be able to use their driver's license to get on a commercial airline because that license will no longer be valid identification. In essence, we're telling people in the state of Maine, 'Sorry, we couldn't agree. Find another way.' The people of this state will be angry. They won't be angry at somebody they don't even know in Washington, they will be angry at you and me. Rightly so. To me, we need to consider the welfare of the innocent Mainers who are involved. To me, it's the height of arrogance for us to say, 'Sorry, we couldn't agree. Find another way.' In medicine the first rule is do no harm. That should apply to this legislature. We should be compelled not to put Maine citizens in the crossfire between Maine government and the federal government.

As I mentioned earlier, the supporters of this Majority Report, if they vote for this, will be defined as someone who is not caring. The assumptions will be that you are uncaring and intolerant to the plights of those people who have made this country great. That's a fool's assumption and I think it's based on ignorance and political spin. You know I, like you, have a rich history of immigrants in my family. My grandfather was born in 1885 and he came here along with 12 brothers and sisters, as he was one of 13. In fact the 13th was named Grace Enough Diamond. His father was an immigrant from England who went to Canada and then, get this, illegally came to the United States. He settled in East Livermore. His mother came from Ireland. Back then, at the turn of the century, discrimination was not very subtle. They were dirt poor. They were illegal immigrants. They were Irish. In my genealogy one of the neighbors in the town wrote, 'The Diamonds are so poor that many people shunned them, as was the practice of the time.' I ask you to scoot ahead a century to 1998. My son-in-law, before he was my son-in-law, was 100% Canadian. Grew up in the poorest part of Montreal in a basement apartment that flooded when it rained. He came to this country at age 19 and was called a frog, dumb Frenchman, and all those things and much worse. He could do something a little bit better than some others and he got accepted because he could play a sport. Most people don't have that advantage. I would say the people we are trying to protect with the Majority Report on this bill are all the people in this state. Those who are coming here. Those who want to come here. Those we want to be here. Those who have been here. I would ask you to pass this Majority Report to give us a chance to make the fight. When I was growing up I learned there were two ways to fight; you can fight stupid and you can

fight smart. I usually fought stupid, which means you weighed in, didn't think about the consequences, and reacted. I did all those things because it is tempting, for that immediate gratification, to say, 'Let's give it to them.' We have to fight smart. Maine deserves to have its leaders fight smart. The battle goes beyond December 15th. If we fight smart we can go on beyond December 15th, just like 49 other states. I would ask you to join me in defeating the motion before us because the time has come. We deserve the right to fight. Let's fight smart. Thank you, Madame President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Bowman.

Senator **BOWMAN**: Thank you, Madame President. I don't enjoy all the debate in this Chamber. I especially am admiring of the debate that I've heard recently from my colleagues. Much of my life I have spent in a very highly secure environment and I love the phrase, 'If I told you about some of those things I'd have to kill you.' Not to be taken literally, of course. I've learned a number of things during that experience. A couple of them are that most security measures are more fluff than substance, and I see that in these measures put forth by Homeland Security, and secondly, that many security experts are very narrow-minded, small thinking people. It's discouraging, but it's all too often the case. I see that in the measures put forth by Homeland Security. I don't claim to be a security expert. I'm an engineer. I'm not a security expert. I see in this bill capriciousness and singling out Maine because we dared to stand up to authority. That's all too typical, and I don't want to get into this, of what happens in Washington D.C. these days. Perversely, many of the measures espoused by Homeland Security may actually make us less secure rather than more secure. As was stated before, Real ID costs real money. In fact, many of the things may undermine our Constitutional rights.

That said, my experience has taught me to do two things and do them in parallel. I think I heard some of the previous speakers say that. I just want to drive the idea home. You comply with the law and in parallel you fight like hell to turn it around. We need to do that. I do not see that strongly enough, if at all, in the bill in its present form. In some ways, like many issues in life, it's a matter of head versus heart or head working with heart. You can process some things in your brain but your heart tells you certain other things. My wife has schooled me in this way of thinking and it pervades my actions and thoughts, especially on this issue here. I will support any bill, any amendments, that work in parallel to comply with the law and works so hard, as much more articulately than I can say, to right the wrongs. Thank you very much.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Martin.

Senator **MARTIN**: Thank you, Madame President and members of the Senate. I'm pleased to follow both of the colleagues who have spoken because I, frankly, have to agree with both. I was sitting here just before I began to speak thinking of my own family that was in North America before Maine even existed. They were part of an influx from France into Quebec City, on my father's side, and Acadian on my mother's side. When they lived in northern Maine they lived on British territory and on disputed territory between Mars Hill and the St. Lawrence River. Maine became a state, as you all know, in 1820 with a disputed

boundary, not settled until the Webster-Ashburton Treaty of 1842, where this legislature appropriated \$50,000 in the middle of the night to raise a militia to remove the British from the valley. It was a number of years later when the boundary was actually laid out and we finally had a boundary that separated family members on both sides of that river where family members still reside. Today that boundary is a hindrance to relationships and to families and it gets worse day by day. Recently I was at the border and crossed into Canada without a single problem. They just waved me in. When I came back to the other side there stood, at the border, a former University graduate and student of mine who had just come back from training with a supervisor behind him. He just looked at me. I knew he needed my driver's license, but he didn't dare ask. Finally I said, 'Do you want my driver's license?' He said, 'Would you mind giving it to me, Mr. Martin?' I did. Later in the day I had to go back to Clair. I came back across the border and the same former student was still there. I had to give it again. What happened to me is happening along the valley and along the border of Maine and we haven't even gotten to the next step. When this issue was raised I finally said to the Chief Executive, 'Why don't we just buy passports for everyone? In the long run it's going to be cheaper. We'll be done with it and we won't be where we are today.' It wasn't good enough for our friends in Washington because we weren't caving in to their desires.

If any of you think, as we sit here in Augusta, that all of that is making us more secure along the border just keep in mind about that border. Right now we have a plane, paid for with federal funds, that flies along the border once a day. Up one side of the Canadian border and down the other. We have border crossings that are probably in total length a mile, if that, where you have security. In some locations on the east side of the border they have these lines that can be broken if you cross. They tell you if someone has gone across. When the moose and other animals cross it sets them off and the border patrol runs from Ft. Fairfield or Houlton or Van Buren to check and see what it is and they'll see the hoof prints. If you think that makes us more secure let me bring you into Canada and I'll find you a way to come back into this country in a way that you will never see another human being. All we are doing is making it difficult for honest citizens to re-enter this country.

With all that having been said, where does that leave us today? I know I'm just relaying the facts you already know. I have to agree that we have to fight. We hope that our representation in Washington will do the same. Maybe since it happens to be a political election time it's time for the citizens of Maine to demand, to insist, upon their elected officials, as they run for re-election, that they need to do something about this. If they don't, and there is time left before they adjourn, then we ought to tell all Maine's citizens to vote against them.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Schneider.

Senator **SCHNEIDER:** Thank you, Madame President, men and women of the Senate. I remember 9/11 well. I remember that there was a promise that we would not let those terrorist actions defeat us, but we have been letting Washington allow those terrorist actions to defeat us. Slowly but surely our freedoms are being picked off one by one. There is a quote I'd like to read you. 'Loss of freedom seldom happens over night. Oppression doesn't stand on the doorstep with a toothbrush mustache and Swastika armband. It creeps up insidiously, step by step, and all of a

sudden the unfortunate citizen realizes that it is gone.' When we go to the airport today we may only have to show a driver's license, but I've seen people nearly strip-searched with shoes taken off, jackets, and every pocket searched. These are innocent people with their freedoms being picked apart by our fear, and fear is what will take away our democracy and our liberties. I saw recently on a news media program something that was being touted as a wonderful new way to see if there were things being hidden in people's pockets when they showed up at an airport. It is a machine that you walk into and radio waves are bounced off your body and takes an identical picture of your body. Absolutely every piece of your body is searched, essentially, by this particular machine. I guarantee you that I was able to see every single bit of the body of the man who stepped in there. They said this wonderful machine was being watched by a woman in a backroom on a computer screen. They said, 'Isn't this a wonderful thing, that we can see every bit of this man's body?' Believe me, that was possible. What a wonderful thing it was and how secure it was. I ask you, when people can break into the Pentagon's computers, how secure are those photographs of your bodies? They will be all over the place. Anybody can see that. I'm saying this and being so explicit because it is the direction we are going in. It's outrageous. Is this the direction you want to go, where every time you fly on a plane you have a naked picture taken of your body to insure that somebody hasn't got some pocketknife or keychain?

There is a friend of mine in Orono who had overtaken an island. He said, 'Elizabeth, come out after your election and we'll have a party for you.' I said, 'No, George, I'm not interested in that.' He said, 'Why not?' I said, 'George, you put cameras up all over that island.' He did it because he said he wanted to be secure. You know, for Homeland Security kinds of things. I understand there is a big market in that right now. I said, 'George, I'm not interested in having everything I do watched by a camera.' He said, 'Well, Elizabeth, wouldn't you rather have protections than have somebody come up from behind you and grab you?' I said, 'Absolutely not. I will defend myself.' I don't want cameras looking at everything I do and everywhere I go. What happened to our freedoms? Are we really safer? Not very long ago a child got on an airplane on the west coast and made it all the way to Arizona, I think it was, without anybody noticing anything. As our freedoms go away, and we think we're so safe, people can walk on with all kinds of weapons and all kinds of things anyways. We're paying billions of dollars for this. It's money, but more frightening to me are our freedoms that are slowly and surely being picked away in the name of freedom. There are people who say that they don't want big government. This is government at its worst. This is government intrusion like you cannot believe. 'The natural progress of things is for government to gain ground and for liberty to yield.' Thomas Jefferson. 'A small leak can sink a great ship.' Benjamin Franklin. Look to our forefathers and what they did to try to protect us from ourselves, from our fear. Don't let us sink this great ship, this great democracy that we have, by slowly allowing our civil liberties to be picked away one by one. This is certainly another step in that direction and if you don't think so, friends, look down the road and also look back at where we came from. This is the direction that we are going and that's why I think the citizens of Maine will understand that we are fighting a fight that is much greater than just an identification issue. This is much greater. This is at the very core of our democracy and our civil liberties. Please remember that.