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H.P. 1083

House of Representatives, April 15, 2025

An Act to Require Legislative Committees to Provide Equal Time to Each Member of the Public Who Testifies

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, HASENFUS of Readfield,

Senators: GROHOSKI of Hancock, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, TEPLER of Sagadahoc.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §165, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Testimony before committees. During a public hearing, each person offering testimony before the committee must be allowed the same amount of time to testify.

SUMMARY

This bill requires that joint standing and joint select committees of the Legislature must provide equal time to testify to each person testifying before that committee during a public hearing.