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Legislative Council, 119th Legislature
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Dear President Lawrence and Members of the Legislative Council,

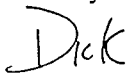
I am sorry that a previous commitment will prevent me from attending today's Legislative Council meeting. I want to take this opportunity to explain the emergency nature of this bill request that I have submitted.

L.R. 3914: An Act to Provide an Angling Season for Atlantic Salmon.

With the impending dispute over the management of Maine's wild Atlantic Salmon, Maine must be involved in efforts to protect its Atlantic Salmon population in a unified manner. The State Salmon Commission arbitrarily ruled against the overwhelming opinions of its angling constituency and closed all Maine rivers to Atlantic Salmon angling in December of 1999. The angling constituency is the basic source of public support for Atlantic Salmon conservation programs in the state. To disenfranchise this core constituency at this critical time could negatively impact Maine's response to the Federal Government's attempt to list the salmon under the Endangered Species Act. This bill is the first opportunity to address that threat.

Thank you very much for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,



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L.R. 3921: An Act to Support Maine's Only Representative to the Nation's Capitol Bicentennial Celebration.

Please table this bill until I have the opportunity to present more information in person.

Thank you very much for your attention to this issue.

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L.R. 3904: An Act to Provide Educational Benefits For Maine National Guard Members.

The Maine National Guard has suffered severe enrollment declines in the past year that may have a negative impact on the guard's capability to perform its mission. This decline has been particularly severe since October 1, 1999, and this is shown in the enclosed graph. This bill would provide educational benefits to hopefully entice more qualified enrollments. Maine's recent ice storm highlighted the emergency services provided by the guard and the need to have it properly staffed.

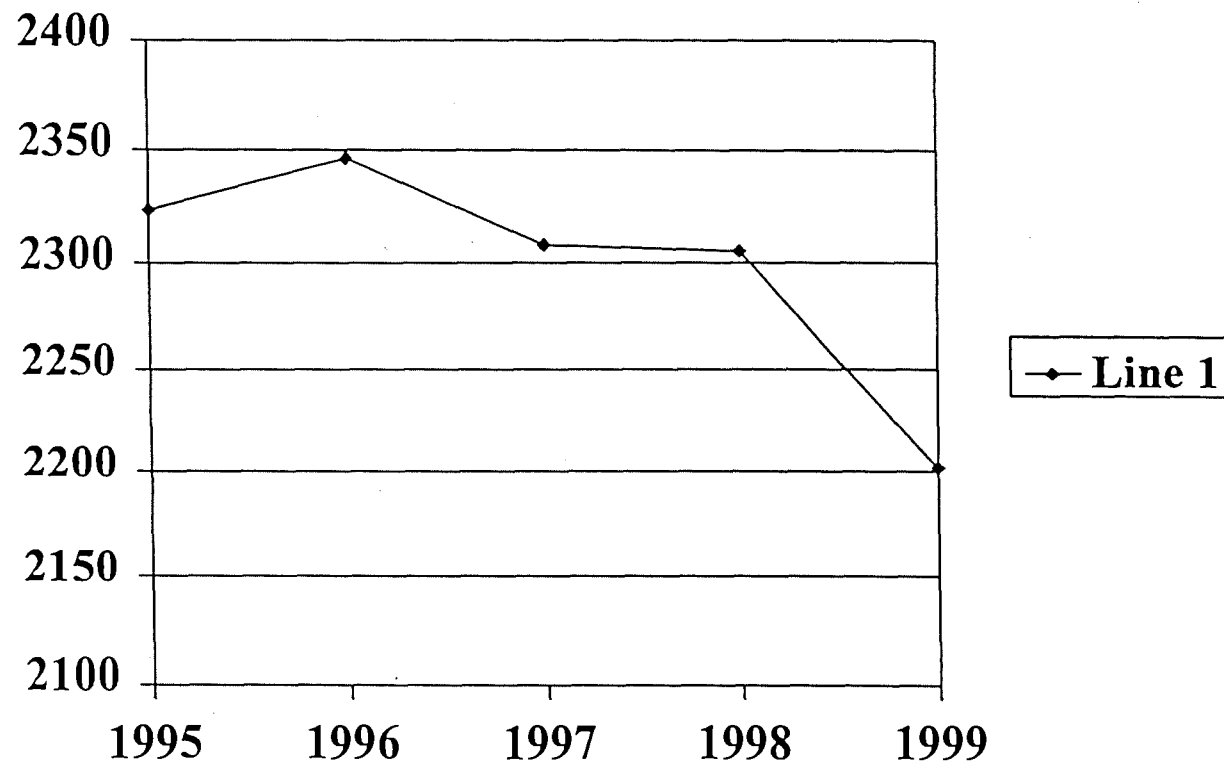
Thank you very much for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dick".

Richard Ruhlin

Maine Army National Guard End of Year Strength




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February 2, 2000

TO: Members of the Legislative Council
FROM: Sally 
SUBJECT: Representative Madore's After Deadline Bill Requests

Representative Madore came by late Monday afternoon, after the Council meeting to ask that both of his requests be withdrawn, following conversations he has had with the Attorney General.

LR 3945 An Act Authorizing the Appointment of a Special Prosecutor in Cases Where Sexual Harassment is Alleged Against Any Employee Within the Department of the Attorney General

LR 3946 Resolve, Authorizing the Award of Damages in a Case of Alleged Sexual Harassment within the Department of the Attorney General

Since you took no action on these on Monday, I think that Rep. Madore's request does not require any formal Council action.

Please call me if you have any questions.

cc: Honorable David R. Madore
Margaret Matheson, Revisor of Statutes