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5/15/01

Bill -

Donna

Do you have an open mind on
 the Environmental Terrorism bill?

Could you be convinced to vote
 against it?

Donna

Dear Donna,
 Of course, I have an open
 mind! It might be pretty hard
 to convince me to vote against
 it, though.

Bill

Starvos,

Have you totally made up
 your mind on the Environmental
 Terrorism bill?

Donna

No, I am still considering. I
 was going to vote against, but the
 Amendment seems O.K.

Starvos



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Monica -

Have you totally made up your
mind to vote for the Environmental
Terrorism Bill?

Could I convince you to vote
against it?

Donna

If it looks as if you guys will lose,
I will. But I hope the votes can
be found elsewhere...

Monica



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David -

Have you totally made up
your mind about the
Environmental Terrorism Bill?

Donna

Hi,

No, I have not made
up my mind yet. Any
info you would like to share?

Dave



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Bill -

Are we going to get a
chance to debate the
bill itself?

Can we get someone to
reconsider.

After ^{we} debate
amendment, then
we'll move indef.
postponement
of bill!



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Susan M. Hawes
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Donna -

Hear! Hear!

Thank you for
exposing the bill
on "ET" for what
it is!

Gods Thank you!
Sue



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Lillian LaFontaine O'Brien

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Dear Donna

Great info

well Delivered

Very Succient

Excellant Floor Speech

Have a

Good Day

Your friends

Sent
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Ross Paradis

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Donna,

Excellent speech!

You absolutely convinced
me to vote to bill

that environmental
tenorin bill.

Bob Bravo!

Ross

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bill

my MITSC Bill

15th
12th

in Statutory required language

Other Committees allowed to submit
direct legislation

Family health advisory Com.

Criminal law advisory Com.

- I am NOT a member of MITSC
any Legislator who wishes may attend
any + all MITSC meeting

[my Rep Sherman comment
to say did not need to submit
direct legislation because MITSC had
Donald + were lobbying for them!]

I later pulled that part of the bill
so it not would go through by
House + Senate w no problem.



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Sharon Libby Jones

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5/2/01

Dear Rep. Spring,

Thank you for gift and for
the Education of the Wabanaki
culture. This is so important
to all of us. Thank you again.

my best,

Sharon

#120

My Wabanaki Day

Sharon spoke about the Wabanaki names bill
last year. She was not a Rep at the time.
I asked her if she felt guilty being
the Wabanaki name in order to make a profit?
This question made her angry at the time.
This was the first communication from her
but I've not received.



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Marc Michaud

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5/2/01
My Wabanaki Day

Donna,

Thank you for the program this
morning. Thank you for
the gift. You have
reason to be proud.

Rep. Michaud



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JOHN T. BUCK

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Donna:

thanks by 5/2/01

I appreciate the mini broom. If you have three extra brooms I would like to give them to my children,
John Buck

(explain to him my wife sweet grass says to give him one & Donald give him w.s.)



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Patricia T. Jacobs

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5/2/01

Donna,
I thank you so much for the sweet grass ornament. I think I'm going to wear it as a pin so that I can smell it.

Pat

[Faint handwritten text, possibly a signature or note]



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120th (Anti to
 the Scholastic)

Support the paper to
 make Spiking trees
 a Class A Crime!

(Unbelievable)

From
 Rep Schweitzer
 Donna

DEATH FOR
SPIKING TREES!



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 Linda Rogers McKee 5/15/01
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Wow! What a headline today in
 the BDN! They finally nailed
 the buggers! This is such good
 news. Do you feel your efforts
 helped? I do! Haven't read the
 article yet but want to get down to
 the library today to read it.

Linda

ref
 D.O.J
 Suit against
 Lincoln High School



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Albion D. Goodwin

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Alan
Donna

good fight - we will
continue until we get
it right.

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Joseph E. Brooks

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Donna

if this one goes

down - should
we withdraw the
next one?

Joe



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3 - I feel strongly

- Maine has an opportunity to take the lead in recognizing and treating Indian people with respect and dignity.

Allowing us to vote on our own ISSUES - would give us a small voice in the policy making process that has had such a tremendous effect on our Tribal Governments, our every day life and our very survival.

It is simply a question of human decency + fairness,

I urge you to support the
DNR rule change,

Thank you



From the desk of

Susan J. Bell

Senior Policy Advisor

Patrick Colwell
House Majority Leader



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2/22/01 *W*

Hi Donna -

2/15/01

Judy Lucarelli is testifying in favor of your bill for the Dept + the Administration. This is how we coordinate testimony on behalf of the Administration. I am committed to the meeting

I have discussed the legislation with BOTH the Dept. + the Governor. As you know, we support including NATIVE American History + Culture in Maine Schools - the Learning Results + Maine Studies section of the law. The Commission part of the bill is a problem for the Department to staff + manage

Sue Bell

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Donna,
we are going to have to postpone your Native American Education Presentation until the following week. We just have to do a follow up caucus on the Budget. I'll contact you with a future date - thanks
Pat



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To Donald S.

We should see if we can get
the Chief's to be able to
address the House / Sent of a
Statement of the Tribes address.
What do you think?

2/22/01

Soug with Mike Sout - he says his gut
reaction is NO
He has been very careful about who he allows
to speak. He has turned down Stavros Mardos
who wanted to be Great Ambassador to address
the Legislature.
I reminded him this is different we have a history
together. He asked if I wanted him to finish
about it - I said yes. He agreed to consult
with his staff.



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Joseph E. Brooks

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Donna / Donald

Can one of you
go out in hallway for
interview with Naomi
of PBS on our order?



Patrick Colwell
House Majority Leader

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2/8/01

Donna,
we are planning to
concur next Thursday
at Lunch time. If
you would like to make
your presentation on the
Native American Education
Bill we can make
30 minutes or so available.
If you need more time
perhaps we should
schedule it for an off site
concur.
Thanks
Pat



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Donna -

On my no-smoking
bill.

I'll be talking on the
amendments especially
to the high-stakes plans
on the reservation. Can you
give me some ammunition.

My personal feeling is that
the games are on your land
and we have no jurisdiction
in telling you what to do or
not to do. Now in law I
realize there is something
that we can use to control
the games & chance even on
the reservation but I'm not
sure of anything here.

Can you help me out



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By writing me something
that will be accurate
and correct.?

Thanks.

Pat



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 Retiree

Crafting
 w. Vt
 1201

Our Spirits Soar together
 over the clouds, the wind, the
 storms. We glide on the wings
 of the eagle ^{as} we fly to
^{meet} ~~meet~~ the dawn. ~~at dawn~~
~~with soon be over~~

We are on an infinite journey
 and our spirits are as one
 we dance and laugh and sing and
 talk and go on and on and on
 Our spirits Soar together in a
 never ending flight and we will
 stay together on our never
 ending flight. So close your
 eyes and fly with me
~~to~~ upon the eagle's wing



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 dawn.



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*amend
 common bill*

Rudy

would you be willing to amend
 the bill now while it's in the
 House?

Donna

Yes, I think that the
 bill could be killed in the
 Senate and we wouldn't
 be able to amend it. I would
 need to amend the minority
 report. Let me show you the
 amendment to decide if it is
 strong enough. (it's in my office).



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 Raymond G. Pineau
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Donna

I think we have
 enough support to kill
 this bill, but, bills
 die hard around here!

Ray Pineau

Thank you for your support



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Good Afternoon

Senator Douglass, Representative Tuttle
 and members of the ~~Legal & Veterans~~
~~Affairs~~ Joint Committee on
 Legal & Veterans Affairs.

I am Representative Donna Loring
 of the Penobscot Nation.

I am testifying in support of
 this just order.

I am a member of the ^{former chair} ~~the~~ ^{main} ~~the~~
^{women} Veterans Commission, ~~and a Vietnam Veteran~~
 and a Vietnam Veteran.



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According to the Department of
 Veterans Affairs

The estimated population of
 women veterans in 1994 was
 1.2 M or about 4.5%
 of the total veteran population.

Currently women make up
 11.6% of current active
 duty military force and
 13% of the reserve force.

With growing representation in
 the military services
 Congress authorized expanded
 services for women veterans.



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Congress established the VA
Advisory Committee on Women
Veterans in 1983. Since 1986
"planning for and providing for
comprehensive health services
to women veterans has been
a priority goal of Veterans
Health Administration.

There are approximately 9,000
women veterans in Maine.

According to the Department of Defense,
Veterans and Emergency Management as
of July 1999 there were 1500
WWII women veterans ~~in the state~~
and 700 Korean ^{women} veterans in
the State of Maine



1750
700
2200 ?

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The ^{part} of WWII women ⁱⁿ ~~was~~ ^{then} ~~by~~ ^{late}
Senators

The Korean women veterans ~~was~~ ^{do}
in the late 60's.

We have ^{with 21500} women veterans who are
rapidly aging and who will be
increasingly taking advantage of
VA Services and Long Term Care.
(Women's medical needs are not
the same as men's.)

Recently the Maine Veterans Home
will be seeing more and more
women. Presently there ^{are} no
women ^{seated} on the board of
directors of the Institution.



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A board sent dedicated
to a woman veteran is a
necessity. ~~Board of Veterans Affairs~~

The Main Veterans Home was established
in ____? and has never had
a woman seated on it's board.

It is time that the
Veterans have a say in their own care,
~~exclusion of women~~ ^{women} ~~can't~~

equality means we need to
~~have~~ ^{have} guaranteed women
veterans representation on this
board.

Thank you.



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Ben -

Would you be able to attend
 a special luncheon hosted
 by Donald & me?
 at noon in a Vet + legal
 Affairs comm room.

Donna

I'll attend, but I have
 a deep-seated aversion to
 the idea of using casinos
 as a means of economic development.
 Are you sure you want me
 there?

Ben



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Chris -

Can you make the
 luncheon at noon?

Donna

Go

You can bet on it.



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Lois A. Snowe-Mello

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Dear Donna,

I cannot support the tribal effort to build a casino in Southern Maine.

Let me tell you why. I am opposed to any form of gambling. I do not support the lottery, Bingo or anything that takes on the appearance of gambling. I have never supported the type of behavior. My views on this matter only strengthened when I married a man who turned out to be a compulsive gambler. Life w/ this man was a living hell. I attended a seminar and found out what a terrible illness this is. It destroys families. It's almost impossible to kick the habit, because it's in the mind. We only have a small population of

people in this state, I truly believe
this type of "business" would move
people to land on the welfare rolls.
More ~~for~~ families will be broken
because of this behavior, yes
they are people who can control
themselves - I believe that this state
has a large population of people
who have addictive behaviors.
I remember when Atlantic ~~City~~ City
accepted gambling. They promised
that if they allowed the city to have
Casinos that they ~~would~~ would ~~use~~
use much of their profits to benefit
and help the economic base of
Atlantic City. As this & you will
see that it did not do any of this.

~~Atlantic City~~
I would like to help your
people, just not in this area.

Sincerely,
Luis



Legal & Econ Dev
Bus & Economic Dev

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The Penobscot Nation is in favor of a study commission to look at the possibility of a casino in Maine.

There has been much speculation and hyp about more crime, increased traffic, loss of control etc.

A study would answer all of these concerns and shine some light on this proposed project.

The Penobscot Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe proposed a casino as a viable and sustainable economic venture. It is working well for other tribes and states across the country.

This is a government to government proposal.

The state legislature as the policy making body of the state would be remiss and even neglectful if

they did not consider this proposal from the tribes seriously, ~~and~~ respectfully and studiously.

The 11th and the 12th (last session) approved ~~over~~ over fifty studies, on issues from land trust, gas taxes, high speed chases to opportunities associated with the productivity of Salmonid sport fish.

This economic opportunity has the potential of bringing thousands of jobs to Maine and millions of dollars to the state coffers.

Tribal governments deserve to be treated with respect and their proposal merits serious consideration and study by policy makers of this state.

I urge you ~~to~~ to approve this study.