

United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS
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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6425

March 25, 2014

The Honorable Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator King:

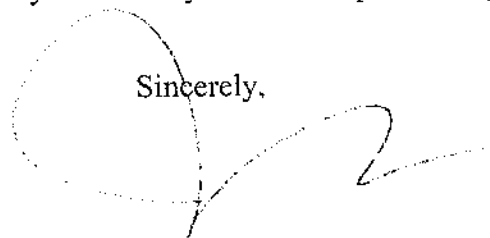
Thank you for the report which you have filed with the Committee concerning your receipt of a 98 million year old fish fossil and a history book on the City of Byblos from Ziad Hawat, Mayor of Byblos, Lebanon. You request that the Committee, as the designated agency for Members, officers, and employees of the Senate for purposes of the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, approve the deposit of the fish fossil and book with the Secretary of the Senate for official use and request approval to display these gifts in room 371 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building as provided by Section 7342(c)(2)(B) of the Act.

The Committee approves your request that the fossil be deposited with the Secretary of the Senate for official use and approves your request that the official use of the fossil shall be its display and use as described above. Members, officers, and employees of the Senate may not convert gifts accepted on behalf of the United States to their own personal use. Because the fossil remains the property of the United States, you must advise this Committee and the office of the Secretary of the Senate of any proposed change in the use or location of the item.

Tangible gifts from a foreign government valued at more than \$100 may only be accepted on behalf of the United States Government and must be deposited with the Secretary of the Senate within 60 days of accepting the gift. You have estimated the value of the history book below \$100; therefore, you are not required by the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act to deposit it with the Secretary of the Senate. The history book, which you have valued at \$61.50, may be retained by you for your personal use.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,



John C. Sassaman, Jr.
Chief Counsel and Staff Director

cc: Amy Elizabeth Burton
Office of the Senate Curator

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Report of Acceptance of Gifts From a Foreign Government or Multinational Organization

Required by 5 U.S.C. 7342. Text of pertinent portions attached. Not applicable to foreign decorations or to grants and other forms of assistance to which section 108A of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 applies.

For use by a Senator, or officer, or employee of the Senate, or the spouse, or dependent of any such person, who has accepted from a foreign government a tangible gift or a gift of travel or expenses for travel taking place entirely outside the United States (such as, transportation, food, lodging or entertainment), of more than minimal value (defined as more than \$100).

Name(s) of Reporting Individual(s) (include title & Senate office):

Senator Angus S. King, Jr.

Signature of Reporting Individual(s) or Person Preparing Report (include title and Senate office of preparer):

Date of this Report:

3/4/14

Tangible Gifts of More Than Minimal Value

Date Accepted	Brief description of gift	Estimated value in U.S. when accepted	Disposition, Current Location		Identity of foreign donor and government	Circumstances justifying acceptance
			Do you wish to retain gift for official use?	If "yes", where will gift be displayed?		
<i>Example Jan. 5, 2009</i>	<i>Candelabrum, hand-crafted of a filigree design Silver with gold plating</i>	<i>\$300</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>SH 220</i>	<i>Defense Minister Ehud Barak Govt. of Israel</i>	<i>Nonacceptance would cause donor embarrassment</i>
2/19/14	98 million year old fish fossil from Byblos, Lebanon	\$400	Yes	SD-371	Mayor Ziad al-Hawwat of Byblos, Lebanon	Nonacceptance would cause donor embarrassment
2/19/14	History book on the city of Byblos, Lebanon	\$61.50	Yes	SD-371	Mayor Ziad al-Hawwat of Byblos, Lebanon	Nonacceptance would cause donor embarrassment

Gifts of Travel or Expense of Travel (of more than Minimal Value) Taking Place Entirely Outside of the United States

Date(s) Accepted	Brief description (transportation, food, lodging and entertainment)	Identity of foreign government and donor	Circumstances justifying acceptance
<i>Example Jan. 5-6, 1990</i>	<i>Transportation within Israel via small military aircraft to military installations, including lodging and meals</i>	<i>Government of Israel</i>	<i>Official travel to view installations and to discuss peacekeeping security. No commercial transportation was available to these sites</i>