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Senate called to order by President Michael D. Thibodeau of
Waldo County.

Prayer by Pastor Arthur Fairbrother Jr., Royal Ridge Church of
God.

PASTOR FAIRBROTHER: Good morning. First of all, let me say
thank you for your service to our state and your sacrifice of time
and talent. You do not go unnoticed or unappreciated and I want
to thank you also for the opportunity to be here this morning and
to open with prayer. Let us pray.

Precious Heavenly Father, we come humbly before You
today with gracious hearts and we are thankful, Lord God, that we
have the privilege to pray and that You will keep the promises that
You hear our prayer, Lord God. Father, we thank You for the
promise that if we abide in You and words abide in us then we
can ask what we desire and will receive it. Father God, this
morning we ask You, Lord God, today to just bless this Body, the
128th Senate of the great State of Maine. God, I pray for every
elected official in this Chamber. Father, we pray for their families
and their careers and their desires of their hearts. Lord, we ask
You that You would keep them in good health, that You would
bless them and protect them as they honor You in their decisions
today. Father God, I pray, Father, with the spirit of gratitude that
we were born in this great state and, Father, I pray that every
decision that today, Lord God, will be done for the wellbeing of
our entire state, Lord God, not special interests, Lord God, or
small groups, but for the entire people. Father, I pray for a
productive day today, not just today but every day that we live,
and, Father, just be with each and every one of us today. We
pray in Your precious and holy name. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Kimberley C. Rosen of
Hancock County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, January 4, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Maggie Bordeau D.O. of Biddeford.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by
Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 9

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House
adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 10:00 in
the morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Prevent Bad Faith Assertions of Patent
Infringement"

H.P. 4 L.D. 2

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on
JUDICIARY and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Grant Plantations the Power To Control Consumer
Fireworks" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 5 L.D. 3

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to
the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and
ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Law Regulating Reflective and Tinted
Glass in Automobiles"

H.P. 3 L.D. 1

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on
TRANSPORTATION and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in
concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Licensing Requirements for Beano
Halls Leased by Veterans' Organizations"

H.P. 6 L.D. 4

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Exclude Wildlife Issues from Citizen Initiatives
H.P. 7 L.D. 5

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Insurance Carriers from Retroactively Reducing Payment on Clean Claims Submitted by Pharmacies"
S.P. 10 L.D. 6

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DILL of Penobscot, KATZ of Kennebec, Representatives: SYLVESTER of Portland, TUCKER of Brunswick.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

William Neubauer, of Shawmut, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 485, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Boy Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and

community service. For his Eagle Scout project, William made and arranged to have made 50 quilts for Redington-Fairview General Hospital to give to children admitted to the hospital. We extend our congratulations to William on this achievement;
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Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cyrway.

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I'm honored today to have as my guest, William Neubauer, and his father, Jeff. William has recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout. For his project William chose to make, and have made, 50 quilts for Redington-Fairview General Hospital in Skowhegan. He has given them to the children who are admitted to the hospital. I have high admiration for Scouts who are able to reach this high rank. They are dedicated, hardworking individuals who value community service and helping their neighbors. My grandson is currently working on reaching that rank of Eagle Scout, so I understand the hard work and time that it takes for a Scout to complete their Eagle Scout project. It is no easy task. William started in Scouting at 6 years old and is a member of the O.A., which is the National Honor Society of Boy Scouts. He volunteers at his local church and has been a Section and Assemble leader for multiple music groups in school. He lives by the motto "See a need, fill a need." William is an excellent example of his peers and to all of us of what it means to put others first. William graduated from Lawrence High School in June and is now attending the School of Music at the University of Southern Maine, where he is studying to become a music teacher. I have no doubt that he will be successful in his studies and that he has a terrific future ahead of him. I am pleased William will be able to join us today and I send him my best wishes for continued success. Thank you, Mr. President.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Jeff Neubauer and William Neubauer of Shawmut. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 10:00 in the morning.