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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
January 13, 2015

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

Prayer by Pastor Frank Gleason IV, CenterPoint Community Church in Anson.

PASTOR GLEASON: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, Madame Secretary, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, let us pray. Almighty God, it is with excitement, determination, and anticipation we begin this week of legislative service. While we pray for strength to face the challenges ahead, I pray that You grant us wisdom to know when to rest. We ask for the ability to know when to follow our fellow colleagues and the willingness to do so. May we think of ourselves less so that those whom we serve would ever be on the forefront of our minds. Shape our thoughts through compassion. Lead us in truth, that we may always do the right thing. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Amy F. Volk of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, January 8, 2015.

Doctor of the day, Lisa Ryan, MD of Naples.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Retain Call Centers in Maine"
H.P. 12 L.D. 9

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Establish Native American Heritage and Culture Day"

H.P. 13 L.D. 10

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

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

Bill "An Act To Exempt the Sale of the United States Flag from the Sales Tax"

H.P. 14 L.D. 11

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

On motion by Senator **MCCORMICK** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 30

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

January 8, 2015

The Honorable Michael Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau,

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Carlisle J.T. McLean of Cumberland for appointment as a Commissioner to the Public Utilities Commission.

Pursuant to Title 35-A, MRSA §105, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Allow a Qualifying Patient To Use Medical Marijuana in a Hospital"

S.P. 17 L.D. 35

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative RUSSELL of Portland and Senators: HASKELL of Cumberland, McCORMICK of Kennebec, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, GATTINE of Westbrook, O'CONNOR of Berwick, SANDERSON of Chelsea.

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Limit the Liability of Landowners Who Allow Recreational Climbing on Their Land"

S.P. 13 L.D. 12

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway and Senators: DILL of Penobscot, EDGECOMB of Aroostook, HASKELL of Cumberland, MILLETT of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: HICKMAN of Winthrop, HOBBS of Saco, MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

On motion by Senator **BURNS** of Washington, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide an Exemption from Sales Tax and Service Provider Tax to Nonprofit Collaboratives of Libraries"

S.P. 14 L.D. 13

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor and Senators: DILL of Penobscot, HASKELL of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, STANLEY of Medway.

On motion by Senator **MCCORMICK** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Registration of an Antique Motor Vehicle That Is the Owner's Sole Vehicle"

S.P. 15 L.D. 14

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebec and Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, HASKELL of Cumberland, Representative: SUKEFORTH of Appleton.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase Transparency in Campaign Funding in Legislative Elections"

S.P. 16 L.D. 15

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative TURNER of Burlington and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, VALENTINO of York, Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, O'CONNOR of Berwick, RUSSELL of Portland, SIROCKI of Scarborough.

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Kevin Switzer, Jr., of Newport, on the occasion of the 1,500th win of his harness racing career. Mr. Switzer hit this impressive milestone on November 22, 2014 at Scarborough Downs. This year has been an especially good year for Mr. Switzer, as he is the current leader in North America in the Universal Driver Rating System. He won 369 races in 2014. We extend to Mr. Switzer our congratulations and best wishes;

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Sponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: CUSHING of Penobscot,
Representative: FREDETTE of Newport.

READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Volk.

Senator **VOLK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, Kevin Switzer, Jr. is a third generation horseman who is quickly taking the state of Maine harness racing scene by storm. 2014 was a special year for Kevin, as he earned bragging rights as the top driver in Maine, scoring 377 wins, 68 more than his closest competitor. On June 7th, Kevin won seven races in one day at Scarborough Downs, the most since Walter Case, Jr. won eight back in 1985. The highlight of Kevin's season came during the finals of the Maine Sire Stakes Program, when he won with the phenomenal Maine bred filly Mary Rose of Topaz, keeping her undefeated record intact while claiming a lion's share of the record \$85,000 purse. I believe that Mr. Switzer is here.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would ask that Mr. Switzer stand and accept the greetings of the Senate.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** to Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at 10:00 in the morning.