

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber  
Wednesday  
January 14, 2015

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

Prayer by Pastor Warren Doersam, Retired, Maine Prison  
Ministries in Warren.

**PASTOR DOERSAM:** Good morning. You may be seated. You'd rather stand? Okay. I wish you good morning, ladies and gentlemen and guests of the Senate. My name is Warren Doersam and my background for the past 20 years has been working with inmates, residents, of our judicial system in jails and prisons. I retired as the first of May. On top of that I was chaplain for 10 years at the Waldo County Sheriff's Department, working with police officers in the sheriff's office and driving with them and seeing some of their lives, what they fell into every day, you might say.

If you would please join me in prayer. Our God, who resides in heaven, I come to Your throne of grace today and ask You for Your guidance for all of these men and women of the Senate, for the Governor, and also for the House of Representatives. These legislators are embarking on a new journey with second term Governor Paul LePage. Father, these Senators all have some great ideas for the people of Maine. There usually is lengthy discussion that needs to take place before a decision is made. You know the best decision for the parties who will have to comply or be the recipients of the decisions once the vote is cast. The fact remains that all of these fine ladies and gentlemen, Lord, have their voices heard, yet we, as a culture, don't always listen well. I know this from my own experience as a husband and a father. Sometimes as a child of God I don't always listen very well to You either. You always have the best and right answer. My plea and prayer to You, Lord, for all of us who fall short in this area is this, that these Senators listen when someone else is speaking, would stop their thinking about what they may want to say before the speaker has even finished, and listen until they completely share their ideas. Lord, You can help all of us with this. I encourage all of these folks to listen really well and to not just listen but to hear what the other person has to say. Lord, when I don't completely listen to my wife I'm being rude for not giving her the floor, for she is the most important person at the time. She is the most important one at the moment, until she has finished, so it goes with the Senate discussions. I pray that any of us that has this difficulty of listening properly would try to focus better. Remember, as servants of the State of Maine people, they do not care who gets the credit for You know, Lord, whose ideas cause emotions to be developed. To complete my prayer, Father, I pray for our country, our service men and women, and all the leadership of the United States of America and, sovereign and gracious Lord, thank You for this country and its doors that open wide to welcome those who yearn to be free. Finally, I ask that You bless these men and women of the Maine Senate, as no

one knows how hard they work, we thank You for their efforts and know that we do appreciate the long hours devoted to serving us, and for their families, for a prosperous and successful new year and grant us Thy peace. I pray this in my Lord's name. Amen.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Stanley J. Gerzofsky of  
Cumberland County.

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Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

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Doctor of the day, Jane Pringle, MD of Windham.

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**Off Record Remarks**  
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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by  
Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 18

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House  
adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 10:00 in  
the morning.

**READ and PASSED.**

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Retirement Benefits and Paid Health  
Insurance for Legislators Elected after 2016"  
H.P. 15 L.D. 16

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

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the  
Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**  
and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Restore Programs and Faculty to the University of  
Maine System" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 16 L.D. 17

Resolve, To Review and Audit the University of Maine System's Finances and Governance Practices

H.P. 17 L.D. 18

Bill "An Act Regarding Special Education for Students Enrolled in a Home Instruction Program"

H.P. 18 L.D. 19

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Improve Substance Abuse Treatment"

H.P. 19 L.D. 20

Bill "An Act To Amend the Medical Marijuana Laws"

H.P. 20 L.D. 21

Bill "An Act To Remove from the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act the Requirement That a Patient's Medical Condition Be Debilitating"

H.P. 22 L.D. 23

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

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

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Bill "An Act To Require Removal of Mooring Equipment"

H.P. 21 L.D. 22

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Create a Public State Bank"

H.P. 23 L.D. 24

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Privacy of Citizens from Domestic Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Uses"

H.P. 24 L.D. 25

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

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

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Bill "An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage"

H.P. 34 L.D. 36

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

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Simplify the Process for Fuel Tax Rebates" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 25 L.D. 26

Bill "An Act To Exempt Persons 67 Years of Age and Older from the State Income Tax"

H.P. 26 L.D. 27

Bill "An Act To Establish a Local Option Real Estate Transfer Tax"

H.P. 28 L.D. 29

Bill "An Act To Exempt Fuel Used by Commercial Farmers from Sales Tax"

H.P. 29 L.D. 30

Come 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.

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Bill "An Act To Return Fifty Percent of the Fine for a Violation of the Motor Vehicle Laws to the Municipality in Which the Violation Occurred"

H.P. 27 L.D. 28

Bill "An Act To Require Horse-drawn Carriages and Wagons To Be Equipped with Reflectors"

H.P. 30 L.D. 31

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Signs on Interstate Highways in Maine"

H.P. 31 L.D. 32

Bill "An Act Regarding Emergency Lights on a Vehicle Used by a Member of a Municipal or Volunteer Fire or Emergency Medical Services Department"

H.P. 35 L.D. 37

Come 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 Strengthen the Maine Clean Election Act, Improve Disclosure and Make Other Changes to the Campaign Finance Laws"

H.P. 32 L.D. 33

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute  
Criminal Law Advisory Commission**

The **Criminal Law Advisory Commission**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Address Suspension of an Operator's License for Negligent Operation Causing the Death of Another Person"

H.P. 33 L.D. 34

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

**SENATE PAPERS**

Resolve, To Require a Review of the Merger That Resulted in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry  
S.P. 19 L.D. 39

Presented by Senator **EDGEComb** of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative: **SAUCIER** of Presque Isle.

On motion by Senator **EDGEComb** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

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**, pursuant to the Joint Order, to Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 10:00 in the morning.