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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

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

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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 Kennebunk 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.

Off Record Remarks

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.