One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Legislature
First Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

3rd Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, January 5, 2017.

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

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

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


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

Michael D. Thibodeau
Senate President

Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

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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. 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.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

(1-1) 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.

(1-2) 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.

(1-3) 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.
Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-6) Mark Sullivan, of Hallowell, who is retiring after 33 years of public service to the people of Maine. Mr. Sullivan served as Director of the Maine Land & Water Resources Council, Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Conservation and Communications Director for U.S. Representative Tom Allen, for the NO on 1/Protect Maine Equality campaign and for the Maine Center for Economic Policy. We send our appreciation to Mr. Sullivan for his commitment to his community and to the State and send him our best wishes on his retirement;

HLS 1

(1-7) Penobscot Energy Recovery Company, of Orrington, which has received the 2016 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. We extend to everyone at Penobscot Energy Recovery Company our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 2

(1-8) Marjorie Harlow, of Mexico, who has been named the Town of Mexico's Volunteer of the Year at the town's annual Night of Appreciation. Ms. Harlow has done many kinds of volunteer work in her community for more than 50 years. We congratulate her on her receiving this honor;

HLS 3

(1-9) Randy Glover, of Mexico, who has been named Employee of the Year by the Town of Dixfield. Mr. Glover has served with the Public Works Department for more than 25 years and was honored for his outstanding commitment, dedication and performance. We congratulate him on his receiving this award;

HLS 4
(1-10) Rollie Bousquet, of Mexico, who has been named the Town of Mexico's Citizen of the Year at the town's annual Night of Appreciation. Among other community activities, Mr. Bousquet cooks and serves a meal once a month for local veterans. We congratulate him on his receiving this honor;

HLS 5

Come from the House, READ and PASSED.

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SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) 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.

Committee on INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES suggested and ordered printed.

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ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) 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;

SLS 16

Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.
Louie Edward and Donna Patricia Barker, of Farmington, who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on November 18, 2016. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Barker our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, HARVELL of Farmington.

the Portland Public Library, of Portland, on its 150th anniversary. This public library system is Maine's oldest and largest and serves 675,000 visitors each year. We send our congratulations to the Portland Public Library on this occasion;

Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Joint Resolution

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

Rosaire Cyr, of Fort Kent, a veteran of the United States Navy. Mr. Cyr was born in Clair, New Brunswick, Canada and served as a gunner's mate during World War II. For 40 years, he owned and operated Cyr & Sons Auto Body in Fort Kent. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Lozier-O'Grady Post 9609 and the Fort Kent Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Council #0352. Mr. Cyr will be sadly missed by his wife of 64 years, Annette, and his family and friends;

Sponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: MARTIN of Eagle Lake.