

I rise to recognize a historic Maine lodging establishment that has hosted these travelers and adventurers for nearly two centuries. Located conveniently between Bangor and Bar Harbor in the small town of Dedham, the Lucerne Inn boasts fine dining and accommodations and a picturesque golf course complemented by a stunning view of beautiful Phillips Lake.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places since June of 1982, the inn is a legendary business with an impressive history. Indeed, Dedham's first family, the Phillips, built a family home called the Lake House in the early 1800s. John Phillips had been granted the land for his service in the American Revolution. Soon thereafter, in 1814, the building became a halfway house, operating as a stagecoach stop between Bangor and Ellsworth, with guests partaking in food, spirits, and lodging. Indeed, today's Lucerne Inn is still housed in the original building built by the Phillips family. Later, during the 1920s, the inn and the 5,000 acres around it were designed to be one of America's first planned communities. As such, the Maine Legislature created the village of Lucerne in 1927 to bring people to this beautiful region, but the economic troubles of the 1930s forced the idea to be scrapped.

Given its prime location—less than an hour from the beautiful waters of Bar Harbor and the hiking trails of Acadia National Park—the Lucerne Inn offers visitors a true Maine getaway. A recipient of the 2009 Bride's Choice Award, the inn offers professional service for a variety of occasions from weddings to business meetings and banquets, and provides a variety of travel packages to accommodate all budgets.

Owners Steve and Rhonda Jones purchased the inn in August 2005. Steve had operated a convenience store and catering business in the Farmington area for 23 years, while Rhonda worked at the University of Maine at Farmington. Depending on the season, the inn employs between 40 and 65 people. The inn has 26 rooms, plus an additional 5 guest rooms in a newer building. The banquet and conference center, built in 1999, has become tremendously popular, hosting approximately 100 weddings each year.

The Lucerne Inn also makes dining out an event with a four-course meal in an elegant room with a scenic view from every window. Chef Douglas Winslow serves quality cuisine that encompasses brunch, a full dinner menu, and a seafood buffet, as well as a traditional broiled Maine lobster dinner, adding to the authentic Maine experience. The inn also hosts special wine dinners each month to showcase a diverse array of the world's greatest wines. In fact, just last Thursday evening, the inn hosted an Argentine-themed wine dinner, with a full five-course meal complemented by special wine from Argentina.

The inn maintains a historical ambience by furnishing every room with an-

tiques. Most accommodations at the inn boast a view of the lake and a gas burning fireplace. That said, fine dining and accommodations are only a fraction of the Lucerne Inn experience. The inn also boasts a 9-hole golf course conceived by famed course designer Donald Ross, as well as a large outdoor swimming pool and picturesque outdoor patios.

At the Lucerne Inn, visitors and Mainers alike are afforded the chance to escape their daily routines and relax by enjoying the serenity of Maine's natural beauty. Whether for pleasure or business, the Lucerne Inn offers an authentic taste of Maine, something that is truly irreplaceable. I congratulate Steve and Rhonda Jones and all of the employees at the Lucerne Inn for exquisitely maintaining this gem of our State, and I offer my best wishes for their continued success. ●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:15 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 402. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the "William C. Tallent Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

H.R. 1037. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a five-year pilot project to test the feasibility and advisability of expanding the scope of certain qualifying work-study activities under title 38, United States Code.

The message also announced that, pursuant to section 4 of the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act, Public Law 111-25, and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Minority Leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission: Mr. ELTON GALLEGLEY of California.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 402. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the "William C. Tallent Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1037. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a five-year pilot project to test the feasibility and advisability of expanding the scope of certain qualifying work-study activities under title 38, United States Code; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2333. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Ronald F. Sams, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2334. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contract Reporting" ((RIN0750-AF77) (DFARS Case 2007-D006)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2335. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Protection of Human Subjects in Research Projects" ((RIN0750-AF96) (DFARS Case 2007-D008)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2336. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Government Property" ((RIN0750-AF92) (DFARS Case 2007-D020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2337. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Clarification of Central Contractor Registration and Procurement Instrument Identification Data Requirements" ((RIN0750-AG05) (DFARS Case 2008-D010)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2338. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Peer Reviews of Contracts" ((RIN0750-AG28) (DFARS Case 2008-D035)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2339. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act Implementation" (RIN2590-AA07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July