EEOA protection afforded Cajuns

Senator lauds judge's ruling

MAURICE—Senator Cecil Picard says he's happy about a federal judge's decision that gave Cajun protection under the Equal Employment Opportunity Act.

"There is no question about it," the senator said. "Cajuns have been discriminated against in this state and in the South."

Picard pointed out that the term "Cajun," as applied to Louisiana during the recent events in Denver, is a derogatory term that is not used in the South. Picard added that the term "Cajun" has been explained to him by CASSIM, a Louisiana official.

Senator Hanger said that there was no question about the discrimination against Cajuns during World War II when Cajun soldiers were used as slaveworkers in Germany. He also mentioned that the Cajuns were used as slave labor during the war and that the term "Cajun" was used to discriminate against them.

Senator Hanger said that the term "Cajun" was used to discriminate against them, but that it is now used as a term of endearment among themselves and that the term is not used in the South.

Senator Hanger also mentioned the importance of Cajun cultural events here, and that Cajuns have always been proud of their culture.

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