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SENATOR JOSEPH GRIFFO, Acting President

FRANCIS W. PATIENCE, Secretary

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
3 Senate will come to order.

4 I ask all present to please rise
5 and join with me as we recite the Pledge of
6 Allegiance to our Flag.

7 (Whereupon, the assemblage recited
8 the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.)

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: In the
10 absence of clergy, I ask everyone present to
11 please bow your heads in a moment of silent
12 prayer and reflection.

13 (Whereupon, the assemblage
14 respected a moment of silence.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
16 reading of the Journal.

17 THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Sunday,
18 March 6th, the Senate met pursuant to
19 adjournment. The Journal of Saturday,
20 March 5th, was read and approved. On motion,
21 Senate adjourned.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Without
23 objection, the Journal will stand approved as
24 read.

25 Presentation of petitions.

1 Messages from the Assembly.
2 Messages from the Governor.
3 Reports of standing committees.
4 Reports of select committees.
5 Communications and reports of state
6 officers.
7 Motions and resolutions.
8 Senator DeFrancisco.
9 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes,
10 Mr. President, on page 25 I offer the following
11 amendments to Calendar 247, Senate Print Number
12 4909, by Senator Croci, and ask that said bill
13 retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.
14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
15 amendments are received, and the bill shall
16 retain its place on third reading.
17 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Would you
18 please recognize Senator Valesky.
19 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
20 Valesky.
21 SENATOR VALESKY: Thank you,
22 Mr. President.
23 On behalf of Senator Savino, on
24 page 23 I offer the following amendments to
25 Calendar Number 217, Senate Bill 3243, and ask

1 that said bill retain its place on the
2 Third Reading Calendar.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
4 amendments are received, and the bill shall
5 retain its place on third reading.

6 Senator DeFrancisco.

7 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Please
8 recognize Senator Gianaris.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
10 Gianaris.

11 SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you,
12 Mr. President.

13 On behalf of Senator Panepinto, I
14 move the following bill be discharged from its
15 respective committee and be recommitted with
16 instructions to strike the enacting clause:
17 Senate Bill 6551.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: It is so
19 ordered.

20 Senator DeFrancisco.

21 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, there
22 will be an immediate -- emphasized, immediate --
23 meeting of the Rules Committee off the floor in
24 Room 332 of the Capitol. And please, everyone,
25 go directly there so we don't keep everyone

1 waiting. Thank you.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: There is
3 an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in
4 Room 332, an immediate meeting of the Rules
5 Committee in Room 332.

6 The Senate will stand at ease.

7 (Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease
8 at 3:23 p.m.)

9 (Whereupon, the Senate reconvened at
10 3:37 p.m.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
12 Senate will come to order.

13 Senator DeFrancisco.

14 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, can we
15 please return to reports of standing committees.
16 I believe there's a report of the Rules Committee
17 at the desk.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: There is
19 a Rules Committee report before the desk, and the
20 Secretary will read.

21 THE SECRETARY: Senator Flanagan,
22 from the Committee on Rules, reports the
23 following bills:

24 Senate Print 6747A, by Senator
25 Avella, an act to amend the Education Law;

1 Senate 6854, by Senator LaValle, an
2 act to amend the Education Law; and

3 Senate 6914, by Senator Funke, an
4 act to amend Part SS of Chapter 58 of the Laws of
5 2015.

6 All bills reported direct to third
7 reading.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
9 DeFrancisco.

10 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I move to
11 accept the report of the Rules Committee.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: All in
13 favor of accepting the Committee on Rules report
14 signify by saying aye.

15 (Response of "Aye.")

16 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Rules
19 Committee report is accepted.

20 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Could you now
21 take up the noncontroversial reading of the
22 calendar.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
24 Secretary will read the active list,
25 noncontroversial reading.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 101, by Senator Ranzenhofer, Senate Print 2583,
3 an act to amend the Not-For-Profit Corporation
4 Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
6 last section.

7 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
8 act shall take effect immediately.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
14 is passed.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 121, by Senator Marchione, Senate Print 6431, an
17 act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
19 last section.

20 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
21 act shall take effect immediately.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
2 is passed.

3 Hang on a minute. Hang on. We were
4 on Calendar Number 121.

5 The Secretary will reannounce.

6 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
7 Calendar 121: Ayes, 58. Nays, 1. Senator
8 Espaillat recorded in the negative.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 123, by Senator Marcellino, Senate Print 383, an
13 act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
15 last section.

16 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
17 act shall take effect on the 60th day.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
23 is passed.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 165, by Senator Avella, Senate Print 888A, an act

1 to amend the Volunteer Firefighters Benefit Law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
3 last section.

4 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
5 act shall take effect immediately.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
7 roll.

8 (The Secretary called the roll.)

9 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
13 171, by Senator Marchione, Senate Print 5857A, an
14 act to authorize.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
16 last section.

17 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
18 act shall take effect immediately.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58. Nays, 1.

23 Senator Bonacic recorded in the negative.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 173, by Senator Croci, Senate Print 6627A, an act
3 to authorize.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
5 last section.

6 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
7 act shall take effect immediately.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58. Nays, 1.
12 Senator Bonacic recorded in the negative.

13 In relation to Calendar 173, those
14 recorded in the negative are Senators Bonacic and
15 Larkin.

16 Ayes, 57. Nays, 2.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 174, by Senator Boyle, Senate Print 2936, an act
21 to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
23 last section.

24 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
25 act shall take effect immediately.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
2 roll.

3 (The Secretary called the roll.)

4 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
5 Boyle to explain his vote.

6 SENATOR BRESLIN: Mr. President, to
7 explain my vote.

8 The need for this piece of
9 legislation was recently highlighted in the
10 tragedy in Florida, New York, in Montgomery
11 County. Denise Krohn and her family returned
12 home at 8:30 in the evening to find that their
13 two goldendoodle dogs, Kirby and Quigley, had
14 been shot dead by a burglar who had just come
15 into their home in the hour preceding that.

16 Assemblyman Jim Tedisco has
17 sponsored this legislation over in the Assembly,
18 and my good friends and colleagues Senators
19 Amedore and Marchione are big supporters here in
20 this house.

21 I can tell you that for many of us,
22 our pets are a member of our family. And to
23 strengthen the criminal penalties -- anybody who
24 commits a crime who injures an animal in the
25 commission of a felony should be charged with

1 greater penalties. This bill will put them in
2 jail for two years and fine them up to \$5,000.

3 I certainly vote in the affirmative
4 and urge my colleagues to do likewise.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
6 Boyle to be recorded in the affirmative.

7 Senator Amedore to explain his vote.

8 SENATOR AMEDORE: Mr. President, I
9 rise to explain my vote on this very important
10 legislation and thank Senator Boyle and
11 Assemblyman Tedisco.

12 And as Senator Boyle mentioned, on
13 February 17th, just a few weeks ago, the Krohn
14 family came home, they found their house robbed
15 and they found their two family members, their
16 goldendoodles, shot dead at gunpoint.

17 Now, think about it. An unspeakable
18 act, a crime. The perpetrators are still at
19 large. It happened in my district in Montgomery
20 County, in the Town of Florida, a nice rural,
21 quiet, quaint county and town.

22 This bill here will make a big
23 difference. And on behalf of the Krohn family --
24 which just two Saturdays ago, we had a public
25 event at which over 400 people showed up in

1 support of the loss of their family members, as
2 well as bringing advocacy for much-needed
3 tougher, stronger penalties, as this bill would
4 do.

5 So thank you, Senator Boyle and to
6 Assemblyman Tedisco.

7 I vote in the affirmative.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
9 Amedore to be recorded in the affirmative.

10 Announce the results.

11 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.
12 Senator Montgomery recorded in the negative.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
14 is passed.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 184, by Senator Little, Senate Print 6650, an act
17 to authorize.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
19 last section.

20 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
21 act shall take effect on July 20, 2016.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 197, by Senator Avella, Senate Print 712, an act
5 to amend the Correction Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
7 last section.

8 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
9 act shall take effect immediately.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
11 roll.

12 (The Secretary called the roll.)

13 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 213, by Senator LaValle, Senate Print 224, an act
18 to amend the Education Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
20 last section.

21 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
22 act shall take effect immediately.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
2 Krueger to explain her vote.

3 SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you,
4 Mr. President. I rise to explain my vote no on
5 this bill.

6 It's an interesting proposal,
7 because on the one hand it's actually calling for
8 transparency and explanation of who's going to
9 pay for what when you change rules in higher
10 education.

11 But I would argue the only way I
12 could justify supporting this bill is if we
13 actually applied the same rules to ourselves
14 whenever we're passing a law outside of the
15 budget that increases a cost to the locality.

16 And we don't apply this to
17 ourselves -- in fact, we barely meet the
18 standards for fiscal notes -- so I don't see how
19 we could apply this to someone else.

20 I vote no, Mr. President.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
22 Krueger to be recorded in the negative.

23 Senator Hoylman.

24 SENATOR HOYLMAN: Thank you,
25 Mr. President. I rise to explain my vote.

1 Just to follow up on what my
2 colleague said, it's questionable whether this
3 bill itself should have a fiscal note. And it's
4 a little ironic that it doesn't.

5 And I was just counting at least
6 three votes in the last couple of weeks that
7 should have had fiscal notes: One, to provide a
8 property tax exemption to commercial horse
9 boarding operations, another to create a
10 permanent racing fan advisory council, and yet
11 another to rename a portion of the state highway
12 system as the North Country Craft Beer Trails --
13 none of which have fiscal notes.

14 If we're going to impose this rule
15 on the Regents, as Senator Krueger aptly said, we
16 should do it ourselves.

17 I'll be voting no.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
19 Hoylman to be recorded in the negative.

20 Announce the results.

21 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
22 Calendar Number 213, those recorded in the
23 negative are Senators Avella, Dilan, Hamilton,
24 Hassell-Thompson, Hoylman, Krueger, Montgomery,
25 Perkins, Persaud, Rivera, Sanders, Serrano,

1 Squadron and Stavisky.

2 Ayes, 46. Nays, 14.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 215, by Senator Montgomery, Senate Print 965, an
7 act to amend the Education Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
9 last section.

10 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
11 act shall take effect on the 120th day.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Announce
16 the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58. Nays, 2.
18 Senators Croci and Murphy recorded in the
19 negative.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
21 is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 216, by Senator Ritchie, Senate Print 1796B, an
24 act to amend the Education Law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the

1 last section.

2 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
3 act shall take effect on the 90th day.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
5 roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
11 218, by Senator Marcellino, Senate Print 6503, an
12 act to amend the Education Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
14 last section.

15 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
16 act shall take effect on the 90th day.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
21 Bonacic to explain his vote.

22 SENATOR BONACIC: Thank you,
23 Mr. President.

24 I certainly support this bill today.
25 I've supported it in the past.

1 You know, everything is about
2 transparency for us. Anything we do, any
3 financial reports we file, asking for more and
4 more transparency for elected officials, and
5 accountability.

6 And now I read in the paper that the
7 Board of Regents wants to allow illegals to
8 become certified teachers. Now, I for one don't
9 support giving illegals the right to vote.
10 That's a right for legals. And I sure as heck
11 don't want to see illegals certified as teachers.

12 If it's argued that there's a
13 shortage of teachers in a specific area, then we
14 can raise the salary in those areas to entice
15 lawful applicants to apply for those teaching
16 jobs.

17 So for all of those reasons -- and
18 if the Board of Regents would have to post these
19 things, it wouldn't be a surprise on all of us
20 and people could come in and weigh in on how they
21 feel, like I'm expressing my feeling on the
22 floor.

23 Thank you, Mr. President. I vote
24 yes on the bill.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator

1 Bonacic to be recorded in the affirmative.

2 Senator Espaillat to explain his
3 vote.

4 SENATOR ESPAILLAT: No, I wanted --
5 I'm rising, Mr. President, to get -- to ask a
6 question of --

7 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
8 Espaillat, we're on explanation of votes right
9 now.

10 SENATOR ESPAILLAT: Well, let me
11 just explain my vote.

12 I don't know what the previous
13 member of this chamber meant by the term
14 "illegal." Some feel that anybody that's a human
15 being, doesn't have any papers, is undocumented;
16 others may want to call them illegal.

17 But I know that the New York City
18 Board of Education and the State Department of
19 Education have for a long time, for many, many
20 years, recruited teachers outside of our
21 borders.

22 When there has been a scarcity of,
23 for example, bilingual teachers, because we do
24 not have enough certified bilingual teachers,
25 they've gone to Spain, to Chile, to the Dominican

1 Republic. They've even gone to the Commonwealth
2 of Puerto Rico to recruit teachers that would
3 then train our children in bilingual education.

4 I know that even when there's a
5 scarcity in an area, a discipline of great need
6 like physics or a particular part of science,
7 that the New York City Board of Education has
8 gone abroad to recruit teachers that may be
9 trained in those particular areas.

10 So I don't know whether my colleague
11 is referring to those teachers that came from
12 abroad through a process, a formal process
13 established by the Board of Education, or someone
14 that may have come here and just overstayed their
15 visa, like I did as a kid. Maybe at that time I
16 was undocumented. Certainly not illegal. At
17 least I'm not illegal right now.

18 So I just wanted to get some
19 clarification on this particular bill, because
20 the Board of Education in the City of New York
21 and the New York State Department of Education
22 have a long-lasting policy of recruiting
23 educators from abroad whenever there's a scarcity
24 here in our state or in the country.

25 Thank you, Mr. President.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank
2 you, Senator Espaillat. How do you vote?

3 SENATOR HAMILTON: I will be voting
4 in the negative.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
6 Espaillat to be recorded in the negative.

7 As I indicated, that the vote is
8 being conducted and we are on explanation of
9 votes.

10 Announce the results.

11 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58. Nays, 2.
12 Senators Espaillat and Latimer recorded in the
13 negative.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 222, by Senator Klein, Senate Print 1947B, an act
18 to amend the Education Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
20 last section.

21 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This
22 act shall take effect immediately.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
2 Klein to explain his vote.

3 SENATOR KLEIN: Thank you,
4 Mr. President. I'm going to be brief.

5 But I urge my colleagues to support
6 this legislation, which is entitled Erin Merryn's
7 Law.

8 Erin Merryn has been spending the
9 last couple of years fighting for a piece of
10 legislation in every state of the union to simply
11 educate young people about the telltale signs of
12 sex abuse. Erin was abused as a child by a
13 neighbor, a cousin. And she has turned her life
14 around through educating the public nationwide.

15 Unfortunately, right now in New York
16 State we're a little antiquated when it comes to
17 educating young people about sexual abuse. Right
18 now we still use what's known as "stranger
19 danger." You know, don't get in a chair with a
20 stranger, don't take candy from a stranger.

21 I think most of us know that the
22 majority of individuals who sexually abuse young
23 people are usually those who you know -- family
24 members, in some cases teachers, caretakers.

25 So I think it's important that we

1 sort of update our method of educating our young
2 people. And this is not what's known as an
3 unfunded mandate. We're giving school districts
4 the opportunity, if they choose, to opt in to
5 this program.

6 Unfortunately, this bill -- and I
7 thank my colleagues here -- has passed the
8 Senate, this will be the fifth year in a row.
9 The Assembly has yet to take it up.

10 So I'm hopeful that this is the year
11 and we finally update our laws and protect our
12 young people in making sure we teach our children
13 properly about sexual abuse.

14 Thank you, Mr. President. I vote
15 yes.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
17 Klein to be recorded in the affirmative.

18 Senator Montgomery to explain her
19 vote.

20 SENATOR MONTGOMERY: Yes, thank
21 you, Mr. President.

22 I rise certainly to support Senator
23 Klein's legislation. But I would like to say
24 this, that I have introduced for many years, and
25 I still believe that there is an opportunity to

1 do so -- and this would really improve greatly
2 this particular legislation.

3 Senator Klein's bill would require
4 that schools instruct children in child abuse
5 prevention, and I certainly agree with that. But
6 I also have legislation that would require
7 schools to offer appropriate instruction in sex
8 education, broadly speaking, appropriate for
9 every grade from kindergarten through the
10 12th grade. So it would be for the entire life
11 of those young people.

12 And I have also advocated very, very
13 furiously for the expansion of school-based
14 health clinics, where we would have a
15 professional staff that would in fact be able to
16 implement Erin's Law as well as to provide sex
17 education, to provide health, preventive health,
18 mental health to young people in our schools.
19 And it would improve greatly the prospect of
20 young people having access to healthcare in our
21 state, in the State of New York.

22 So I am supporting this legislation,
23 I vote yes, but I would like to see if we could
24 work out a way that my ideas about sex
25 education -- and a way to institutionalize a good

1 healthcare education and health-providing system
2 in our schools.

3 So, Mr. President, with that, I vote
4 aye.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
6 Montgomery to be recorded in the affirmative.

7 Announce the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
10 is passed.

11 Senator DeFrancisco, that completes
12 the noncontroversial reading of today's
13 active-list calendar of March 7, 2016.

14 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, I
15 believe we have a supplemental calendar, Number
16 16A.

17 And I'd like to just take one bill
18 off that supplemental calendar. And if you'd
19 please call up Calendar Number 316.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senate
21 Supplemental Calendar 16A is before the house,
22 and the Secretary will read Calendar Number 316.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
24 316, by Senator LaValle, Senate Print 6854, an
25 act to amend the Education Law.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
2 last section.

3 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
4 act shall take effect immediately.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
9 Secretary will announce the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
11 Calendar 316, those recorded in the negative are
12 Senators Addabbo, Breslin, Comrie, Dilan,
13 Espaillat, Gianaris, Hamilton, Hassell-Thompson,
14 Hoylman, Kennedy, Krueger, Latimer, Montgomery,
15 Panepinto, Peralta, Perkins, Persaud, Rivera,
16 Sanders, Serrano, Squadron, Stavisky and
17 Stewart-Cousins. Also Senator Díaz.

18 Ayes, 37. Nays, 24.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
20 is passed.

21 That completes, Senator DeFrancisco,
22 the noncontroversial reading of Senate
23 Supplemental Calendar 16A.

24 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I'd like to
25 lay aside Calendars 315 and 317, lay them aside

1 for the day.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Calendar
3 Numbers 315 and 317 will be laid aside for the
4 day.

5 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Would you
6 please recognize Senator Ortt for a brief
7 introduction of some important people that are
8 with us today.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Can I
10 have some order in the house, please.

11 Senator Ortt.

12 SENATOR ORTT: Thank you,
13 Mr. President.

14 I'd like to take this opportunity to
15 welcome some students from Barker High School in
16 Niagara County, who have left sunshine and
17 75-degree weather in Niagara County to come here
18 to Albany and learn how our government works, how
19 our state government works.

20 They spent the afternoon with
21 Assemblywoman Corwin in the Assembly learning how
22 that house functions, and now they are here in
23 the Senate chamber watching the proceedings here
24 today.

25 And so I'd like to thank them for

1 being here. I hope they take away something from
2 this experience. And I'd like to thank the
3 teachers as well who are here, who have
4 accompanied them, who are doing a great job as
5 well.

6 So thank you, and I'd like to extend
7 the privileges of the house.

8 Thank you, Mr. President.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank
10 you, Senator Ortt.

11 We welcome the teachers and students
12 with us today, and we extend the courtesies of
13 the house to you.

14 (Applause.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
16 DeFrancisco.

17 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Could you now
18 please recognize Senator Gianaris for another
19 important announcement.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
21 Gianaris.

22 SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President,
23 we have yet another birthday among us today.
24 Please wish a happy birthday to Senator Marc
25 Panepinto.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Happy
2 birthday, Senator Panepinto.

3 (Appause.)

4 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
5 DeFrancisco.

6 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Is there any
7 further business at the desk?

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: There is
9 no further business before the desk.

10 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: That being
11 the case, I move to adjourn until Tuesday,
12 March 8th, at 3:00 p.m.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: On
14 motion, the Senate will stand adjourned until
15 Tuesday, March 8th, at 3:00 p.m.

16 Senate is adjourned.

17 (Whereupon, at 4:00 p.m., the Senate
18 adjourned.)

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