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NEW YORK STATE SENATE

THE STENOGRAPHIC RECORD

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4:01 p.m.

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION II

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR RICHARD RAVITCH, President

ANGELO J. APONTE, Secretary

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

2 THE PRESIDENT: The Senate will
3 please come to order.

4 I ask everyone present to stand and
5 recite with me the Pledge of Allegiance to our
6 Flag.

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

9 THE PRESIDENT: Today's
10 invocation will be provided by the Reverend
11 Peter G. Young, from the Mother Teresa
12 Community here in Albany.

13 REVEREND YOUNG: Thank you,
14 Governor.

15 Let us pray.

16 Almighty and Eternal God, You have
17 revealed Your glory to all nations. God of
18 power and might, wisdom and justice comes to
19 our Senators through Your authority and the
20 prayer that Your laws are enacted and
21 judgements are decreed, with our citizens
22 benefiting from the dedication of our session
23 today.

24 May we pray and thank God for those
25 that have served in this Senate. And may we

1 again thank them for their service, for their
2 new careers. And we again want to again
3 welcome the new members.

4 And we would take a moment to
5 remember, as a group, our Senator Morahan, who
6 has passed since the last time that we've met,
7 without an opportunity to thank God for this
8 man. May we pray for him now in a moment of
9 silence.

10 Amen.

11 (Whereupon, the assemblage
12 respected a moment of silence.)

13 THE PRESIDENT: The Senate
14 remains in extraordinary session.

15 The reading of the Journal.

16 The Secretary will read.

17 THE SECRETARY: In Extraordinary
18 Session Number II, the Senate met pursuant to
19 adjournment. The Journal of Saturday,
20 November 27, was read and approved. On
21 motion, Senate adjourned.

22 THE PRESIDENT: Without
23 objection, the Journal stands approved as
24 read.

25 Senator Klein.

1 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, I
2 believe there's a concurrent resolution at the
3 desk by Senator Sampson. I ask that the title
4 of the resolution be read and move for its
5 immediate adoption.

6 THE PRESIDENT: Senator Klein,
7 has this resolution been deemed privileged and
8 submitted by the office of the Temporary
9 President?

10 SENATOR KLEIN: Yes, it has,
11 Mr. President.

12 THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary
13 will read.

14 THE SECRETARY: By Senator
15 Sampson, Concurrent Resolution Number 2,
16 relative to the adjournment of the
17 Extraordinary Session of the Legislature
18 sine die.

19 THE PRESIDENT: The question is
20 on the concurrent resolution. All those in
21 favor please signify by saying aye.

22 (Response of "Aye.")

23 THE PRESIDENT: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 THE PRESIDENT: The concurrent

1 resolution is adopted.

2 Before this extraordinary session
3 is adjourned, I would like to take the liberty
4 of just saying a couple of personal words.

5 This has been an extraordinary
6 experience for me in the last 15 months. I
7 deeply appreciate the courtesies that have
8 been extended to me by I think almost each and
9 every one of you.

10 I've enjoyed the opportunity to
11 have had an impact on the gargantuan problems
12 that this state faces. I regret that I was
13 not able to be more helpful in producing
14 solutions.

15 I am constantly subjected to
16 comments about how could I possibly have
17 anything to do with such a dreadful body as
18 the New York State Legislature. And I want to
19 tell you -- and I read that every day,
20 practically, in the newspapers. And I want to
21 tell you that I appreciate the extraordinary
22 difficulty, particularly of dealing with a
23 body that's equally divided.

24 But I have to tell you I continue
25 to believe that politics is not a dirty word,

1 it's the way that democracy makes decisions.
2 And I think that each and every one of you in
3 your own way care much more than you're given
4 credit for for the well-being of the people of
5 this state.

6 I know, because it's been a matter
7 of great intellectual interest to me for
8 thirty years, how serious the fiscal problems
9 are and how difficult it is to make the
10 changes that have to be made in the way
11 benefits and burdens are allocated,
12 particularly for people who have to run for
13 election.

14 But I have a great underlying faith
15 in the DNA of this country and of this state.
16 I've lived here 77 years; I hope to be around
17 a long time. Between me, my children, and my
18 grandchildren, we own nine homes in the State
19 of New York, so I have a stake not just as a
20 matter of passion and commitment, but also
21 with that investment of most of our family's
22 resources.

23 And I want to tell you something
24 that I have found. Despite the enormous
25 frustrations, I have found this experience to

1 be fascinating, challenging. I've made
2 friends that I hope that I'm able to keep.

3 And as you all look to the future,
4 I can only say I wish you the best of luck,
5 and Godspeed, and thank you again for your
6 courtesies.

7 Thank you.

8 (Standing ovation.)

9 THE PRESIDENT: This
10 extraordinary session is adjourned sine die.

11 (Whereupon, at 4:07 p.m., the
12 Senate adjourned.)

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