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REGULAR SESSION

SENATOR JAMAAL T. BAILEY, Acting President

ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Senate will come to order.

I ask everyone present to please rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: In the absence of clergy, let us bow our heads in a moment of silent reflection or prayer.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday, April 6, 2026, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Friday, April 3, 2026, was read and approved. On motion, the Senate adjourned.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Without objection, the Journal stands approved as read.

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

Messages from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

Reports of select committees.

Communications and reports from state officers.

Motions and resolutions.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Good morning, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Good morning.

SENATOR GIANARIS: On behalf of Senator Mayer, I wish to call up Senate Print 4470A, recalled from the Assembly, which is now at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 275, Senate Print 4470A, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll on reconsideration.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GIANARIS: I move to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

(Laughter.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: I got a

bit ahead of myself.

Call the roll on reconsideration.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 50.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is restored to its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

SENATOR GIANARIS: I offer the following amendments.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The amendments are received.

SENATOR GIANARIS: There will now be an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in Room 332.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: There will be an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in Room 332.

SENATOR GIANARIS: The Senate stands at ease.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Senate will stand at ease.

(Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease at 11:19 a.m.)

(Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease at 11:24 a.m.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Senate will return to order.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, there's a report of the Rules Committee at the desk.

Let's take that up, please.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Stewart-Cousins, from the Committee on Rules, reports the following bills:

Senate Print 1966, by Senator Ryan, an act to amend the Social Services Law;

Senate Print 2011, by Senator Parker, an act to direct the Department of State and the Public Service Commission to jointly study and report upon the provisions of consumer credit reporting agencies;

Senate Print 8963, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

Senate Print 9585, by Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

Senate Print 9602, by Senator Brouk, an act to amend the Social Services Law;

Senate Print 9612, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 9757, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to amend the Executive Law;

Senate Print 9758, by Senator Myrie, an act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law;

Senate Print 9818, by Senator Gianaris, an act making appropriations for the support of government.

All bills reported direct to third reading.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to accept the report of the Rules Committee.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: All those in favor of accepting the report of the Rules Committee please signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The

report of the Rules Committee is accepted.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Let's move on to the supplemental calendar, beginning with Calendar 694, please.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: There's a substitution at the desk.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Parker moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9333 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8963, Third Reading Calendar 688.

Senator Gounardes moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 10542 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9585, Third Reading Calendar 689.

Senator Brouk moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 10539 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9602, Third Reading Calendar 690.

Senator Hinchey moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 10541 and substitute it for the identical Senate

Bill 9612, Third Reading Calendar 691.

Senator Scarcella-Spanton moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 10540 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9757, Third Reading Calendar 692.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: So ordered.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 694, Senate Print 9818, by Senator Gianaris, an act making appropriations for the support of government.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, is there a message of necessity and appropriation at the desk?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: There is a message of necessity and appropriation at the desk.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to accept the message.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: All those in favor of accepting the message please signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Opposed, nay.

(Response of "Nay.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The message is accepted, and the bill is before the house.

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is laid aside.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Please proceed with the rest of the supplemental calendar, please.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 688, Assembly Bill Number 9333, by Assemblymember Hevesi, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the 120th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 53.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 689, Assembly Bill Number 10542, by Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 53.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 690, Assembly Bill Number 10539, by Assemblymember Chandler-Waterman, an act to amend

the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 690, voting in the negative are Senators Rhoads and Weik.

Ayes, 51. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 691, Assembly Bill Number 10541, by Assemblymember Powers, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 53.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 692, Assembly Bill Number 10540, by Assemblymember Cashman, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 692, voting in the negative: Senator Weik.

Ayes, 52. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 693, Senate Print 9758, by Senator Myrie, an act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 53.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

Senator Gianaris, that completes the reading of today's supplemental calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Let's go to the controversial calendar, please.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will ring the bell.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

694, Senate Print 9818, by Senator Gianaris, an act making appropriations for the support of government.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator O'Mara, why do you rise?

SENATOR O'MARA: Thank you, Mr. President.

Is it you, Senator Gianaris --

SENATOR GIANARIS: It's me.

SENATOR O'MARA: -- to ask questions of?

SENATOR GIANARIS: For Senator Krueger, yes.

SENATOR O'MARA: Would the Senator yield for a couple of questions on this budget extender bill.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the Senator yield?

SENATOR GIANARIS: Yes, I do.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Senator yields.

SENATOR O'MARA: Senator, this is our second extender of the budget for this fiscal year, and it extends us till next Tuesday, I believe. How much is the total spending or

appropriations in this bill?

SENATOR GIANARIS: Approximately $4 billion.

SENATOR O'MARA: And this will get us through next Tuesday?

SENATOR GIANARIS: Correct.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Through you, Mr. President, if the Senator will continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR GIANARIS: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR O'MARA: Senator, can you give us an update on where you feel budget negotiations are? Are any of the remaining nine budget bills locked down yet? And what are the major issues that we're grappling with?

SENATOR GIANARIS: None of the remaining bills are locked down.

The remaining issues are the ones that you have seen reported, not much different from the last extender we did.

SENATOR O'MARA: Through you,

Mr. President, if the Senator will yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR GIANARIS: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR O'MARA: Senator, have there been table targets assigned yet for the remaining open bills?

SENATOR GIANARIS: No.

SENATOR O'MARA: Through you, Mr. President, if the Senator will continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR GIANARIS: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Senator yields.

SENATOR O'MARA: Senator, are there any scheduled meetings of the joint budget conference committees to work on finalizing these bills?

SENATOR GIANARIS: Nope.

SENATOR O'MARA: On the bill.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator

O'Mara on the bill.

SENATOR O'MARA: Thank you, Senator Gianaris.

Just, you know, the concern continues from this side of the aisle of the lack of any urgency to get this budget done. We're now over a week late -- excuse me -- and now New Yorkers, you know, really deserve to know what's going on with the State Budget that now is going to be clearly in excess of $260 billion, probably closer to $270 billion.

Just where this legislative body stands in negotiating issues that are open, not even talking about what issues are open, what's holding things up -- it's very concerning. And, you know, it's like a repeat of every year around here, it seems.

And it's just not a good way to do business. We should be doing better for the people of New York.

You know, because of the significant religious holidays we've had over the past week and into this week, I'm okay with proceeding with the extenders here and supporting that.

But we really need to get down to

business here and start locking these budget bills down, start letting New Yorkers know what we're looking at for next year, and really where everybody stands on these issues that appear to be holding this budget up.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator O'Mara.

Are there any other Senators wishing to be heard?

Seeing and hearing none, debate is closed.

The Secretary will ring the bell.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, we've agreed to restore this bill to the noncontroversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: On consent, the bill is restored to the noncontroversial calendar.

Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 14. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 53.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

Senator Gianaris, that completes the reading of the controversial calendar.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Is there any further business at the desk?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: There is no further business at the desk.

SENATOR GIANARIS: I move to adjourn until Monday, April 13th, at 3:00 p.m., intervening days being legislative days.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Monday, April 13, at 3:00 p.m., intervening days being legislative.

(Whereupon, at 11:34 a.m., the Senate adjourned.)