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12:10 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER J. MEGA, Acting President

STEPHEN F. SLOAN, Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: Senate will come to order. Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Whereupon, the Senate joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. )

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: We are honored today to have the Reverend Selwyn Wilkinson from Senator Markowitz' district from Our Lady of Lourdes Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York lead us in prayer.

REVEREND SELWYN WILKINSON: My name is Reverend Selwyn Wilkinson, Our Lady of Lourdes Baptist Church. This is my second occasion that I am visiting the Senate in Albany.

I'm about to ask God to come in our midst. For whatever we do, we need God in our midst. Whether you are a Jew or gentile, whether you are a Catholic or Protestant or Baptist, as it is written, it says that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess.

I ask almighty God to come in and

bless this house, O Lord, I pray and make it safe by night and day.

Whether you are on the Senate or the committee or chairman of various departments be it Agriculture, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Children and Families, Cities, Civil Service and Pensions, Codes, Economic Development and Small Business, Consumer Protection, chairmen of all these departments; Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, Education, Election, Energy, Environmental Conservation, Ethics and Finance and Health, Education, Housing Development, chairmen of various committees; Insurance, Investigation Taxation and Government Operations, Judicial, Labor; whether it be chairman of Local Government, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Rules, Social Services, Tourism, Transportation and Veterans, I ask almighty God to come in and guide you in the right directions on whatever; if you are about to sign a bill, the Bill Drafting Commissions, the ideas on by-laws and becoming laws, approvals and disapprovals in the

Assembly, I pray almighty God that He come in our midst.

As I was asked to come and give the invocation that God will guide you in the right direction, protect our President, our Governor, our Lieutenant Governor, and all the Senators that sit; and may God bless you all from the crown of your head to the sole of your feet. May in this assembly God bless you today, this afternoon, Almighty God, that God would bless you and guide you in the right direction in whatever you are about to do, whatever bill you are about to pass, that in our midst almighty God will be in our midst, because it is said that every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is the Lord.

May God come in at this present time to the chairman of the security to protect us from perilous and unjust people like the incident that just recently happened with the Towers. May God protect us that the security will guide and protect those about to represent us this afternoon.

Almighty God, I ask you to touch them. Touch them individually; touch them collectively. Bless their families; bless their wives and children, Almighty God. For we are about, my God, to take a very serious step this afternoon to sign bills that will guide this nation into the most powerful nation on the face of the earth.

May God protect us in no other name but in Jesus' almighty name. If I pray among you, I lift up my eyes onto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved. He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shield upon the right-hand. The sun shall not smite thee by the day nor the moon by night; the Lord shall preserve their soul; He shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and forever more.

I ask, the Lord is my shepherd and I shall not want; he maketh me to lie down

in green pastures and leads me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul and leads me in the path of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; Thy rod and Thy staff shalt comfort me. Thou doeth prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies. The Lord anointeth my head with oil that goodness and mercy shall follow each and every one of the Senators all the days of their life; and they shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Almighty God, I thank You for this opportunity. I thank You for the members of Our Lady of Lourdes and for the people that I was given this opportunity to come and bless this house of assembly in in other name but in Jesus' almighty name.

So I thank You, dear Jesus. I thank You, dear Jesus. I thank You, dear Jesus.

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: Thank you, Reverend.

Reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Tuesday, March 9. The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Senator Lack in the chair upon designation of the Temporary President. Prayer by the Reverend Tom Stiles, pastor of the First Baptist Church of West Seneca. The Journal of Monday, March 8, was read and approved. On motion, Senate adjourned.

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: Hearing no objection, the Journal stands approved as read.

The order of business:

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 Tully?

SENATOR TULLY: Yes. Mr. President. At the request of Senator Maltese,

on page 10 of today's calendar, I'd like to place a sponsor star on Calendar Number 164 and Calendar Number 165.

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: So ordered.

Senator Present, we are ready for the non-controversial calendar.

SENATOR PRESENT: Mr. President, please take up the non-controversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: Secretary will read, non-controversial.

THE SECRETARY: On page 8, Calendar Number 126, by Senator Skelos, Senate Bill Number 1986, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll. )

THE SECRETARY: Ayes 32.

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 144, by member of the Assembly Pillittere, Assembly Bill Number 2388A, an act to amend the Highway Law, the State Scenic Byways Advisory Board.

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll. )

THE SECRETARY: Ayes 33.

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 163, by Senator Padavan, Senate Bill Number 245, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll. )

THE SECRETARY: Ayes 33.

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 172, by Senator Farley, Senate Bill Number 1593, an act to amend the Banking Law, in relation to the licensing of money transmitters.

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll. )

THE SECRETARY: Ayes 34.

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: 176, by Senator Hannon, Senate Bill Number 277.

SENATOR GOLD: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: Lay that bill aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 177, by Senator Hannon.

SENATOR GOLD: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: Lay the bill aside.

That completes the non-controversial calendar, Senator Present.

SENATOR PRESENT: Mr. President, may we stand at ease for a few moments please.

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: Senate will stand at ease for a few moments.

(Whereupon at 12:18 p.m., the Senate was at ease. )

(Whereupon, at 12:25 p.m., the Senate reconvened. )

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: Senator Present.

SENATOR PRESENT: Mr. President, there being no further business, I move that we adjourn until Monday, March 15, at 2:30 p.m.,

intervening days being legislative days.

ACTING PRESIDENT MEGA: Senate stands adjourned as indicated. So ordered.

(Whereupon, at 12:26 p.m., Senate adjourned. )