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REGULAR SESSION

SENATOR JOHN R. KUHL, JR., Acting President

STEPHEN F. SLOAN, Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The Senate will come to order. Ask the members to find their places, the staff to find their places. I'd ask everybody in the chamber to rise and join me in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Please remain standing for the invocation.

(The assemblage repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.)

We're very pleased to be joined by Peter G. Young of the Blessed Sacrament Church of Bolton Landing.

Father Young.

REVEREND PETER G. YOUNG: Thank you, Senator.

Let us pray. As we gather on this beautiful, bright, sunny day in July, may we remember the important people who made our country possible by their work and dedication for freedom.

May we remember too the Americans who were killed in Saudi Arabia, and may we pray

for ourselves that we might be delivered from all illusion of superiority, from all pretense of righteousness, from all arrogance and hardness of heart and we might know the true meaning of compassion in all of our elected duties. We ask You this now and forever more.

Amen.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Sunday, June 30th. The -

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Senator Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President, can we ask for an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in Room 332.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: There will be an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee. Immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in the Majority Conference Room, Room 332. Immediate meeting -

SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Yes,

Senator Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: That will be followed immediately by a meeting of the Rules -- of the Finance Committee in same room, 332.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in the Majority Conference Room, Room 332. That will be followed by an immediate meeting of the Senate Finance Committee in the same room.

The Secretary will read the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Sunday, June 30th. The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, Senator Spano in the Chair upon designation of the Temporary President. The Journal of Saturday, June 29th, was read and approved. On motion, the Senate adjourned.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Hearing no 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.

The Chair recognizes Senator Tully.

SENATOR TULLY: Yes, Mr. President. On behalf of Senator Kuhl, I wish to call up his bill, Print Number 906, recalled from the Assembly which is now at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The Secretary will read the title.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1241, by Senator Kuhl, Senate Print 906, an act to amend the Tax Law.

SENATOR TULLY: Mr. President, I now move to reconsider the vote by which this bill was passed.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The Secretary will call the roll on reconsideration.

(The Secretary called the roll on

reconsideration.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes 35.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Senator Tully.

SENATOR TULLY: Yes, Mr. President. I now offer the following amendments.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The amendments are received and adopted.

Senator Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President, can we at this time adopt the Resolution Calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The motion is to adopt the Resolution Calendar, a copy of which is on all the members' desks. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye".)

Opposed, nay.

(There was no response.)

The Resolution Calendar is adopted.

The Chair recognizes Senator

Larkin.

SENATOR LARKIN: Mr. President, Resolution Number 4057, I'd like to open that up for every member. It honors the New York State United Cerebral Palsy, and Senator Libous and I would like to open it up to everybody.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Senator Bruno, would you like us -- it's been offered to be co-sponsored on Senator Larkin's resolution, 4057.

SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President -

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Should we put everybody on that except those people who do not wish to be on the resolution?

SENATOR BRUNO: Good idea. Please do, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: I'll direct that the Secretary do that. All those members who don't wish to co-sponsor Resolution Number 4050 by Senator Larkin, please indicate to the desk your desires not to be co-sponsors on the resolution.

Senator Bruno, that brings us to

the calendar.

SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President, can we at this time take up the non- -- the controversial calendar -- the non-controversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The Secretary will read the non-controversial reading of Calendar No. 65.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1262, by Senator Cook, Senate Print 7206-B, an act to create the Wallkill Public Library District.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The Secretary will read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes 35.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1551, by Senator DeFrancisco, Senate Print 6053-B, an act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to establishing an adoption medical information sub-registry.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The Secretary will read the last section.

SENATOR DOLLINGER: Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Yes, Senator Dollinger.

SENATOR DOLLINGER: Is there an amendment?

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Would you like to debate the bill, Senator Dollinger?

SENATOR DOLLINGER: Yes, Mr. President. Was the bill amended from the prior version?

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Senator Dollinger, do you wish to debate the bill?

SENATOR DOLLINGER: Just to ask a question of the sponsor.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Lay the bill aside.

The Secretary will continue to read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1662, by Senator Kuhl, Senate Print 7294-A, an act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, in relation to wine tastings.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The Secretary will read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes 35.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The bill is passed.

Senator Bruno, that completes the reading of the non-controversial calendar.

SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President, can we at this time take up the controversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The Secretary will read the controversial calendar,

beginning with Calendar Number 1551, by Senator DeFrancisco.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1551, by Senator DeFrancisco, Senate Print 6053-B, an act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to establishing an adoption medical information sub-registry.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Senator Dollinger.

SENATOR DOLLINGER: Mr. President, would the sponsor yield to just one question?

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Senator DeFrancisco, do you yield to a question from Senator Dollinger?

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The Senator yields.

SENATOR DOLLINGER: I thought this was a good bill, Senator, the first time we did it. I'm going to simply ask what was amended to, I assume, make it a better bill.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: It's a

better bill right now. The Department of Health made a suggestion that -- and the suggestion was to operate -- incorporated in this amendment and that is that there's a fee for the registration into this registry, but the Department of Health agreed to waive the fee of any birth parent who wanted to voluntarily provide information into the registry for the benefit of an -- a child that was placed for adoption.

That's the major change that - to allow -- to give an incentive that birth parents might want to provide the information to the registry. We shouldn't have a fee for them to do so, and they're waiving the fee on these amendments.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Is there any other Senator wishing to speak on the bill?

(There was no response.)

The Secretary will read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect on the 120th day.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes 40.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The bill is passed.

Senator Skelos, that completes the reading of the controversial calendar. What's your pleasure?

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, as we're waiting for the Rules Committee report, which is coming in right now, just a reminder that there's a Finance Committee meeting in Room 332 of the Capitol.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: For the benefit of the members who are not in the chamber but are listening, there is a Finance Committee meeting going on in the Majority Conference Room, Room 332, right now.

Senator Skelos, we do have a report of the Rules Committee at the desk, if you'd like to return to the report of -

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, if we could return to reports of standing

committees and have the Rules Committee report read.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: We will return to the order of reports of standing committees.

The Secretary will read the Rules report.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Bruno, from the Committee on Rules, reports the following bills:

Senate Print 210-E, by Senator Sears, an act to amend the Penal Law, in relation to disseminating indecent material;

Assembly Print 1894, by member of the Assembly Bragman, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to civil penalties;

6132-B, by Senator Wright, an act to authorize the village of Alexandria Bay, county of Jefferson;

181-A, by Senator Tully, an act to amend the General Municipal Law, in relation to providing coverage for injuries sustained by

Nassau County advanced ambulance medical technicians;

3748, by Senator Leibell, an act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to designating security officers;

And Senate Print 7873, by Senator Larkin, an act to amend a chapter of the Laws of 1996 as proposed in legislative Bills Numbers Senate 4254-A and Assembly 7590-A.

All bills ordered directly for third reading.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, I move we accept the report of the Rules Committee.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The motion is to accept the report of the Rules Committee. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye".)

Opposed, nay.

(There was no response.)

The Rules report is accepted.

Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, if we could take up the non-controversial reading of Supplemental Calendar Number 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The Secretary will read the non-controversial reading of Supplemental Calendar Number 1 which is on all of the members' desks.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 26, by Senator Sears, Senate Print 210-E, an act to amend the Penal Law, in relation to disseminating indecent material to minors.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The Secretary will read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 9. This act shall take effect on the first day of November.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes 43.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 186, by member of the Assembly Bragman, Assembly Print 1894, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to civil penalties imposed.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The Secretary will read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of November.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes 43.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1653, by Senator Wright, Senate Print 6132-B, an act to authorize the village of Alexandria Bay, county of Jefferson to discontinue the use of certain lands.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: There is

a home rule message at the desk. The Secretary will read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes 43.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1684, by Senator Tully, Senate Print 181-A, an act to amend the General Municipal Law, in relation to providing coverage.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: There's a home rule message at the desk. The Secretary will read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 1999.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes 43.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1685, by Senator Leibell, Senate Print 3748, an act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to designating security officers for the Town Court of the town of Putnam Valley.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The Secretary will read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes 43.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1686, by Senator Larkin, Senate Print 7873, an act to amend a chapter of the Laws of 1996 as proposed in legislative Bills, Numbers Senate 4254-A and Assembly 7590-A.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: There is

a home rule message at the desk. The Secretary will read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date as a chapter of the Laws of 1996.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes 43.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The bill is passed.

Senator Skelos, that completes the reading -- the non-controversial reading and the controversial reading.

SENATOR SKELOS: If we could just stand at ease pending the report of the Finance Committee.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The Senate will stand at ease for a few moments pending the report of the Senate Finance Committee.

(Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease from 5:28 p.m. until 5:35 p.m.)

The Senate will come to order.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The Chair recognizes Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: If we could return to reports of standing committees, I believe there's a report of the Finance Committee at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: We will return to the order of standing committees. The Secretary will read the report of the Senate Finance Committee.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Stafford, from the Committee on Finance, reports the following nomination:

Member of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Peter S. Kalikow, of New York City.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The question is on the nomination. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye".)

Opposed, nay.

(There was no response.)

Senator Leichter in the negative.

The nominee is confirmed.

The Secretary will continue to read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Stafford, from the Committee on Finance, reports the following nomination:

Member of the Stewart Airport Commission, Louis Heimbach, of Middletown.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The question is on the nomination of Louis Heimbach to become a member of the Stewart Airport Commission. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye".)

Opposed, nay.

(There was no response.)

The nominee is confirmed.

The Secretary will continue to read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Stafford,

from the Committee on Finance, reports the following nomination:

Member of the Public Health Council, Dr. Ernestine S. Pantel, of Ardsley.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The question is on the nominee -- nomination, I should say, of Dr. Ernestine Pantel to become a member of the Public Health Council. All those in favor of the nomination signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye".)

Opposed, nay.

(There was no response.)

The nominee is confirmed.

Secretary will continue to read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Stafford, from the Committee on Finance, reports the following nomination:

Member of the Small Business Advisory Board, Arthur A. Aldrich, of Airmont.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The question is on the nomination. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye".)

Opposed, nay.

(There was no response.)

The nominee is confirmed.

The Secretary will continue to read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Stafford, from the Committee on Finance, reports the following nomination:

Member of State Council on the Arts, Reba White Williams, of New York City.

SENATOR GOODMAN: Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The Chair recognizes Senator Goodman, on the nomination.

SENATOR GOODMAN: Mr. President, as the chairman of the Senate Special Committee on the Arts and Cultural Affairs, it's my pleasure to speak with respect to the nomination of Reba White Williams for the State Council on the Arts.

As you are aware, Mr. President, and my colleagues understand, the state council is charged with the responsibility of taking our

precious subsidy dollars and distributing them in what it is hoped would be the most rational and productive way for the stimulation of the arts and culture in the state of New York and it's especially gratifying to see that someone of Reba White Williams' qualifications will now participate in that process.

Ms. Williams is a graduate of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration and Hunter College, from which she got her M.A. in art history, the City University of New York in which she received an M.A. in philosophy and she also has several other course work completions, including studies in art history, American painting and sculpture and American and European prints.

She happens to be a very successful investment banker and a manager of a large mutual fund company with her husband and in the process of this at the world headquarters they have one of the finest collections of graphic prints anywhere in the United States.

This is a lady of extraordinary

taste, culturation and background, and I haven't the slightest question that she will shortly become one of the outstanding members and leaders of this very important council, and so it's a special delight for me to second the nomination that's been presented by the chairman of the Finance Committee.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Is there any other Senator wishing to speak on the nomination?

(There was no response.)

Hearing none, the question is on the nomination of Reba White Williams, of New York City, to become a member of the State Council on the Arts. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye".)

Opposed, nay.

(There was no response.)

The nominee is confirmed.

The Secretary will continue to read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Stafford,

from the Committee on Finance, reports the following nomination:

Member of the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York, Satish K. Babbar, of Queens.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The Chair recognizes Senator Leichter, on the nomination.

SENATOR LEICHTER: Mr. President, regretfully, I'm going to oppose this nomination and at the same time let my remarks also apply to the nomination of George J. Rios.

Mr. Babbar and Mr. Rios are both recommended for a position on the board of trustees by the mayor of the city of New York. Both are presently commissioners of the city administration. They serve at the pleasure of Mayor Giuliani. I just cannot see that they will have the independence in the position as a member of the Board of Trustees of the City University to carry out their fiduciary responsibilities.

I may also say, Mr. President, that I think what we're seeing is really sort of

a downgrading of the board of trustees. The board of trustees of this institution, as I pointed out last week -- I believe it was last week or the week before when we had a very obvious political appointee, but this board should be composed of people of great prestige, of integrity, of independence, people who bring a background in education and public affairs.

The City University system is a system that is in real trouble, as is the State University system. I think any of us who have served here for a number of years can certainly not take pride at what has happened to these two great universities.

This Legislature has been in complicity with governors, Governor Cuomo, Governor Pataki which has cut off the funding to these universities. We have seen that they have declined in many of the standards by which educational institutions are judged.

Therefore, it is all the more important to have people who can be sufficiently independent and bring to that board the sort of

background and also the sort of public prestige which will allow that university system to get the public support that it needs.

So very regretfully, I'm going to oppose Mr. Babbar. I have nothing against him as such. I see he's an architect. He seems to be a fine gentleman. Mr. Rios does have a lot of experience in education, but there are issues even now before the board of trustees which these people will not be able to exercise independent judgment.

One of them is a conflict between the City University and the mayor as to whether people who are on welfare should do or must do their work service outside or -- of the confines of the campus that they could be required to do anywhere in the city of New York and, frankly, that rule has already driven a number of people out of the City University system.

This is just one example of where you need trustees of independence. Obviously serving at the pleasure of the mayor as his commissioner, neither Mr. Babbar nor Mr. Rios

can exercise that independence, and I will vote against them.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Is there any other Senator wishing to speak on the nomination of Satish K. Babbar to become a member of the board of trustees of the city of New York?

(There was no response.)

Hearing none, the question is on the nomination. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye".)

Opposed, nay.

Senator Leichter in the negative.

The nominee is confirmed.

We're very pleased to have Mr. Babbar in the chamber with us who is seated in the gallery above to your left. Congratulations and good luck, sir.

(Applause)

The Secretary will continue to read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Stafford, from the Committee on Finance, reports the following nomination:

Member of the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York, Ronald Marino, of Brooklyn.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The question is on the nomination of Ronald Marino to become a member of the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye".)

Opposed, nay.

(There was no response.)

The nominee is unanimously confirmed.

The Secretary will continue to read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Stafford, from the Committee on Finance, reports the following nomination:

Member of the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York, George J.

Rios, of the Bronx.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The Chair recognizes Senator Velella, on the nomination.

SENATOR VELELLA: Mr. President, it's my pleasure to rise and second the nomination and move the nomination of Mr. Rios.

He's been an outstanding member of the Bronx community. He's been appointed by three presidents of the United States to various positions within their administration. He has excellent credentials in the educational background, having received a Master's in public administration. He has served as a secretary for the regional representative of the U.S. Department of Education. He has also served in the corporate world as an officer of The Equitable Corporation and as the deputy director of the Civilian Complaint Review Board within the city of New York.

It's unfortunate that Senator Leichter chose to take up his name and question the credentials of that candidate and his ability to serve. He has an unblemished record

of public service which has never been questioned, and I certainly know that he will be able to perform the duties of trustee of the City University while he also performs his duties within the Giuliani administration.

I want to just point out that in the past, Senator Leichter has risen to question the nominees to the CUNY Board of Trustees and talked about the people of stature that we need, the great people that were appointed by Mario Cuomo, but yet he talks about also the fact that City University is having serious troubles.

We've tried it your way, with your governor, with your mayor's appointments. Let's try it with ours. I guarantee you it'll be one heck of a lot better.

I move the nomination.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Is there any other Senator wishing to speak on the nomination?

(There was no response.)

Hearing none, the question is on the nomination of George J. Rios to become a

member of the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye".)

Opposed, nay.

Senator Leichter in the negative.

The nominee is confirmed.

We're very, very pleased to have George Rios in the chamber with us seated in the gallery to your left. Congratulations, sir, and good luck.

(Applause)

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Stafford, from the Committee on Finance, reports the following nomination:

Member of the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York, Richard Stone, of Manhattan.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The question is on the nomination of Richard Stone, of Manhattan, to become a member of the board of trustees of the City University of New York.

All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye".)

Opposed, nay.

(There was no response.)

The nominee is confirmed.

The Secretary will continue to read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Stafford, from the Committee on Finance, reports the following nomination:

Member of the Board of Visitors of the Brooklyn Development Center, Virginia Casey, of Brooklyn.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The question is on the nomination. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye".)

Opposed, nay.

(There was no response.)

The nominee is confirmed.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Stafford, from the Committee on Finance, reports the

following nomination:

Member of the Board of Visitors of the Buffalo Psychiatric Center, Connie Brown, of Niagara Falls.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Senator Maziarz, on the nomination.

SENATOR MAZIARZ: Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I want to rise in support of the nomination of Connie Brown, of Niagara Falls, for a term on the Board of Visitors of the Buffalo Psychiatric Center.

I've known Connie Brown for a number of years. Connie has been involved in a volunteer way with many organizations helping people out in western New York, particularly her volunteer work with the United Way of Niagara and all of the agencies that fall under that large United Way umbrella, but more importantly Connie's paid service as an employee of Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara has given her a wealth of experience working with children, adolescents and adults with mental and physical

disabilities, and I can think, quite frankly, Mr. President, of not a better person that I'd like to see in -- in all of Niagara County appointed to the Board of Visitors of the Buffalo Psychiatric Center.

With all of the changes that are going to be going on in the psychiatric center and psychiatric facilities throughout New York State, I think that we need good, competent, qualified, capable people, and I know that Connie Brown is that type of individual.

I second the nomination, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Is there any other Senator wishing to speak on the nomination?

(There was no response.)

Hearing none, the question is on the nomination of Connie Brown, of Niagara Falls, to become a member of the Board of Visitors of the Buffalo Psychiatric Center.

All those in favor of the nomination signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye".)

Opposed, nay.

(There was no response.)

The nominee is confirmed.

The Secretary will continue to read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Stafford, from the Committee on Finance, reports the following nomination:

Member of the Board of Visitors of the Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center, Grace E. Clench, of Brentwood.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: The Chair recognizes Senator Johnson, on the nomination.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President, I'm acquainted with Ms. Clench for many years. She's been -- she's a reappointment. She's been a leading member of the Board of Visitors of Sagamore for many years and she's certainly helped to point out problems and correct deficiencies there that the children might be better served.

She's a fine lady, should be reappointed, and I'd like to move her nomination at this time.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Is there any other Senator wishing to speak on the nomination?

(There was no response.)

Hearing none, the question is on the nomination of Grace E. Clench, of Brentwood, New York, to become a member of the Board of Visitors of the Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Hospital. All those in favor of the nomination signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye".)

Opposed, nay.

(There was no response.)

The nominee is confirmed.

Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, is there any housekeeping at the desk?

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: There is no housekeeping at the desk, Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: A reminder that

there will be a conference of the Majority at 4:30, and there being no further business, I move that the Senate stands adjourned until July 2nd at 5:00 p.m. sharp.

ACTING PRESIDENT KUHL: Without objection, the Senate stands adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

(Whereupon, at 5:54 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)