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SENATOR JAMES W. WRIGHT, Acting President

STEVEN M. BOGGESS, Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The Senate will come to order.

I ask everyone present to please rise and repeat with me the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: In the absence of clergy, may we bow our heads in a moment of silence.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday, February 14, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Friday, February 11, was read and approved. On motion, Senate adjourned.

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

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

Messages from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator LaValle, from the Committee on Higher Education, reports:

Senate Print 1971, by Senator LaValle, an act to amend the Education Law;

2097, by Senator Libous, an act to amend the Education Law;

3021A, by Senator Saland, an act to amend the Executive Law and the Education Law;

And 3103, by Senator Lack, an act authorizing the State University of New York.

Senator Rath, from the Committee on Local Government, reports:

Senate Print 173, by Senator Larkin, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law;

745, by Senator Volker, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law;

4206A, by Senator Rath, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law;

6279, by Senator Larkin, an act to repeal Chapter 57 of the Laws of 1974;

6284, by Senator Marcellino, an act authorizing the assessors of the County of Nassau and the Village of Old Westbury;

6316, by Senator Seward, an act to authorize the Village of Herkimer.

Senator Trunzo, from the Committee on Transportation, reports:

Senate Print 1101, by Senator Goodman, an act to amend the Transportation Law;

1102, by Senator Goodman, an act to amend the Transportation Law;

2812, by Senator Johnson, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law;

And 3616, by Senator Marcellino, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Senator Hannon, from the Committee on Health, reports:

Senate Print 126, by Senator Rath, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

1253B, by Senator Hannon, an act to amend the Public Health Law and the Penal Law;

And 1969, by Senator LaValle, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

All bills ordered direct to third

reading.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Without objection, all bills reported directly to third reading.

Reports of select committees.

Communications and reports of state officers.

Motions and resolutions.

Senator Fuschillo.

SENATOR FUSCHILLO: Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Alesi, I wish to call up Senate Print Number 4124A, recalled from the Assembly, which is now at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 54, by Senator Alesi, Senate Print 4124A, an act to amend the Workers' Compensation Law.

Senator Fuschillo.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Call the roll on reconsideration.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 37.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Senator Fuschillo.

SENATOR FUSCHILLO: I now offer the following amendments.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Amendments received.

Oh, Senator Fuschillo, I'm sorry.

SENATOR FUSCHILLO: Thank you, Mr. President.

On behalf of Senator Alesi, on page number 16 I offer the following amendments to Calendar Number 201, Senate Print Number 5213, and ask that said bill retain its place on Third Reading Calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Amendments received, and the bill will retain its place on Third Reading Calendar.

Substitution.

SENATOR SKELOS: Please make the substitutions.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: On page 13, Senator Marcellino moves to discharge, from

the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Assembly Bill Number 5513A, and substitute it for the identical Senate bill, 6137A, Third Reading Calendar 151.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Substitution ordered.

Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, if we could adopt the Resolution Calendar, with the exception of Resolution 3041.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: All in favor of adopting the Resolution Calendar, with the exception of Resolution Number 3041, signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The Resolution Calendar is adopted.

Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, I believe there's a privileged resolution at the desk by Senator Morahan. May we have the title read and move for its immediate

adoption.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: By Senator Morahan, Legislative Resolution Number 3054, memorializing Governor George E. Pataki to proclaim the week of February 13 through 19, 2000, as the "National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week" in the State of New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The question is on the resolution.

Senator Morahan.

SENATOR MORAHAN: Mr. President, I would just like the -- all the Senators to know that that's open for sponsorship. So if they want to sign on the resolution, they can -- whoever doesn't, they can let us know. Otherwise, we'll put everybody on that resolution.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Senator Skelos, for your information.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, with the consent of Senator Paterson and the Minority, put everybody on the resolution. If

they do not wish to sponsor the resolution, they should notify the desk.

SENATOR PATERSON: Consented.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: With the consent of Senator Skelos and Senator Paterson, so ordered.

The question is on the resolution. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The resolution is adopted.

Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, if we could take up the noncontroversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The Secretary will read the noncontroversial calendar.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 42, by Senator Alesi, Senate Print 3484, an act to amend the Economic Development Law, in relation to directing a rural agribusiness

study.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 41.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 59, by Senator Skelos, Senate Print 4887, an act to amend the Domestic Relations Law, in relation to notification of adoptive parents.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 41.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 111, by Senator Kuhl, Senate Print 1725A, an act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law, in relation to duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets.

SENATOR PATERSON: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The bill is laid aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 114, by Senator Hoffmann, Senate Print 6175A, an act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law, in relation to making technical corrections thereto.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect on the same date as Chapter 251 of the Laws of 1999.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 43.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

140, by Senator LaValle, Senate Print 27, an act to amend the Education Law, in relation to the membership of professional licensing boards.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 43.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 142, by Senator Rath, Senate Print 1293, an act to amend the Education Law, in relation to requirements for written prescriptions.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 43.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 192, by Senator Saland, Senate Print 6220, an act to amend the General Municipal Law, in relation to establishing the Town of Fishkill Industrial Development Agency.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: There's a home rule message at the desk.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 43.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 205, by Senator Libous, Senate Print 4658, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law, in relation to the appointment of directors of community services.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 45.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 209, by Senator Velella, Senate Print 1734A, an act to amend the General City Law and the Penal Law, in relation to creating the crimes of urinating or defecating in public.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 8. This act shall take effect on the first day of November.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Call the roll.

SENATOR PATERSON: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The bill is laid aside.

Senator Skelos, that completes the noncontroversial reading of the calendar.

SENATOR SKELOS: Please recognize Senator Stachowski.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Senator Stachowski, why do you rise?

SENATOR STACHOWSKI: Mr. President, can I have unanimous consent to be recorded in the negative on Calendar 192.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR STACHOWSKI: Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, if we could return to the Resolution Calendar and take up Resolution 3041, by Senator Kuhl, have it read in its entirety, and move for its immediate adoption.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 111, by Senator Kuhl, Senate Print -

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, if I could just interrupt for one minute,

there will be an immediate meeting of the Labor Committee in the Majority Conference Room.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: There will be an immediate meeting of the Labor Committee in the Majority Conference Room.

We are now on Senator Kuhl's resolution, Number 3041 on the calendar today.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: By Senator Kuhl, Legislative Resolution Number 3041, commending the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education and the 1999 Students of the Year.

"WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of New York is pleased to welcome distinguished members of the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education and the 1999 Students of the Year, honored for their outstanding work as adult learners; and

"WHEREAS, Michelle Carbone, Zeida Diaz, Katie Dick, Thai Vo Dinh, Patricia Gandia, Morris Roger Green, Russell Johnson, Cheryl McCann, John Neilon-Jock, Lindita Nezaj, Elaine Perry, Julie Sanon, Jose Veliz,

Mingh Vo, and Victoria Watkins, all honored recipients of the Student of the Year Award, have been selected to receive this esteemed distinction because of their demonstrated outstanding perseverance and dedication; and

"WHEREAS, The 1999 Students of the Year worked hard and overcame a myriad of challenges and, in doing so, developed within themselves a strong sense of independence, self-reliance and self-sufficiency which can never be taken away. The 1999 Students of the Year have confirmed, through their earnest commitment and will to succeed, that they should be looked upon as positive role models, not only to other adult learners but to their community as well. The Legislature of the State of New York also pays tribute to the teachers, coordinators, administrators, and trainers of these students for their selfless dedication to the students and whose work has brought hope into the lives of many, an accomplishment that cannot be measured; and

"WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of New York also honors the Board Members for their guidance of the New York

State Association for Continuing/Community Education and for their continued dedication to education in New York, and honors as well all the individuals on the Awards Day Committee who worked diligently in order to ensure that these students receive the recognition they deserve; now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the New York Association for Continuing/Community Education and the 1999 Students of the Year for their tenacity and remarkable accomplishments; and be it further

"RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to each of the 1999 Students of the Year and to Board President Mark Cass."

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Senator Kuhl, on the resolution.

SENATOR KUHL: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. It's my pleasure to rise today to speak on the resolution.

As the chairperson of the Senate Education Committee, certainly there is a lot

going on in education in our world in New York today. And last year this house adopted a bill which would have extended the compulsory education age from 16 to 17. Unfortunately, the Governor thought that there were some loopholes in that bill and chose to veto it. But that bill was intended for one specific purpose, and that was to continue the education of young people during a very impressionable time in their lives.

Today what we have, the recognition before us is the resolution which honors the New York State Association for Continuing and Community Education. It's an association that takes charge, if you will, over a group of people who have for one reason or another left the traditional public high school setting and been moved into the private sector without the benefit of having a high school diploma.

These people have suffered through the -- let's say the nondiagnosis of special types of disabilities which has made their traditional education impossible, but yet they've had the oversight of this association to take charge of their furthering their

education and have worked with these young people and have actually accomplished what at times would seem to be insurmountable kinds of conditions.

So we're here today recognizing not only the association but what is deemed to be the 1999 high-honor students of that association. These are people who have really done the impossible, and they have continued their education despite unbelievable obstacles to the point that they have never been in a traditional setting to be recognized.

And yet what we are doing here today is recognizing them and their teachers and the association for moving them ahead and moving them to a position where they will be self-sufficient and actually very, very outstanding citizens in our society.

So speaking to the resolution, there is this group of outstanding students for the year of 1999 who are with us in the gallery, and at the conclusion of the resolution I would hope that you would acknowledge their presence.

I also know, Mr. President, that

there are a number of members who have constituents of theirs who are participants in this group who would like to be recognized and also have an opportunity to speak on the resolution.

So I'm here today as the Senate Education Committee chairman saying there are a number of different methods for people getting their complete education in our society today. These people are a very small part of a small group, but yet they probably expend more energy in accomplishing what other people have done in traditional ways because of obstacles that have been placed in their ways.

And so their effort and their diligence, their perseverance in accomplishing what at times has, I know, seemed to be the impossible should be honored here today and is being honored here today.

And I thank you, Mr. President, for the opportunity to speak to this resolution.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Thank you, Senator Kuhl.

Are there other members of the

Senate wishing to speak on the resolution?

The question is on the resolution. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The resolution is adopted.

On behalf of Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, my colleagues here in the Senate, we want to welcome you to our chambers today. We would ask that the 1999 Students of the Year please rise and accept the congratulations of the members of the New York State Senate for a job well done.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: You can be genuinely proud of your accomplishments, and we are genuinely proud of them also.

Thank you for joining us today in the Capitol.

Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, please recognize Senator Volker.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Senator Volker.

SENATOR VOLKER: Mr. President, one of the Senate resolutions today, Resolution Number 3068, is a resolution mourning the death of Judge Dolores Denman, who was a classmate of mine in law school and a personal friend.

Dolores Denman was the first woman to serve as a presiding justice of an appellate division, and unfortunately died just recently.

What I would like to do, Senator Lack and I have -- are doing this resolution. We'd like to open it up to all the members of the Senate, unless they have an objection, to be on the resolution.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, with the consent of Senator Paterson, everybody will be put on the resolution.

If you do not wish to sponsor it, please notify the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: 3068.

So ordered. All members will be reflected on the resolution unless they object.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, there will be an immediate meeting of the Environmental Conservation Committee in the Majority Conference Room.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: There will be an immediate meeting of the Environmental Conservation Committee in the Majority Conference Room.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, if we could take up the controversial calendar, please.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The Secretary will read the controversial calendar.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 111, by Senator Kuhl, Senate Print 1725A, an act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law, in relation to the duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, if we could have the last section read, for

the purposes of Senator Oppenheimer voting.

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

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

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

SENATOR OPPENHEIMER: No.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Senator Oppenheimer will be recorded in the negative.

SENATOR SKELOS: Please withdraw the roll call.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The roll will be withdrawn.

We're on the bill. Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Senator Dollinger, why do you rise?

SENATOR DOLLINGER: Just to be recorded in the negative on Calendar 111.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: All

right, we will call the roll.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Excuse me, I apologize. Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: If the bill is going to be debated, then we're going to have the debate. If there's no debate on the bill, then we can just vote and move on.

Okay, please have the roll call called at this time.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The Secretary will call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Results.

THE SECRETARY: Those recorded in the negative on Calendar Number 111 are Senators Breslin, Connor, Dollinger, LaValle, Onorato, Oppenheimer, Paterson, Schneiderman, and Stavisky. Ayes, 41. Nays, 9.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The bill is passed.

Continue with the controversial calendar.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

209, by Senator Velella, Senate Print 1734A, an act to amend the General City Law and the Penal Law, in relation to creating the crimes of urinating or defecating in public.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Senator Paterson, why do you rise?

SENATOR PATERSON: Mr. President, I rise with a degree of trepidation. I read the transcript from last year's debate where Senator Velella said, and I quote, that there are some in this chamber who chose to vote against this bill. As a matter of fact, 13 members from the other side of the aisle voted against this bill. And he then reminded the congregation that three of those 13 members did not return after the 1998 session.

So I will say that I am impacted a little bit by that, and I'm not going to debate Senator Velella, and I'm not even going to ask him for an explanation. As a matter of fact, I'm going to give the explanation for him.

It's quite clear why we would have a bill like that. Public urinating and public defecation are a vile and vicious malady that

pervade our society. Moreover, it is very difficult, particularly for children, to actually watch that kind of thing or see the results of it in public. And it could certainly be said that it is a detriment to the quality of life in our city.

It's more than just a detriment to the quality of life in our city. I think we on the other side of the aisle would concede that in many ways it is a detriment and retentive and also not exactly an encouragement to business in our commercial zones. And it's a fact that the public does not like to see different forms of behavior that make coming into the city much more difficult.

So we understand what -- the nature of the concern that Senator Velella has and what he's trying to address in this bill.

However, it is my opinion that we shouldn't support the bill. We shouldn't support the bill because this is really addressing the smaller issue of a bigger issue. The bigger issue is the widespread homelessness: 25,000 homeless people right in

New York City, one-half of the homeless population under age 5.

A staggering statistic, and I think something that needs to be addressed by our programs as much as our criminal justice system. We already have criminal laws on the books that address public lewdness. What we need are those programs that will address public homelessness, which we have.

Also, this bill opens the door to a kind of innate discrimination. It talks about the types of individuals who you can tell just by physical observation could be a potential problem for police officers or the public. Who are those people?

This would open the door for different townships and cities around the state to designate their own areas of commercial nature really selectively, just to get undesirable people off the street for reasons of appearance or color or profiling. This is what, in the most recent situations that we can document, we're actually trying to stop.

So while we all join in wanting to

curb and put an end to what is public lewdness, we don't suggest that this is the way -- to such an extent that even in spite of Senator Velella's admonitions last year, Senators Breslin, Connor, Dollinger, Montgomery, Seabrook, Smith, Schneiderman, and one other -- oh, myself -- voted against this bill last year.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Thank you, Senator Paterson.

Senator Velella.

SENATOR VELELLA: Mr. President, I'd just point out that in spite of the fact that those distinguished Senators that were called off by Senator Paterson voted against the bill, everybody else in the chamber voted for it.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Thank you, Senator Velella.

Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 8. This act shall take effect on the first day of November.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Call

the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT:

Results.

THE SECRETARY: Those recorded in the negative on Calendar Number 209 are Senators Breslin, Connor, Paterson, Santiago, Smith, and Stavisky. Ayes, 45. Nays, 6.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Also Senator Schneiderman.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The bill remains passed.

Senator Leibell.

SENATOR LEIBELL: Mr. President, I'd like to ask for unanimous consent to be recorded in the negative on Calendar 111, Senate 1725A.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR GOODMAN: Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Senator Goodman.

SENATOR GOODMAN: Ditto.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Without objection, so ordered.

Senator Skelos, that completes the reading of the calendar.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, if we could return to reports of standing committees and have them read at this time.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Reports of standing committees.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Padavan, from the Committee on Cities, reports:

Senate Print 3242A, by Senator Kuhl, an act to amend the General Municipal Law;

And 4328A, by Senator McGee, an act to amend the General City Law and others.

Both bills ordered direct to third reading.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Without objection, bills reported directly to third reading.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Also, Senator Marcellino, from the Committee on

Environmental Conservation, reports:

Senate Print 4157, by Senator Marcellino, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law;

6357, by Senator Stafford, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law;

And 6483, by Senator Marcellino, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

All bills ordered direct to third reading.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Without objection, bills reported directly to third reading.

Senator Skelos.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: There is not.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, I believe we are still waiting for the Labor Committee. Most of the business, I guess, is done, other than accepting the report of the Labor Committee. I'm more than happy to sit and wait if other members wish to go on their

way.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: I will join you in that task, Senator Skelos, thank you.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: I appreciate your waiting. And if we could have the Labor Committee report read at this time.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Spano, from the Committee on Labor, reports:

Senate Print 1453A, by Senator Spano, an act to amend the Labor Law;

4932A, by Senator Spano, an act to amend the Labor Law;

5065, by Senator Balboni, an act to amend the Labor Law;

6433, by Senator Spano, an act to amend the Labor Law;

And 6434, by Senator Spano, an act to amend the Workers' Compensation Law.

All bills ordered direct to third

reading.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: Without objection, the bills are reported to third reading.

Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, there being no further business to come before the Senate, I move we adjourn until Monday, February 28, at 3:00 p.m., intervening days being legislative days.

And we wish all members a wonderful break.

ACTING PRESIDENT WRIGHT: On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Monday, February 28, at 3:00 p.m., intervening days being legislative days.

(Whereupon, at 11:36 a.m., the Senate adjourned.)