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LT. GOVERNOR MARY O. DONOHUE, President

STEVEN M. BOGGESS, Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

THE PRESIDENT: 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.)

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

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

THE PRESIDENT: Reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Friday, January 5th, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Thursday, January 4, was read and approved. On motion, Senate adjourned.

THE PRESIDENT: 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 Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: Madam President, I believe that there is a privileged resolution by Senator Skelos. I would ask that it be read in its entirety and move for its immediate adoption.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: By Senator Skelos, Legislative Resolution Number 59, mourning the death of Bishop James T. McHugh, the third bishop of Rockville Centre, New York.

"Whereas, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those distinguished individuals who devote their life's work and purposeful endeavors to the ministry of others; and

"WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is

moved to mourn the death of Bishop James T. McHugh, the leader of Long Island's 1.4 million Catholics. He died at his home in Rockville Centre at the age of 68; and

"WHEREAS, Serving as the third bishop of Rockville Centre, Bishop James McHugh succeeded Bishop John R. McGann, who retired after leading the diocese for more than 23 years;

"Bishop James McHugh came to Long Island in February 1999, after serving for 10 years as bishop in Camden, New Jersey, to serve as coadjutor bishop, an auxiliary post that identified him as the direct successor to Bishop McGann;

"Bishop James McHugh served as a staff member of the National Council of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C., which he joined in 1965; and

"WHEREAS, In 1971 Bishop James McHugh was appointed papal chamberlain by Pope Paul VI and was elevated to the rank of prelate of honor by Pope John Paul II, in 1986. He had also served as a Vatican delegate to several United Nations conferences

on population;

"In his hometown of Orange, New Jersey, Bishop James McHugh attended St. Venantius School and Our Lady of the Valley High School. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Classical Languages from Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey, and entered Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington, New Jersey; and

"WHEREAS, He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Newark at Sacred Heart Cathedral in 1957. His first assignment was as assistant pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, and then at Holy Trinity Church in Fort Lee, New Jersey. As a pastor, he completed graduate work at Fordham University;

"Bishop James McHugh will be remembered in the hearts of many as a well-liked and respected cleric who was deeply committed to his faith; and

"WHEREAS, This Legislative Body understands the valuable contributions made by Bishop James McHugh to the vitally important religious life of the greater New York community, and is now moved to acknowledge

that record of outstanding service to his Church and to all New Yorkers, as well; now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Bishop James T. McHugh, the third bishop of Rockville Centre, New York; and be it further

"RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Bishop James T. McHugh, and to the Diocese of Rockville Centre."

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Madam President, although this resolution mourns the death of Bishop James McHugh, I would rather celebrate his life, who was the third bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

As the leader of Long Island's Catholic community and throughout his career, Bishop McHugh provided a strong and steady voice for the Church and a deep, unwavering commitment to his faith, his beliefs, and to his parishioners. With his passing, Long Island has lost a wonderful friend and leader.

Today I am introducing this resolution to honor and remember Bishop James McHugh, truly a man of great hope and a man of the people. And I'd like to open up the resolution for sponsorship.

And, Senator Bruno, if any member does not wish to go on it, perhaps they could notify the desk.

SENATOR BRUNO: Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Any members who do not wish to be sponsors of this resolution, please notify the desk.

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

(Response of "Aye.")

THE PRESIDENT: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

THE PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted.

Senator Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: Madam President, I believe there is another privileged resolution at the desk, by Senator Nozzolio. We would ask that the title be read and move for its immediate adoption.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: By Senator Nozzolio, Legislative Resolution Number 60, congratulating the Webster Girls Varsity Soccer Team and Coach Kent Brown on their outstanding season and overall team record.

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

(Response of "Aye.")

THE PRESIDENT: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

THE PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted.

Senator Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: Madam President, I believe there is another privileged resolution, by Senator Johnson. I would ask that the title be read and move for its immediate adoption.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: By Senator Johnson, Legislative Resolution Number 61,

honoring the Amityville Memorial High School Football Team upon the occasion of being awarded the Rutgers Trophy for the eighth time in the school's history.

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

(Response of "Aye.")

THE PRESIDENT: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

THE PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted.

Senator Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: Madam President, I believe there is another privileged resolution, by Senator Fuschillo. I would ask that the title be read and move for its immediate adoption.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: By Senator Fuschillo, Legislative Resolution Number 62, congratulating the Freeport High School Football Team upon the occasion of capturing the Class I Long Island Football Championship

for 2000.

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

(Response of "Aye.")

THE PRESIDENT: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

THE PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted.

Senator Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: Madam President, is there any other business that is at the desk that you feel should be called to our attention?

THE PRESIDENT: No, there is not, Senator.

SENATOR BRUNO: There is not.

There being no further business to come before the Senate, we would recommend that we stand adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, January 9, at 11:00 a.m.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 9, 11:00 a.m.

(Whereupon, at 3:16 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)