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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

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: 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 FUSCHILLO: In the absence of clergy, will you bow your heads for a moment of silence, please.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday, February 11, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Friday, February 8, was read and approved. On motion, Senate adjourned.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: 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 Farley.

SENATOR FARLEY: Thank you, Mr. President.

I wish to call up Senator Maltese's bill, Senate Print 1854, which was recalled from the Assembly, which is now at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 90, by Senator Maltese, Senate Print 1854, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

SENATOR FARLEY: Mr. President, I now move to reconsider the vote by which this bill passed and ask that the bill be restored to the order of third reading.

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

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 40.

SENATOR FARLEY: I now move to recommit Senate Print 1854, Calendar Number 90, on the order of third reading, to the Committee on Transportation, with instructions to strike the enacting clause.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: So ordered.

SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Senator Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: Can we at this time adopt the Resolution Calendar, with the exception of Resolution 4045.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: All those in favor of adopting the Resolution Calendar, with the exception of Resolution 4045, signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: The Resolution Calendar is adopted.

Senator Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Senator Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: I believe that there are two privileged resolutions by the esteemed Senator Morahan. I would ask that the titles be read and move for their immediate adoption.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: The Secretary will read.

Senator Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President, I understand that we may be a little bit ahead of ourselves and that the resolutions are not presently at the desk.

But I believe that there is a privileged resolution at the desk by Senator Leibell. I would ask that the title be read and move for its immediate adoption.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: By Senator Leibell, Legislative Resolution Number 4051, commending Detective Randall J. Tompkins for 32 years of distinguished service to the Town

of Carmel Police Department.

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

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: The resolution is adopted.

Senator Bruno.

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Farley.

SENATOR FARLEY: Thank you, Madam President.

On behalf of Senator Bruno and myself, we have a very distinguished military person here, Major General Michael R. Van Patten, and we're recognizing him here today on the occasion of his retirement as the Commander of the New York State National Guard.

General Van Patten has dedicated his life to serving and protecting the people of this state. His many accomplishments in the military field speak to his dedication and

commitment, and his many honors and medals highlight his willingness to go beyond the call of duty.

In addition to his service in the New York Army National Guard, General Van Patten's willingness to educate and help shape the minds of our nation's youth -- as a professor at Siena College, he imparts positive ideals and education that they desperately need.

General Van Patten, we salute you for all your efforts. New York's National Guard and the whole state is in better shape now, thanks to you. And we're very grateful.

We wish you well on your retirement and many happy and healthy days with your wife, Judee, who is here, and your daughters, Kelly and Brittany.

Let me just say, as an aside, General Van Patten was a Schenectady native for many, many years, served on Metroplex, was very, very active in the community. But he moved to where the power is now, up in Senator Bruno's district in Clifton Park. And -- but let me just say, he's made quite an impression

in Schenectady.

And we're delighted and honored -- he's a personal friend of mine and his family, and we're delighted to have him here today.

And with that, I'm going to yield to our distinguished Majority Leader, who is the sponsor of this resolution.

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: Thank you very much, Senator Farley, Madam President.

I believe that we have, I and Senator Farley, a privileged resolution that is at the desk. I would ask that at this time it be read in its entirety, move for its immediate adoption, and then we'll make some comments.

THE PRESIDENT: That's correct, Senator Bruno.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: By Senator Bruno, Legislative Resolution Number 4045, honoring Major General Michael R. Van Patten upon his retirement as Commander of the New York Army National Guard.

"WHEREAS, The State of New York

takes great pride in acknowledging significant milestones in the distinguished careers of its esteemed residents; and

"WHEREAS, Major General Michael R. Van Patten will be honored at the Hall of Springs on February 23, 2002, upon his well-deserved retirement as Commander of the New York Army National Guard; and

"WHEREAS, He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Siena College and a master's degree in accounting from the State University of New York at Albany; and

"WHEREAS, Major General Van Patten also graduated from the Army Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. He is a professor at Siena College and operates his own accounting practice; and

"WHEREAS, General Van Patten enlisted in the New York Army National Guard on November 3, 1965. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Ordnance upon his graduation from the Empire State Military Academy in July 1968.

"Lieutenant Van Patten was then assigned as Platoon Leader, Company A, 727

Maintenance Battalion; and

"WHEREAS, In January 1974 he was transferred to Supply Officer, 205th Support Group, and promoted to Captain; and

"WHEREAS, Captain Van Patten assumed command of the 727 Maintenance Company in June 1975, and served as Chemical Plans and Operations Officer, 27th Support Center, Radio and Television Officer, 138th Public Affairs Detachment, and S-4 (Logistics) 205th Support Group; and

"WHEREAS, He was promoted to the rank of Major in November 1983, and was transferred to Headquarters, Troop Command, as G-4, and later as Assistant Chief of Staff; and

"WHEREAS, In December 1988 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and transferred to the 42nd Infantry Division as G-4.

"He was promoted to Colonel in July 1993, and assumed command of the 42nd DISCOM; and

"WHEREAS, in October 1995 Colonel Van Patten became the Director of the

Department of Military and Naval Affairs Initiatives Group; and

"WHEREAS, he was promoted Brigadier General and was assigned as the Commanding General, 53rd Troop Command, in January 1998; and

"WHEREAS, In December 1998 he was reassigned as Commander of the New York Army National Guard; and

"WHEREAS, He was promoted to the prestigious rank of Major General in December 1999; and

"WHEREAS, Major General Van Patten has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Army Service Ribbon; and

"WHEREAS, He and his wife, Judee, are the proud parents of Kelly and Brittany Van Patten; and

"WHEREAS, Major General Van Patten has announced his retirement as Commander of the New York Army National Guard after serving over 36 years in the New York Army National Guard; and

"WHEREAS, His patriotism, leadership, expertise, and dedication have been tremendous assets to the New York Army National Guard and a wonderful inspiration for his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Major General Michael Van Patten upon his well-deserved retirement from the New York Army National Guard, and to thank him for his dedicated service; and be it further

"RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Major General Michael Van Patten."

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Bruno, on the resolution.

SENATOR BRUNO: On the resolution, Madam President. Thank you.

I am proud that General Van Patten is a constituent of mine now -- just as proud

as Senator Farley is that he enjoyed his residency -- along with his wife, Judee, and daughters, Kelly and Brittany, and add my welcome to the chamber here and add my congratulations.

We've heard a litany that was read in a couple of minutes about a life that was in the military over 37 years, and related in a few minutes. But as you listen, you can't help but respect and admire the commitment and the dedication of your life over the last years in serving the public in ways that were truly above and beyond what would be a normal call to duty.

In disasters here in the state, in whatever ways that the National Guard could respond, the General was there with the troops. And when people are troubled, the greatest comfort that they can have is to know that there are people like General Van Patten, and the troops that he commands, that are ready and willing and extremely able to defend and to protect and create a comfort level for all of us.

So we're indebted to you for your

military service. And we're also indebted to you that you, in your life, a busy life, teach as a professor there at Siena, as a role model for young people who are going through that fine institution that will make their way in life. And you have been just a shining example.

And the good thing is that you're young enough and healthy enough, with your beautiful wife and family, to continue to enjoy teaching and the other things that you will do as your record becomes part of the history of this state.

And the resolution that was read will become part of the archives, literally, numbered as any piece of legislation that we pass here. And as your children and your grandchildren ever want to review what has taken place in these 37 years, as chronicled in that resolution, it will be here, available to all to witness and to respect and to admire.

We're proud of you.

THE PRESIDENT: On the resolution, all those in favor signify by

saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

THE PRESIDENT: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

THE PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted.

And on behalf of the Senate, I'd like to congratulate the General on your outstanding career and wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

(Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: Madam President, can we ask for an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in the Majority Conference Room.

THE PRESIDENT: There will be an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in the Majority Conference Room.

Senator Velella.

SENATOR VELELLA: Madam President, I believe the computers have finally caught up to our pace of work and that the two Morahan resolutions are at the desk.

I move their adoption now.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: By Senator Morahan, Legislative Resolution Number 4052, honoring Rita Grayson upon the completion of her tenure as a member of the Board of Trustees of Rockland County Community College, on February 21, 2002.

THE PRESIDENT: On the resolution, all those in favor please signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

THE PRESIDENT: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

THE PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: By Senator Morahan, Legislative Resolution Number 4053, honoring Ramesh Mehta upon the occasion of his designation by the Rockland County Chapter of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers as the recipient of the 2002 "Engineer of the Year" Award.

THE PRESIDENT: On the

resolution, all those in favor please signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

THE PRESIDENT: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

THE PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: By Senator Morahan, Legislative Resolution Number 4054, commending Rabbi and Mrs. Israel Flam upon the occasion of their designation as guests of honor by Yeshiva of Spring Valley on February 18, 2002.

THE PRESIDENT: On the resolution, all those in favor please signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

THE PRESIDENT: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

THE PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted.

Senator Velella.

SENATOR VELELLA: Madam President, can we have the noncontroversial

reading of the calendar now.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 42, by Senator Stafford, Senate Print 1053, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to county responsibility.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last section.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 47.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 46, by Senator Skelos, Senate Print 75, an act to amend the Navigation Law, in relation to the termination of the unsafe operation of a vessel.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the 120th day.

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 47.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 74, by Senator Marcellino, Senate Print 490, an act to amend the Penal Law, in relation to including the theft of dogs and cats.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of November.

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 47.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 104, by Senator Larkin, Senate Print 2655A, an act to amend the General Municipal Law and the Town Law, in relation to the continuation of service.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last

section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 7. This act shall take effect 180 days.

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 47.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 106, by Senator Rath, Senate Print 4096, an act to amend the Municipal Home Rule Law, in relation to the adoption and filing of local laws.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 47.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 109, by Senator Maltese, Senate Print 2089, an act to amend Chapter 164 of the Laws of 1907,

relating to the incorporation of the Queens Borough Public Library.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last section.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 47.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

SENATOR HOFFMANN: There will be an immediate meeting of the Local Government Committee in the Majority Conference Room.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Hoffmann.

There will be an immediate meeting of the Local Government Committee in the Majority Conference Room.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 110, by Senator McGee, Senate Print 3089, an act to amend the General City Law, the Town Law, and the Village Law, in relation to the establishment.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last

section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of July.

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 47.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 112, by Member of the Assembly E. Sullivan, Assembly Print Number 9264B, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law, in relation to providing.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last section.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 47.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 120, by Senator Marcellino, Senate Print 100,

an act to amend the Penal Law, in relation to criminally negligent homicide.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last section.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 47.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

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

SENATOR HOFFMANN: Thank you, Madam President. If we could return to reports of standing committees, I believe you have something at the desk.

THE PRESIDENT: Reports of standing committees.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Bruno, from the Committee on Rules, reports the following bill direct to third reading:

Senate Print 6129A, by the Senate

Committee on Rules, an act to amend the Tax Law.

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Hoffmann.

SENATOR HOFFMANN: I move to accept the report of the Rules Committee.

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

(Response of "Aye.")

THE PRESIDENT: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

THE PRESIDENT: The report is accepted.

Senator Hoffmann.

SENATOR HOFFMANN: Madam President, if we could please recognize Senator Saland.

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Saland.

SENATOR SALAND: Thank you, Madam President.

It's my distinct privilege this morning to introduce to the members of the Senate who are present here today a group, a delegation, consisting of some 20 members who are visiting us from Germany, the State of

Hesse in Germany.

They are the Subcommittee for Jurisprudence of the Hesse House. They also are accompanied by two members of the Executive branch.

The head of the delegation is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Corrections, the Honorable Alfons Gerling. And he is accompanied, among others, by the Deputy Minister of Justice, the Honorable Herbert Landau.

They are here pursuing criminal justice issues, particularly as they concern corrections. They have been to New York City. They are visiting here in Albany today, meeting with the chairs of the respective Crime and Corrections and Codes Committees in both houses. They will be touring Sing Sing, I believe, tomorrow. They have met with an Assembly member in New York City.

They have a rather busy agenda, and we're fortunate that they could take some time to join us today. And I would like to welcome them on behalf of Senator Bruno, who was in the chamber a bit earlier, and the Deputy

Majority Leader, Senator Skelos, who may be joining with us a bit later this afternoon as we have a bit of reception for our guests.

So welcome to the State Capitol of New York. It's my pleasure to introduce you. And I hope your stay here is not only a productive and meaningful one but an enjoyable one as well.

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Hoffmann.

SENATOR HOFFMANN: I join my colleague, Senator Saland, in welcoming this distinguished delegation.

Senator Saland, as many of you know, is the president, the national president of an organization of state legislators known as the National Conference of State Legislators. And in this capacity he hosts many groups who travel through this country, and we're always very proud when they choose New York as a showcase for democracy.

This is an exciting opportunity for me to give you my personal greetings as a German-American of many generations in this country. We recognize the great role that Germany played in founding this country.

There was a time when there was a question as to what language would be the national language of the United States. And there was a vote taken in Washington, and by one vote the decision was to have English be the language spoken for the United States of America. The language that came in second, and would otherwise have been the language, was German.

And to this day, in many parts of New York State the predominant ethnic group is German-American. We're frequently surprised when we see the census results that large portions of New York State, particularly in the upstate area, list on the census tract the number-one ethnic origin of the majority of the population to be German-American.

And while Germans have been largely assimilated in this country, the ethnic traditions of the fatherland are held dear. Many of us have in our homes a copy of the "Schnitzelbunk." And even if it's in very broken German, we enjoy the opportunity to relive that little bit of our history.

And we have little cute words for

family members. And only German-Americans can truly appreciate what it means to be a small child and be labeled a "Distelfink."

But I would join all of my colleagues in saying "Willkommen" to you to this country and to the great New York State. And we hope that your stay here is a memorable one.

THE PRESIDENT: On behalf of the Senate, I would also like to welcome you and wish you a very productive visit.

Senator Hoffmann.

SENATOR HOFFMANN: Madam President, if we could call up Senate 6129A at this time.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Bruno moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9696B and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill Number 6129A, Third Reading Calendar 169.

THE PRESIDENT: The substitution is ordered.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 169, by the Assembly Committee on Rules, Assembly Print Number 9696B, an act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to authorizing.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last section.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 47. Nays, 1. Senator Dollinger recorded in the negative.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

Senator Hoffmann.

SENATOR HOFFMANN: Madam President, if we could return to reports of standing committees, I believe there are some reports at the desk. Could we have those read at this time.

THE PRESIDENT: Reports of standing committees.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Padavan,

from the Committee on Cities, reports the following bills:

Senate Print 1859, by Senator Maltese, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law;

And Senate Print 3561, by Senator McGee, an act to amend the General City Law and others.

Senator Velella, from the Committee on Labor, reports:

Senate Print 846, by Senator Stafford, an act to amend the Labor Law;

1263A, by Senator Lack, an act to amend the Labor Law;

1310A, by Senator Meier, an act to amend the Labor Law;

And 5813, by Senator Spano, an act to amend the Labor Law.

All bills ordered direct to third reading.

THE PRESIDENT: Without objection, all bills ordered direct to third reading.

Senator Hoffmann.

SENATOR HOFFMANN: Madam

President, if we could stand at ease for just a few moments awaiting the report of the Local Government Committee.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senate will stand at ease.

(Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease at 11:33 a.m.)

(Whereupon, the Senate reconvened at 11:39 a.m.)

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Hoffmann.

SENATOR HOFFMANN: Do we have a report of the Local Government committee at the desk, Madam President?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, we do, Senator.

SENATOR HOFFMANN: Move that it be accepted.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Rath, from the Committee on Local Government, reports the following bills:

Senate Print 4881, by Senator McGee, an act to amend the County Law;

4969, by Senator Nozzolio, an act

to amend the Real Property Tax Law;

6036, by Senator Morahan, an act to amend the Town Law;

6046, by Senator Rath, an act to amend the General Municipal Law;

And 6061, by Senator Morahan, an act to amend Chapter 256 of the Laws of 2001.

All bills ordered direct to third reading.

THE PRESIDENT: Without objection, all bills ordered direct to third reading.

Senator Hoffmann.

SENATOR HOFFMANN: Madam President, could Senator Marchi be recognized at this time.

THE PRESIDENT: Absolutely.

Senator Marchi.

SENATOR MARCHI: Madam President, I wish to call up my bill, Print Number A9264B.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read, Senator.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 112, by Member of the Assembly E. Sullivan,

Assembly Print Number 9264B, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

SENATOR MARCHI: I now move to reconsider the vote by which this bill passed.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will call the roll upon reconsideration.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 50.

SENATOR MARCHI: May we lay the bill aside for the day.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is laid aside for the day, Senator.

SENATOR MARCHI: Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Hoffmann.

SENATOR HOFFMANN: Madam President, could you please recognize Senator Gentile.

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Gentile.

SENATOR GENTILE: Thank you, Madam President.

I'd ask for unanimous consent to be recorded in the negative on Senate Calendar Number 169, Senate Bill 6129A.

THE PRESIDENT: You will be so recorded, Senator, I believe -- and that is

correct -- as voting in the negative on that bill.

SENATOR GENTILE: Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Hoffmann.

SENATOR HOFFMANN: Madam President, is there any housekeeping at the desk?

THE PRESIDENT: No, there isn't, Senator.

SENATOR HOFFMANN: There being no further business, I move we adjourn until Monday, February 25th, at 3:00 p.m., intervening days being legislative days.

THE PRESIDENT: On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Monday, February 25th, at 3:00 p.m., intervening days being legislative days.

(Whereupon, at 11:41 a.m., the Senate adjourned.)