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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 please 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, please.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Tuesday, May 4, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Monday, May 3, 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 Wright.

SENATOR WRIGHT: Thank you, Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: You're welcome.

SENATOR WRIGHT: I wish to call up -- on behalf of myself, I wish to call up my bill, Print Number 6386B, recalled from the Assembly, which is now at the desk.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 585, by Senator Wright, Senate Print 6386B, an act in relation to creating.

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

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

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 38.

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Wright.

SENATOR WRIGHT: I now offer the following amendments.

THE PRESIDENT: The amendments are received.

Senator Wright.

SENATOR WRIGHT: On behalf of Senator Volker, I move to recommit Senate Print Number 6982, Calendar Number 1019 on order of first report, to the Committee on Education, with instructions to strike the enacting clause.

THE PRESIDENT: So ordered.

SENATOR WRIGHT: Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: You're welcome.

Senator Fuschillo.

SENATOR FUSCHILLO: Madam President, are there any substitutions at the desk?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, there are, Senator.

SENATOR FUSCHILLO: Please read.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: On page 4, Senator Spano moves to discharge, from the Committee on Labor, Assembly Bill Number 8180A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill Number 3766A, First Report Calendar 965.

On page 7, Senator Velella moves to discharge, from the Committee on Transportation, Assembly Bill Number 9265 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill Number 5852, First Report Calendar 995.

On page 8, Senator Farley moves to discharge, from the Committee on Transportation, Assembly Bill Number 9705A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill Number 6835, First Report Calendar 1002.

On page 8, Senator Morahan moves to discharge, from the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs, Assembly Bill Number 5038 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill Number 3047, First Report Calendar 1005.

On page 9, Senator Kuhl moves to discharge, from the Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business, Assembly Bill Number 9834 and substitute it

for the identical Senate Bill Number 6239, First Report Calendar 1012.

On page 9, Senator Farley moves to discharge, from the Committee on Education, Assembly Bill Number 9706 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill Number 6861, First Report Calendar 1018.

And on page 11, Senator Hoffmann moves to discharge, from the Committee on Local Government, Assembly Bill Number 894 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill Number 183, First Report Calendar 1032.

THE PRESIDENT: Substitutions ordered.

Senator Fuschillo.

SENATOR FUSCHILLO: Madam President, there are three resolutions at the desk by Senator Velella. May we please have the titles read and move for their immediate adoption.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: By Senator Velella, Legislative Resolution Number 4818, honoring Charles G. Moerdler upon the occasion

of his designation as the recipient of Manhattanville College's "Castle Award."

By Senator Velella, Legislative Resolution Number 4819, honoring Benjamin Chu, M.D., MPH, upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the "Joan McHugh Lifetime Achievement Award" from the United Odd Fellow & Rebekah Nursing Home, on May 13, 2004.

And by Senator Velella, Legislative Resolution Number 4820, commending the United Odd Fellow & Rebekah Nursing Home for its long history of enriching the lives of seniors and children, on May 13, 2004.

THE PRESIDENT: All in favor of the resolutions please signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

THE PRESIDENT: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

THE PRESIDENT: The resolutions are adopted.

Senator Fuschillo.

SENATOR FUSCHILLO: Madam President, there are two resolutions at the desk by Senator Skelos. May we please have

the titles read and move for their immediate adoption.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: By Senator Skelos, Legislative Resolution Number 4821, honoring Detective William A. Lanoue upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the Nassau County Police Department.

And by Senator Skelos, Legislative Resolution Number 4822, honoring Detective William Woolsey upon the occasion of his retirement from the Nassau County Police Department after more than 30 years of distinguished service.

THE PRESIDENT: All in favor of the resolutions please signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

THE PRESIDENT: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

THE PRESIDENT: The resolutions are adopted.

Senator Fuschillo.

SENATOR FUSCHILLO: Madam

President, may we please have the reading of the noncontroversial calendar.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 238, by Senator Little, Senate Print 4982, an act to amend the General Municipal Law and others, in relation to interest rate on judgments.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 43.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 477, by Senator Fuschillo, Senate Print 4988A, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to adding aggravated vehicular assault.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2004.

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 43.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 533, by Member of the Assembly Schimminger, Assembly Print Number 10037 --

SENATOR SABINI: Lay it aside.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is laid aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 692, by Senator Leibell, Senate Print 6601, an act in relation to creating the North Salem Library --

SENATOR FUSCHILLO: Lay it aside for the day.

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

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 747, by Senator Kuhl, Senate Print 4912, an

act to amend the Transportation Law, in relation to the regulation of the transportation of property.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 20. This act shall take effect immediately.

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 43.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 760, by Senator Saland, Senate Print 6654, an act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating a portion of the state highway system.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last section.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 43.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is

passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 778, by Senator Farley, Senate Print 6771, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to providing a tax exemption.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last section.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 46.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 779, by the Assembly Committee on Rules, Assembly Print Number 10844, an act to amend the General Municipal Law, in relation to financial disclosure.

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, 46.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 784, by Senator Skelos, Senate Print 1019, an act to amend the Correction Law, in relation to petitions for relief.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 48.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 794, by Senator LaValle, Senate Print 334A, an act to amend the Education Law, in relation to safety.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect on the 90th day.

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 50.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 819, by Senator Marchi, Senate Print 6595, an act to amend the Lien Law, in relation to necessary parties.

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, 51.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 847, by Senator Larkin, Senate Print 1225A, an act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules, 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, 51.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 852, by Senator Golden, Senate Print 3972A, an act to amend the Penal Law, in relation to financial exploitation of the elderly.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last section.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 51.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 883, by Senator Marcellino, Senate Print 5077, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to environmental protection.

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, 51.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 903, by Senator Rath, Senate Print 6631, an act to amend the County Law and the Town Law, in relation to simplifying various local government practices.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last section.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 51.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 905, by Senator Volker, Senate Print 6716, an act to amend the Town Law and the Public Officers Law, in relation to the duty of

public officers.

THE PRESIDENT: Read the last section.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 52.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 920, by Senator Meier, Senate Print 6437, an act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to consolidating.

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, 52.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1010, by the Senate Committee on Rules, Senate

Print Number 5646A --

SENATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Lay it aside.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is laid aside.

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

SENATOR BRUNO: Madam President, could we at this time recognize Senator DeFrancisco.

THE PRESIDENT: Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I would request unanimous consent to vote in the negative on Calendar 238, Senate Print 4982, please.

THE PRESIDENT: Hearing no objection, you will be so recorded as voting in the negative.

Senator Duane.

SENATOR DUANE: Thank you, Madam President. If I could have unanimous consent to be recorded in the negative on Calendar Numbers 238 and 784.

THE PRESIDENT: Hearing no

objection, you will be so recorded as voting in the negative.

Senator Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: Madam President, can we at this time take up the controversial calendar, starting with Calendar Number 1010.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1010, by the Senate Committee on Rules, Senate Print Number 5646A, an act to amend the Public Health Law and others, in relation to the development of comprehensive care centers.

SENATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Explanation.

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Bruno, an explanation has been requested.

SENATOR BRUNO: Thank you, Madam President and colleagues.

The bill on the floor relates to an approach to eating disorders for people here in this state. It is a very comprehensive approach to helping providers pay for the insurance for people who are diagnosed with a serious eating disorder like anorexia,

bulimia, binge eating.

And it also creates three pilot programs here in this state where existing facilities or other facilities will petition with a recommendation on how they can provide comprehensive treatment for people with eating disorders.

Now, we in New York State, tragically, are lagging behind other states in dealing with the literally tens of millions of people who have eating disorders. Now, it's estimated that approximately 10 million young people have serious afflictions. A lot of people won't admit that they have an eating disorder in a serious way.

Now, the question gets to be is it mental, it is physical, it is medical. The fact of the matter is it is all of those things. It's emotional, mental, physical, medical.

Karen Carpenter died at an early age, one of the most talented ladies in this country. Why? Not because she wanted to die. But she had a serious eating disorder, and there was nothing that could be done. And

when people deprive themselves, their body cannibalizes other organs. And one of the first things that happens is the heart gets attacked, as in her case. She literally had a heart attack because she was so malnutritioned. And then some of them will binge-eat, and their system can't handle it.

Now, we have in the chamber people who are courageous enough to step out, to be supportive of this legislation. We passed it last June; we're going to pass it again. We changed it some so that we hope the Assembly can take a closer look at the ramifications of it this year.

We know they're supportive. I've talked to the Speaker about it. Conceptually, they have some relationship to Timothy's Law. And some aspects of this are handled in Timothy's Law. But we need to do both, and we will get both done. But what Timothy's Law doesn't do is create a comprehensive treatment in a pilot program.

What's tragic -- and I want to just mention some of the organizations and people that are here with us. What's tragic is you

have a family member, somebody close -- you yourself -- who has a serious disorder, you go to professionals, they will send you to Philadelphia, Princeton, New Jersey, Arizona, Connecticut. No one will recommend that your loved one or you go to a facility in New York. Why? Because they don't have the comprehensive treatment, and they're not able to relate as some of the other states have done with their providers.

So New York is going to catch up, create this program and surpass other states.

We have people here -- a practicing lawyer, Yvonne, who has a serious problem. She has to leave the state to get treatment. Leave her family, leave her support system.

There are people who go to Arizona, can't afford for the family to go there. The program calls for a family to go out there several times to be part of the treatment. How many people can do that? It is tragic, and it is time for us to take action.

I want to thank HEED -- Help End Eating Disorders -- representatives that are here, NEDA, the National Eating Disorders

Association, New York Health Plan Association, all giving us input over the last couple of years. Albany Medical Center, Four Winds Hospital near here in Saratoga, educators.

There are students from Skidmore College that are here, generally, just to be supportive, because they know how serious this is with young people and people generally and how life-threatening this can be.

And there is nothing sadder than to watch someone literally dying -- I talked to a mother who watched her 19-year-old daughter die and could not do anything to affect her, to implore her to survive. Now, not all people are suicidal, but too many of them are. And when they're forced to eat and they're tube-fed, they try and kill themselves because they can't live with themselves.

Jenny Lauren, who is the niece of Ralph Lauren -- her dad is in the Ralph Lauren line in Polo clothes, heads that up -- Jenny is here with us. Jenny wrote this book, Homesick, that I would recommend to anyone. It is, by her own words, tough, very, very direct. Jenny is here now on her feet. She

has eating disorders. She has been treated. She's courageous enough to stand up and talk about it. She is still under treatment from her body having been dysfunctional as a result of malnutrition, and was operated on, her life has been threatened. And she is a survivor.

So, Jenny, we want to thank you for joining us. And the others that are here -- Yvonne -- for just sharing and caring enough to help others who have a very, very serious problem, and a problem that we're going to do something about and not just watch it continue to go on.

So I want to thank you, my colleagues here, for your support, and thank you, Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Schneiderman.

SENATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: Thank you, Madam President. On the bill.

THE PRESIDENT: You may proceed on the bill.

SENATOR SCHNEIDERMAN: This is a bill that we've all supported in the past, or a slightly varied form of this legislation.

And I think that, as is the case with many areas of medicine and areas of psychological trouble, our cultural awareness of this has evolved. And years ago, this was not something that was particularly recognized as the serious, serious health threat that it is.

Sometimes it requires leadership, and it is great that our house and our leader is showing leadership on this issue. It is clearly an area that any of us who had have friends or family members who have had eating disorders understands this is an extraordinary serious medical problem.

I think that the idea of us getting involved with treatment centers is very positive. We all support this effort.

I think that the only other comment that I would like to make about this is in line with what Senator Bruno just said, that there is a relationship between this and Timothy's Law. And I think many of you know that today would have been Timothy O'Clair's 16th birthday. And there are a lot of advocates here on that issue.

And if I heard correctly, I think

the Senator just said we're going to do that as well this year. And if we would move forward to a conference committee, if we would move forward to negotiations with the Assembly, we would all support that. And that, I think, would be a tremendous legacy for this year's legislative session.

Just as eating disorders are serious problems and we have to provide treatment for people, we have to provide access, as this legislation contemplates, depression, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders are equally life-threatening. We should not end this session without addressing those issues as well, and we will certainly, I think, do everything we can do to be supportive in the effort to advance that cause.

Let's take a piece of legislation -- and I'm now referring to Timothy's Law, which I think has probably virtually every member of this house as a sponsor of one form or another of it -- and let's get this done. I commend Senator Bruno for this leadership on the eating disorder

issue. Let's expand it to other forms of mental difficulty, mental illness. Let's get this done this year. And I'm sure this legislation will pass overwhelmingly. And when Timothy's Law comes to the floor, I'm sure that will pass overwhelmingly as well.

THE PRESIDENT: Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I rise to commend Senator Bruno for his leadership in this area. I don't think anyone has any conception of what this disease is unless you know someone very close to you that is afflicted by it.

In Syracuse we have a leader, Mary Ellen Clausen, who started an organization called Ophelia's Place. She's a mother who has two daughters afflicted with this disease. One seems to be doing well; one's a little rocky.

On her own, she started meeting with people to try to establish some place that people could go in our community in Central New York in order to find out more about the disease, how it can be treated, what

you do when it happens to you or a loved one.

And by the strength of her convictions, there now is, in Syracuse, New York, in my district, Ophelia's Place, a house that she was able to acquire, make it into a small center for anyone that needs information or people that need support to be there.

However, the key isn't just information. The second part is treatment. And if you have to send someone out of the state to have treatment, that is not good. And this component is so very, very important that a coordinated treatment will be available in the state of New York.

Now not only will Ophelia's Place be able to help people determine what's available, but hopefully very soon treatment centers here in the state of New York will be available for them as well.

Thank you, Senator Bruno.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Senator Paterson.

SENATOR PATERSON: Thank you, Mr. President.

I'd like to welcome Jenny Lauren here, and the Lauren family, who have so many times given of themselves to help others. In my district, they have kept, really sometimes by their own effort, a hospital, North General Hospital, in East Harlem, open.

And once again, here today, what they've done for the serious eating disorder issues that make people's lives so much more challenging than life already is.

And once again, Senator Bruno has seized the moment, as he has done so many times, and expedited something that really needs to be addressed and really needs to be understood. So it's an issue of education as much as it is health care.

So just my heartiest congratulations to the Majority Leader on behalf of the Majority Conference who brought this to the floor today. And we're very pleased to be asked to be a part of it. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Senator Hoffmann.

SENATOR HOFFMANN: Thank you, Mr.

President.

Thank you, Senator Bruno, once again, for your leadership in an important issue which has been so often misunderstood and regarded as more of a personal problem or a social concern and not correctly identified as a true medical issue.

Like so many other maladies that affect women, primarily, in this country, this one has been not given the attention that it deserved, either by the medical community or by the insurance world. And for us to now bring it out in the open in such a very public way will do more than just create the opportunity for insurance protection to be there, but will also help validate those many young girls who are going through that question of their self-image and need to know that there is a supportive community out there that will help them get in touch with who they are and what size they are and what size God intended them to be.

How sad it is in this society that there is a size 6 image for size 12 and 14 girls, and that they feel that they must

starve themselves, literally starve themselves to fit some horribly unreasonable expectation of who they are. And how sad it is that their personal happiness is subjected to this body image that is so utterly unreasonable for the vast majority of American women and girls.

While we can't address the problem of how the world portrays women in an unreasonable light over and over again in the mass media and in all of the marketing for products, we can at least be compassionate by bringing our laws into compliance with a true medical situation.

I'm very proud that we have this opportunity today to be heard on this issue, and I think it's a very critical first step in helping the young women of this state -- and their families -- who are suffering from anorexia, bulimia, or other eating disorders to get on that track of good health and, equally important, of self-esteem.

This is a significant move for us today, and I'm very proud to be a member of the New York State Senate while we are taking the leadership in this area.

And I'd like to thank those women who have come in today to share their stories. Jenny Lauren, this is a very significant document that you have prepared, your own personal treatise to help guide other young girls along a course that will be very different from the one that you went down.

And to the other girls and women who spoke today, and to their families, thank you for being here with us, for sharing your stories. We will not forget your courage, and it will help us to navigate the shoals that lie ahead as we get the kind of legal and insurance support that's necessary in this state to assist you and all of your sisters.

Thank you again.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Senator Montgomery.

SENATOR MONTGOMERY: Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

I want to join my colleagues in thanking the Majority Leader, Senator Bruno, for introducing this and bringing it to the floor. It certainly is a definitively important issue as it relates to mental

illness, and especially for young people. And I always am very, very pleased when we do something that impacts particularly on the lives of young people in our state.

I would, however, like to just point out that President Bush's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health states that one of the main obstacles to providing mental health care in our nation is the fragmented mental health service delivery system. And certainly we know that that is true. It is just the luck of the draw if you have access to appropriate, adequate, comprehensive mental health care.

And I would just like to remind my colleagues that one of the issues that I think is extremely important for us, particularly as it relates to delivering comprehensive mental health, especially on the preventive end and the crisis-intervention end, would be school-based health clinics where we provided comprehensive health and mental health services to young people in our state in the most efficient way at the place where most young people are, and that is in their

schools. It wouldn't cost a lot of money, and it would make a tremendous difference for young people with all sorts of mental and not extreme disorders. But certainly our young people have many crises that they experience that interrupt their lives.

So I am pleased to support this legislation. However, I must say I am frustrated that we are not looking at providing comprehensive mental health care services in the best possible way and creating a system that is seamless, that is efficient, and that indeed truly looks to provide services to the citizens in our state when and how they need it.

So, Mr. President, I'm supporting this. I thank the Majority Leader again. And I hope that in the same spirit, we look to bring the comprehension in care that the Majority Leader has in this legislation.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Any other Senator wish to be heard on the bill?

Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 7. This

act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 533, by Member of the Assembly Schimminger, Assembly Print Number 10037, an act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Those recorded in the negative on Calendar Number 533 are Senators Little, Robach and Wright. Also Senator Stachowski. Ayes, 56. Nays, 4.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: The bill is passed.

Senator Bruno, that completes the

controversial reading of the calendar.

SENATOR BRUNO: Is there any housekeeping at the desk, Mr. President, presently?

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: No, there isn't.

SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President, there being no further business to come before the Senate, I would move -- there is more business to come before the Senate, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Senator Montgomery, why do you rise?

SENATOR MONTGOMERY: Yes, Mr. President, thank you. I would like unanimous consent to be recorded in the negative on Calendar 784.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Without objection.

SENATOR MONTGOMERY: Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I'd like unanimous consent to be voted in the negative on Calendar 533, please.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Without objection.

SENATOR BRUNO: Now, Mr. President -- one more? Senator Brown.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Senator Bruno.

Mr. President, I request unanimous consent to be recorded in the negative on Calendar 533.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Without objection.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, sir. Thank you, sir.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Anybody else?

Senator Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President, there being no further business to come before the Senate, I would move that we stand adjourned until Monday, May 10th, at 3:00 p.m., intervening days to be legislative days.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: On

motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Monday, May 10th, at 3:00 p.m., intervening days being legislative days.

(Whereupon, at 11:45 a.m., the Senate adjourned.)