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NEW YORK STATE SENATE

THE STENOGRAPHIC RECORD

ALBANY, NEW YORK

February 16, 2005

11:03 a.m.

REGULAR SESSION

SENATOR CHARLES J. FUSCHILLO, JR., Acting President

STEVEN M. BOGGESE, Secretary

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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 rise and
join me in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to
the Flag.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: 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 FUSCHILLO:
Reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate,
Tuesday, February 15, the Senate met pursuant
to adjournment. The Journal of Monday,
February 14, 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.

1 Messages from the Governor.
2 Reports of standing committees.
3 Reports of select committees.
4 Communications and reports from
5 state officers.

6 Motions and resolutions.

7 Senator Marcellino.

8 SENATOR MARCELLINO: Mr.
9 President, on page number 11 I offer the
10 following amendments to Calendar Number 48,
11 Senate Print Number 738, and ask that said
12 bill retain its place on the Third Reading
13 Calendar.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: So
15 ordered.

16 SENATOR MARCELLINO: Thank you,
17 sir.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO:
19 Senator Skelos.

20 Senator Bruno.

21 SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President,
22 can we at this time adopt the Resolution
23 Calendar in its entirety.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: All
25 those in favor of adopting the Resolution

1 Calendar signify by saying aye.

2 (Response of "Aye.")

3 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO:

4 Opposed, nay.

5 (No response.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: The

7 Resolution Calendar is adopted.

8 Senator Bruno.

9 SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President, I

10 believe I have a privileged resolution at the

11 desk. I would ask that the title be read and

12 move for its immediate adoption.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: The

14 Secretary will read.

15 THE SECRETARY: By Senator Bruno,

16 Legislative Resolution Number 498,

17 memorializing Governor George E. Pataki to

18 proclaim February 20 through 26, 2005, as

19 Eating Disorders Awareness Week in the State

20 of New York.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO:

22 Senator Bruno.

23 SENATOR BRUNO: Thank you, Mr.

24 President and colleagues.

25 The resolution that's before us

1 really is intended to help highlight and call
2 to our attention, and the people of New York,
3 that next week is Eating Disorders Awareness
4 Week. And a lot of people in this state and
5 in this country don't fully appreciate what
6 anorexia, bulimia, binge eating represents.

7 There probably isn't a person that
8 doesn't know someone personally that doesn't
9 suffer from an eating disorder of some type.

10 And the statistics are sad.
11 Probably one of the best known that died from
12 anorexia, bulimia, in her early 30s, Karen
13 Carpenter. Mary Kate Olsen, a beautiful young
14 lady, suffering from anorexia.

15 Movie stars are out there and they
16 personify, in the eyes of a lot of adolescents
17 and adults, beauty. Many of them suffer from
18 serious eating disorders. One out of 10
19 people that have an eating disorder are
20 treated for it.

21 Now, what people -- people hide it.
22 I know families that are embarrassed that
23 their daughters have anorexia or bulimia or
24 binge eat with bulimia. Do you know what?
25 People die, young people die from these eating

1 disorders.

2 Now, we had Jenny Lauren in the
3 chamber here, I believe last May. We passed a
4 bill with your help, and the Assembly, and the
5 Governor signed it, to create three centers,
6 pilot centers here in this state to treat,
7 primarily, anorexia and bulimia and binge
8 eating.

9 Jenny Lauren almost died. And she
10 wrote a book. And I just respect her and
11 others like her when you meet and talk with
12 them. She has put her life back together.

13 But in her book, which is very --
14 in a lot of places pretty difficult to read,
15 because what happens -- and by the way, I see
16 young people here in the chamber, and it's
17 great to see them here. Eighty percent --
18 think of this -- of 13-year-olds admit, when
19 they survey, that they diet.

20 Dieting is a great fad, and
21 necessary for some people to maintain good
22 health. But for young people, 90 percent of
23 the people that suffer in a serious way --
24 harm their bodies, a third never get cured --
25 are adolescents, young women primarily. Young

1 women.

2 So this may appear to some to be
3 casual. It is not casual. If you know anyone
4 who has a child or an adult in their family
5 with an eating -- a serious, serious eating
6 disorder, some of them are suicidal. And too
7 many people die.

8 I visited with a mother who travels
9 the country, from the western part of the
10 country. Her 19-year-old daughter died.
11 Couldn't -- couldn't help her, couldn't do
12 anything about it. Watched her die.

13 When you listen to people like
14 that, you realize that anything that we can do
15 to help people understand, help families
16 understand. There is more and more treatment.
17 And when we're successful with these pilots,
18 there will be comprehensive treatment;
19 prevention, care and aftercare.

20 And I would wager there isn't
21 anyone here that isn't exposed to someone with
22 an eating disorder. And a serious, serious
23 problem for families.

24 So thank you, Mr. President. Thank
25 you, our colleagues, for being aware, helping

1 your constituency be aware of this
2 life-threatening problem here in this state
3 and in the country.

4 Thank you.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO:

6 Thank you, Senator Bruno.

7 The question is on the resolution.

8 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

9 (Response of "Aye.")

10 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO:

11 Opposed, nay.

12 (No response.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: The
14 resolution is approved.

15 Senator Bruno.

16 SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President, I
17 would offer up this resolution to anyone that
18 would like to be on it.

19 And if anyone would rather not be
20 on it, would you just let the desk know at
21 your leisure.

22 Thank you.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: The
24 resolution is open for cosponsorship. If you
25 do not wish to cosponsor the resolution,

1 please notify the desk.

2 Senator Bruno.

3 SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President,
4 can we now have the noncontroversial reading
5 of the calendar.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: The
7 Secretary will read.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 26, by Senator Balboni, Senate Print 177, an
10 act to amend the New York State Defense
11 Emergency Act.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Read
13 the last section.

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

16 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Call
17 the roll.

18 (The Secretary called the roll.)

19 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 50. Nays,
20 1. Senator Duane recorded in the negative.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: The
22 bill is passed.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
24 57, by Senator Volker, Senate Print 21, an act
25 to amend Chapter 198 of the Laws of 1978,

1 relating to authorizing.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Read
3 the last section.

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

6 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Call
7 the roll.

8 (The Secretary called the roll.)

9 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 51.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: The
11 bill is passed.

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

14 Senator Bruno.

15 SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President, is
16 there any further business at the desk?

17 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: No,
18 Senator Bruno.

19 SENATOR BRUNO: Then there being
20 no further business, I would move that we
21 stand adjourned until Monday, February 28th,
22 at 3:00 p.m., intervening days to be
23 legislative days.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: On
25 motion, the Senate stands adjourned until

1 Monday, February 28th, at 3:00 p.m.,
2 intervening days being legislative days.
3 (Whereupon, at 11:14 a.m., the
4 Senate adjourned.)

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