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SENATOR CHARLES J. FUSCHILLO, JR., Acting 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 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.

Messages from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

Reports of select committees.

Communications and reports from state officers.

Motions and resolutions.

Senator Marcellino.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: So ordered.

SENATOR MARCELLINO: Thank you, sir.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Senator Skelos.

Senator Bruno.

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

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

Calendar 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, I believe I have a privileged resolution at the desk. 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 Bruno, Legislative Resolution Number 498, memorializing Governor George E. Pataki to proclaim February 20 through 26, 2005, as Eating Disorders Awareness Week in the State of New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Senator Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues.

The resolution that's before us

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

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

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

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

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

disorders.

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

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

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

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

women.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Thank you, Senator Bruno.

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

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: The resolution is approved.

Senator Bruno.

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

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

Thank you.

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

please notify the desk.

Senator Bruno.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: The Secretary will read.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

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

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: The bill is passed.

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

relating to authorizing.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 51.

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: The bill is passed.

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

Senator Bruno.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT FUSCHILLO: No, Senator Bruno.

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

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

Monday, February 28th, at 3:00 p.m., intervening days being legislative days.

(Whereupon, at 11:14 a.m., the Senate adjourned.)