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LT. GOVERNOR DAVID A. PATERSON, 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 would ask all those present to please rise with me and join in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Our prayer today will be offered, as it has been so many times, by the very wonderful and renowned Reverend Peter G. Young, now with Mother Theresa Community right here on 2nd Avenue in Albany.

REVEREND YOUNG: Forty-eight years of doing the same thing.

Dear God, as we begin the 230th session, we all have a variety of resolutions that are environment, energy, disaster preparedness, economic development, urban planning, schools, DSS, taxes, community, healthcare, crime, tech and government spending. And without dedication to your guidelines, O God, these 2007 resolutions will be words without results.

We turn to You, O God, for these

Senators, so that they will benefit from Your commitment to them and their commitment to You for all of our New Yorkers, so that they will prosper and do Your good work.

Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Father Young.

The reading of the Journal.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Hearing no objection, the Journal stands approved as read.

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

Message from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

Reports of select committees.

Communications and reports from state officers.

Motions and resolutions.

The chair recognizes Senator

Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, if you would recognize Senator Maltese at this time.

THE PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Maltese.

SENATOR MALTESE: Mr. President, I wanted to take advantage of an opportunity to address my esteemed Senate colleague, former Senator David Paterson. Certainly he'll never be a former Senator to me, but Lieutenant Governor, the presiding officer.

I take this opportunity to introduce a visiting legislator, a visiting state senator from the state of Virginia, representing Richmond, the chair of the education committee, a member of the reserve, the U.S. Army Reserve for many years, a very distinguished legislator. He is also a guest of Assemblyman Peter Rivera.

I'd just like to introduce H. Russell Potts, Jr., from Richmond, Virginia, the state senator. Will you please stand.

(Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Potts,

welcome to the Senate chamber.

Senator Potts was an independent candidate for governor in Virginia in 2005 and has served with distinction in the senate of that great state.

And we welcome you here to the chamber and hope you will come back and visit us again. Thank you.

The chair recognizes Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, is there any further business to come before the Senate?

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

SENATOR SKELOS: There being no further business, I move we stand adjourned until Tuesday, January 9th, at 11:00 a.m.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, January 9th, at 11:00 a.m., intervening days being legislative. Whew -- tough day.

(Laughter.)

(Whereupon, at 3:11 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)