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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

ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: 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 LITTLE: The invocation today will be given by the Reverend Robert Hart, pastor of Sonrise Bible Church in Schenectady.

Reverent Hart.

REVEREND HART: Thank you.

Our Heavenly Father, we're reminded of a critical time in the Nation of Israel's history when the Old Testament tells us that one of the small tribes, ones that the history books would consider insignificant, at this critical point the Old Testament tells us that these people from Issachar rose up with an understanding of the times they lived in, to know what the nation ought to do.

Lord, I pray for the men and women that are here today that they would be the

modern people of Issachar, that they would understand the times we live in, these critical times, and they would know what our people should do. Lord, You would give them wisdom, You'd give them understanding, You'd give them a spirit of justice and mercy.

I pray their guidance would be God-given, for I ask this in the name, as I pray, of my savior Jesus.

Amen.

ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Thank you, Reverend Hart.

Reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Tuesday, January 16, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Monday, January 15, was read and approved. On motion, Senate adjourned.

ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Without objection, the Journal stands approved as read.

Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Madam President, if I could, the resolution yesterday, I believe it was 128, we should have the Journal

reflect that there were 23 "aye" votes.

ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Thank you. The Journal will so reflect that, Senator Skelos.

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 Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Madam President, if we could adopt the Resolution Calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: All in favor of adopting the Resolution Calendar signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: The Resolution Calendar is adopted.

Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Madam President, there will be an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee to report a bill to be taken up next week.

And then we'll stand at ease, but we'll come back and just do some housekeeping, for the knowledge of the membership.

ACTING PRESIDENT LITTLE: There is an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in the Majority Conference Room, and the Senate will stand at ease.

(Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease at 11:22 a.m.)

(Whereupon, the Senate reconvened at 11:28 a.m.)

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, if we could return to reports of standing committees, I believe there's a report of the Rules Committee at the desk. I ask that it be read.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Bruno, from the Committee on Rules, reports the

following bill direct to third reading:
Senate Print 1A, by Senator Bruno, an act to amend the Tax Law and others.

SENATOR SKELOS: Move to accept the report of the Rules Committee.

THE PRESIDENT: All those in favor.

(Response of "Aye.")

THE PRESIDENT: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

THE PRESIDENT: The report of the Rules Committee is accepted.

Senator Skelos.

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

THE PRESIDENT: No, Senator, there is not.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Bruno, I hand up the following Majority leadership and committee assignments and ask that they be filed in the Journal.

And in consultation with the Minority Leader, Senator Bruno hands up the following Minority leadership and committee

assignments and asks that they be filed in the Journal.

THE PRESIDENT: So ordered, Senator.

Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: There being no further business to come before the Senate, I move we stand adjourned until Monday, January 22nd, at 3:00 p.m., intervening days being legislative days.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senate stands adjourned until Monday, January 22nd, at 3:00 p.m., all days intervening to be legislative.

(Whereupon, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate adjourned.)