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REGULAR SESSION

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 come to order.

I'll ask all assembled to please rise and join me in reciting our Pledge of Allegiance.

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

THE PRESIDENT: In the absence of clergy, we will observe a moment of silence.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Tuesday, February 13, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Monday, February 12, was read and approved. On motion, Senate adjourned.

THE PRESIDENT: Without objection, the Journal stands approved.

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 Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President, I believe there are two resolutions at the desk by Senator Sampson. I would ask that the titles be read and move for their immediate adoption.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: By Senator Sampson, Legislative Resolution Number 496, commemorating the 241st anniversary of the Bridge Street African Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal Church in Brooklyn, New York.

And by Senator Sampson, Legislative Resolution Number 497, commemorating the fifth pastoral anniversary of Reverend Robert M. Waterman at Antioch Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York.

THE PRESIDENT: On the resolutions, all those in favor please indicate by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

THE PRESIDENT: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

THE PRESIDENT: The resolutions are adopted.

Senator Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President, can we at this time have the noncontroversial reading of the calendar.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read the calendar on noncontroversial bills.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 46, by Senator Little, Senate Print 1127, Concurrent Resolution of the Senate and Assembly proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution.

THE PRESIDENT: On the resolution, the Secretary will call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 38.

THE PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

47, by Senator Little, Senate Print 1128, Concurrent Resolution of the Senate and Assembly proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution.

THE PRESIDENT: On the resolution, the Secretary will call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 38.

THE PRESIDENT: The resolution is carried.

Senator Bruno, that completes the noncontroversial calendar.

Well, we're working faster than I thought. We have some more bills here.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 51, by Senator Maziarz, Senate Print 500, an act to amend the Penal Law, in relation to the crime of obstructing.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read the last section.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary

will call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE PRESIDENT: Results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 38.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 67, by Senator Volker, Senate Print 1263, an act to amend the Penal Law, in relation to unlawful operation.

THE PRESIDENT: Last section.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 38.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 112, by Senator Maltese, Senate Print 1989, an act to amend the Civil Service Law, in relation to credits allowed.

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 PRESIDENT: Results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 38.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 113, by Senator Robach, Senate Print 2083, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law, in relation to membership.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read the last section, please.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE PRESIDENT: Results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 38.

THE PRESIDENT: The bill is passed.

And, Senator Bruno, now I believe that really does complete the noncontroversial calendar.

SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President, is there any other business that needs the attention of this august body on this beautiful day?

THE PRESIDENT: This august body, Mr. Leader, here in February, has completed all of its work.

SENATOR BRUNO: That is exemplary. And I commend you hardy souls for being here doing the people's work, and wish you all safe passage on this Valentine's Day, this day of love, tranquility, affection, peace, prosperity.

But since there is no further business to come before the Senate, I would move that we stand adjourned until Monday, February 26th, at 3:00 p.m., intervening days to be legislative days. Travel safely.

THE PRESIDENT: On motion, the Senate will adjourn until Monday, February 26th, at 3:00 p.m., intervening days being legislative and loving.

(Whereupon, at 11:17 a.m., the Senate adjourned.)