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REGULAR SESSION

SENATOR JOSEPH A. GRIFFO, Acting President

STEVEN M. BOGGESS, Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Senate will come to order.

I ask that everyone present please rise and repeat with me the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: In the absence of clergy today, I ask that we all bow our heads in a moment of silent prayer for our state.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Sunday, March 16, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Friday, March 14, was read and approved. On motion, Senate adjourned.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: 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.

The chair hands down a message. The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: "Dear Senator Bruno:

"I would appreciate the privilege of appearing before your honorable bodies in joint session on March 17, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, to witness the swearing in of the Governor and to personally deliver an address to the members of the Legislature.

"Very truly yours, David A. Paterson."

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: To be filed in the Journal.

Motions and resolutions.

Senator Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President, I believe there is a concurrent resolution in

the house, 4709. I would ask at this time that it be read.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: By Senator Bruno, Concurrent Resolution Number 4709 of the Senate and Assembly providing for a joint Assembly for the purpose of receiving a message from the Governor.

"RESOLVED, That the Senate and Assembly meet in joint session in the Assembly Chamber at 1 o'clock p.m. today, for the purpose of receiving a message from the Governor."

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The question is on the resolution. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The resolution is adopted.

Senator Bruno.

SENATOR BRUNO: Mr. President,

there being no more pressing business before this house today, I would move that we recess and adjourn this session, move to the Assembly chamber, be in position for 1 o'clock when our then-Governor David Paterson will be sworn in officially and address the joint houses of the Legislature.

And I would further move that we reconvene tomorrow, the 18th, at 3:00 p.m., here in this chamber.

We're going to ask for an immediate Majority conference as we recess.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: There will be an immediate Majority conference in the Majority Conference Room.

And on motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 18th, at 3:00 p.m.

(Whereupon, at 12:12 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)