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EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

SENATOR ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS, Acting President

ANGELO J. APONTE, Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT STEWART-COUSINS: The Senate will please come to order.

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

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

ACTING PRESIDENT STEWART-COUSINS: In the absence of clergy, may we all bow our heads for a moment of silence.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT STEWART-COUSINS: Thank you.

Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Madam President, is there a proclamation from the Governor at the desk?

ACTING PRESIDENT STEWART-COUSINS: Yes, Senator Klein, there is a proclamation here at the desk.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: "I hereby amend

the proclamation issued on the first day of July, two thousand nine, pursuant to the power vested in me by Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution, convening the Senate of the State of New York in Extraordinary Session, at the Capitol, in the City of Albany, on the fifth day of July, two thousand nine, to change the time for such Extraordinary Session from three o'clock p.m. to six o'clock p.m.

"Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State in the City of Albany this third day of July in the year two thousand nine, by the Governor, David A. Paterson."

ACTING PRESIDENT STEWART-COUSINS: The proclamation having been read, the Senate is in extraordinary session.

Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Madam President, can you please recognize Senator Skelos.

ACTING PRESIDENT STEWART-COUSINS: Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Thank you, Senator Stewart-Cousins.

As I've stated before, the

designation of a presiding officer should be made by Senator Espada or myself pursuant to the vote which took place on June 8th. Accordingly, we do not recognize that you are the appropriate designated presiding officer.

And in fact, we are here by court order indicating that the Senate should convene at the call of the Governor into extraordinary session.

Therefore, I'd like to move that the Senate adjourn this special session sine die.

ACTING PRESIDENT STEWART-COUSINS: Thank you, Senator.

Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Madam President, will you please recognize Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson for a brief announcement.

ACTING PRESIDENT STEWART-COUSINS: Senator Hassell-Thompson.

SENATOR HASSELL-THOMPSON: Thank you, Madam President.

Immediately following this session there will be a meeting of the Senate Majority

in Room 332.

ACTING PRESIDENT STEWART-COUSINS: Thank you, Senator.

Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Madam President, I move that we do not take up any legislative activity today and we adjourn the special session sine die.

ACTING PRESIDENT STEWART-COUSINS: Thank you, Senator.

There will be a meeting of the Majority Conference in Room 332 immediately, and we adjourn this extraordinary session sine die.

(Whereupon, at 6:08 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)