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SENATOR NEIL D. BRESLIN, Acting President

ANGELO J. APONTE, Secretary

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: The  
3 Senate will come to order.

4 I ask all to rise and repeat with  
5 me the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: We are  
9 honored today to have His Excellency, the Most  
10 Reverend Timothy Michael Dolan, who is the  
11 Archbishop of the Archdiocese of New York.

12 Archbishop.

13 ARCHBISHOP DOLAN: Thank you,  
14 Senator Breslin.

15 And, Senators, I can only hope you  
16 realize what a distinct honor and joy it is  
17 for me to lead you in prayer. I think the  
18 world of you. And my prayers are with you  
19 every day, especially in what I know is kind  
20 of a troubling and difficult time.

21 So I've been here these last two  
22 days with about 2,000 Catholic leaders from  
23 across the state, and this morning I  
24 encouraged our hundreds and hundreds of young  
25 people to consider a vocation -- and I use

1       that word purposely -- a vocation to public  
2       service. And I said, "You're going to meet  
3       Senators and Assemblymen and -women today, and  
4       elected officials, who will be the first to  
5       say they work for you. And it's a very noble  
6       vocation, and these men and women are examples  
7       for us." So that's the admiration and the  
8       appreciation that I have for you.

9                Again, I know it's tough times, but  
10       that's when we need prayer most. Heck, I've  
11       become a Mets fan. So --

12               (Laughter.)

13               ARCHBISHOP DOLAN:       So it's an  
14       honor to pray with you and for you. And my  
15       prayers are very sincere, and they represent  
16       the prayers, the solidarity of the entire  
17       Catholic family within our great State of  
18       New York.

19               Let us pray.

20               We acknowledge You, Lord our God,  
21       as the Sovereign of all the nations, the  
22       Supreme Law-Giver, the Heavenly Father of all  
23       Your children, the Author of life itself, our  
24       Creator, our Sustainer, the Goal of our lives.

25               We ask Your gifts of wisdom,

1       prudence and honor of actions and decisions  
2       upon this august body, the Senate of the great  
3       State of New York, as they realize their high  
4       call of service to Your people.

5               Our plans, projects and proposals  
6       are second to Yours and are bound to fail if  
7       not in conformity with Your divine will. So  
8       may our dare and our dreaming be tempered by  
9       humility, our challenges always met with  
10      charity, our ways be molded to Your design,  
11      You who live forever and ever. Amen.

12              Thank you.

13              ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:       Thank  
14      you very much, Archbishop.

15              The reading of the Journal. The  
16      Secretary will read.

17              THE SECRETARY:       In Senate,  
18      Monday, March 8, the Senate met pursuant to  
19      adjournment. The Journal of Sunday, March 7,  
20      was read and approved. On motion, Senate  
21      adjourned.

22              ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:  
23      Without objection, the Journal stands approved  
24      as read.

25              Presentation of petitions.

1 Messages from the Assembly.  
2 Messages from the Governor.  
3 Reports of standing committees.  
4 Reports of select committees.  
5 Communications and reports from  
6 state officers.  
7 Motions and resolutions.

8 Senator Klein.

9 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, on  
10 behalf of Senator Stavisky, I move that the  
11 following bill be discharged from its  
12 respective committee and be recommitted with  
13 instructions to strike the enacting clause:  
14 Senate Number 1384.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: So  
16 ordered.

17 Senator Klein.

18 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, at  
19 this time I move that we adopt the Resolution  
20 Calendar in its entirety, with the exception  
21 of Senate Resolutions 4175, 4120, 4176 and  
22 4190.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: All  
24 those in favor of adopting the Resolution  
25 Calendar in its entirety, excluding

1 Resolutions 4175, 4120, 4176, and 4190, please  
2 signify by saying aye.

3 (Response of "Aye.")

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:

5 Opposed, nay.

6 (No response.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: The  
8 Resolution Calendar is adopted.

9 Senator Klein.

10 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, at  
11 this time I move to take up Senate Resolution  
12 Number 4176, by Senator Savino. I ask that  
13 the resolution be read in its entirety and  
14 move for its immediate adoption and give  
15 Senator Savino the opportunity to speak on her  
16 resolution.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: The  
18 Secretary will read.

19 THE SECRETARY: By Senator  
20 Savino, Legislative Resolution Number 4176,  
21 congratulating His Excellency Timothy M. Dolan  
22 upon being named Archbishop of New York by  
23 Pope Benedict XVI in 2009, and welcoming him  
24 to the New York State Capitol on March 9,  
25 2010.

1                   "WHEREAS, The spiritual guidance  
2                   and nurturing of the citizens of the State of  
3                   New York is of great importance to the  
4                   vitality and well-being of our communities;  
5                   and

6                   "WHEREAS, It is the sense of this  
7                   Legislative Body to bring full recognition and  
8                   just tribute to those men and women of  
9                   religious commitment who accept the  
10                  responsibility of moral leadership and render  
11                  the wisdom of human understanding; and

12                  "WHEREAS, Attendant to such  
13                  concern, and in full accord with its  
14                  long-standing traditions, this Legislative  
15                  Body is justly proud to congratulate his  
16                  Excellency Timothy M. Dolan upon being" --

17                  ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:        May we  
18                  please have some quiet.   Thank you.

19                  THE SECRETARY:        -- "His  
20                  Excellency Timothy M. Dolan upon being named  
21                  Archbishop of New York by Pope Benedict XVI in  
22                  2009, and to welcome him to the New York State  
23                  Capitol on March 9, 2010; and

24                  "WHEREAS, Timothy Michael Dolan was  
25                  named Archbishop of New York by Pope Benedict

1 XVI on February 23, 2009. He was installed as  
2 Archbishop of New York on April 15, 2009; and

3 "WHEREAS, He had served as  
4 archbishop of Milwaukee since he was named by  
5 Pope John Paul II on June 25, 2002. He was  
6 installed as Milwaukee's tenth archbishop on  
7 August 28, 2002, at the Cathedral of St. John  
8 the Evangelist. Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo,  
9 papal nuncio of the United States, installed  
10 Archbishop Dolan; and

11 "WHEREAS, Born February 6, 1950,  
12 Archbishop Dolan was the first of five  
13 children born to Shirley Radcliffe Dolan and  
14 the late Robert Dolan; and

15 "WHEREAS, In 1964 he began his high  
16 school seminary education at St. Louis  
17 Preparatory Seminary South in Shrewsbury,  
18 Missouri. His seminary foundation continued  
19 at Cardinal Glennon College, where he earned a  
20 Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy; and

21 "WHEREAS, He then completed his  
22 priestly formation at the Pontifical North  
23 American College in Rome, where he earned a  
24 License in Sacred Theology at the Pontifical  
25 University of St. Thomas; and

1                   "WHEREAS, Archbishop Dolan was  
2                   ordained to the priesthood on June 19, 1976.  
3                   He then served as associate pastor at  
4                   Immacolata Parish in Richmond Heights,  
5                   Missouri, until 1979, when he began studies  
6                   for a doctorate in American Church History at  
7                   the Catholic University of America; and

8                   "WHEREAS, Before completing the  
9                   doctorate, he spent a year researching the  
10                  late Archbishop Edwin O'Hara, a founder of the  
11                  Catholic Biblical Association. Archbishop  
12                  O'Hara's life and ministry was the subject of  
13                  the archbishop's doctoral dissertation; and

14                 "WHEREAS, On his return to  
15                 St. Louis, Archbishop Dolan served in parish  
16                 ministry from 1983 through 1987, during which  
17                 time he was also liaison for the late  
18                 Archbishop John L. May in the restructuring of  
19                 the college and theology programs of the  
20                 archdiocesan seminary system; and

21                 "WHEREAS, In 1987, Archbishop Dolan  
22                 was appointed to a five-year term as Secretary  
23                 to the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington,  
24                 D.C. When he returned to St. Louis in 1992,  
25                 he was appointed Vice Rector of

1 Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, serving also as  
2 Director of Spiritual Formation and Professor  
3 of Church History. Furthermore, he was an  
4 Adjunct Professor of Theology at St. Louis  
5 University; and

6 "WHEREAS, In 1994, he was appointed  
7 Rector of the Pontifical North American  
8 College in Rome, where he served until  
9 June 2001; and

10 "WHEREAS, While in Rome, he also  
11 served as a Visiting Professor of Church  
12 History at the Pontifical Gregorian University  
13 and as a faculty member in the Department of  
14 Ecumenical Theology at the Pontifical  
15 University of St. Thomas Aquinas. The work of  
16 the Archbishop in the area of seminary  
17 education has influenced the life and ministry  
18 of a great number of priests of the new  
19 millennium; and

20 "WHEREAS, On June 19, 2001, the  
21 25th anniversary of his ordination to the  
22 priesthood, then-Father Dolan was named the  
23 Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis by Pope John  
24 Paul II; and

25 "WHEREAS, Currently, he is the

1 chairman of Catholic Relief Services and a  
2 member of the Board of Trustees of the  
3 Catholic University of America; and

4 "WHEREAS, On June 29, 2009,  
5 Archbishop Dolan received the pallium, a  
6 symbol of his office as an archbishop, from  
7 His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, at St.  
8 Peter's Basilica; and

9 "WHEREAS, It is the practice of  
10 this Legislative Body that when a person of  
11 such noble aims and accomplishments is brought  
12 to our attention, it is appropriate to  
13 publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend  
14 that individual for the edification of others;  
15 now, therefore, be it

16 "RESOLVED, That this Legislative  
17 Body pause in its deliberations to  
18 congratulate His Excellency Timothy M. Dolan  
19 upon being named Archbishop of New York by  
20 Pope Benedict XVI in 2009, and welcoming him  
21 to the New York State Capitol on March 9,  
22 2010; and be it further

23 "RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
24 resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted  
25 to His Excellency Timothy M. Dolan."

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:     May we  
2     first have some quiet.

3                   Now, Senator Savino on the  
4     resolution.

5                   SENATOR SAVINO:        Thank you,  
6     Mr. President.

7                   It is my honor and my privilege to  
8     introduce this resolution and to invite  
9     Archbishop Dolan to address the Senate chamber  
10    here today.

11                  It was just about a year ago that I  
12    believe his predecessor Cardinal Egan came to  
13    address us, and he stood up there and he  
14    talked to us in his final address to the  
15    New York State Senate prior to his retirement.

16                  Cardinal Egan had been a beloved  
17    figure among not just Catholics in New York  
18    State but all people of faith in New York  
19    State, as well as those who are not people of  
20    faith, for his commitment to the service of  
21    the Catholic faith and the population that we  
22    all care about. And we were somewhat  
23    concerned that as Cardinal Egan left us, we  
24    didn't know who was going to replace him.

25                  And on April 15th, we were

1 privileged and blessed with the appointment of  
2 Archbishop Dolan. Who came from Milwaukee --  
3 and we won't hold that against him -- but he  
4 came to New York and we immediately found him  
5 to be not just a priest and a spiritual  
6 leader, but a real New Yorker under the skin.  
7 He understands the communities that we  
8 represent. He understands the difficulties  
9 that working families face. He understands  
10 the mission of the Catholic Church.

11           And while he is the leader of the  
12 New York Archdiocese, with about 2.5 million  
13 Catholics, in many ways he is the titular head  
14 of all Catholics in New York State, which is  
15 about 7.5 million people.

16           He came here in a difficult year, a  
17 year of change, a year that has been hard on  
18 everyone in New York State. He's leading  
19 Catholics and non-Catholics alike in a very  
20 difficult time. And we are grateful that he  
21 is here to offer his words of blessing to the  
22 State Senate, as we've had a difficult year  
23 and a year of change as well.

24           And so I would hope, Archbishop  
25 Dolan, that you come often, you offer your

1 blessings. And perhaps today you might want  
2 to offer a little general absolution to the  
3 Senate for its past transgressions.

4 (Laughter.)

5 SENATOR SAVINO: Welcome to the  
6 Senate. Welcome to New York.

7 ARCHBISHOP DOLAN: Thank you,  
8 Senator. I appreciate you.

9 SENATOR SAVINO: And I appreciate  
10 you too.

11 This resolution is open to any of  
12 my colleagues who wish to cosponsor it.

13 (Applause.)

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: Thank  
15 you, Senator Savino.

16 Are there any other Senators  
17 wishing to be heard on the resolution?

18 Senator Smith.

19 SENATOR SMITH: Thank you very  
20 much, Mr. President.

21 And I just wanted to join and  
22 congratulate Senator Savino and all of my  
23 colleagues for honoring His Excellency  
24 Archbishop Dolan at being named the archbishop  
25 in 2009, and welcome him to the State Capitol.

1                   You were gracious when you welcomed  
2 me to your home. And as a person who was  
3 raised in the Catholic Church from elementary  
4 school to high school to Jesuit college, I  
5 have never had a finer lunch than the one that  
6 you gave me.

7                   But most importantly, to my  
8 colleagues, the man that you see over there --  
9 notwithstanding his representation of  
10 Catholics throughout this state and quite  
11 frankly throughout this country and throughout  
12 this world, when you look over his resume --  
13 stands for what I believe all of us stand for,  
14 and that is decency and also wanting to serve.

15                  As you know, from week to week I  
16 will put a theme up in front of my office.  
17 And the theme of this week is "Service is a  
18 gift," to serve is a gift. And I believe it's  
19 only fitting that you would come to the  
20 Capitol this week, which I believe epitomizes  
21 that statement, which is the gift of service.

22                  And it is my hope, it is our hope  
23 that the prayer that you offer today for us is  
24 one that will cloak us as we move forward in  
25 the challenging times that we face here in the

1 state -- not because of the issues that we  
2 take up, but because of the circumstances that  
3 we find ourselves in.

4 None of us would have predicted  
5 that we would be in this challenging moment at  
6 this time, given all that the people of the  
7 State of New York are fearful of and concerned  
8 about. However, as you know, God places  
9 individuals in a place at certain times for  
10 certain reasons. And it is my firm belief  
11 that each and every one of us have been placed  
12 at this moment in time for service, and the  
13 service is to bring about a better state, to  
14 bring about a better understanding of our  
15 purpose in life.

16 And I am just happy and joyful that  
17 you are here today. I appreciate the blessing  
18 that you passed to us. And we also will pray  
19 for you as you continue to do what you do for  
20 the State of New York.

21 Thank you and God bless.

22 ARCHBISHOP DOLAN: Thank you,  
23 Senator.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: Thank  
25 you, Senator Smith.

1 Senator Padavan.

2 SENATOR PADAVAN: Thank you,  
3 Mr. President.

4 Archbishop Dolan, it's a pleasure  
5 and a delight to have you with us. And may I,  
6 on behalf of Senator Skelos and my colleagues  
7 on this side of the aisle, extend to you our  
8 best wishes. We look forward to the day when  
9 another title will befit you -- it will begin  
10 with "C" -- and then we'll have another  
11 occasion to congratulate you.

12 You know, in the letter from James  
13 in the New Testament, he admonishes the  
14 leaders of the church at the time, in effect  
15 saying: You can give all the admonitions for  
16 faith that you want, but without producing the  
17 goods, it doesn't mean anything. Those are  
18 the words, paraphrased somewhat in a more  
19 common vernacular.

20 In your prayer today, I think you  
21 expressed the view that we have a  
22 responsibility in this state to be concerned  
23 about those who need to be clothed, need to be  
24 housed. And we understand that. And it's a  
25 difficult, difficult time we're in.

1                   We hope that you will continue to  
2 pray for us. We need prayers now more than  
3 ever. And while you're praying, you know,  
4 keep your fingers crossed and give us that  
5 Irish blessing.

6                   Thank you.

7                   ARCHBISHOP DOLAN:       Thank you,  
8 Senator.

9                   ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:       Thank  
10 you, Senator Padavan.

11                   Senator Diaz.

12                   SENATOR DIAZ:       Thank you. Thank  
13 you, Mr. President.

14                   Today is a glorious day here in  
15 Albany. We have Archbishop Dolan from the  
16 Catholic Church and the leader, the leader,  
17 the maximal leader of the Catholic Church in  
18 New York.

19                   I am not a Catholic; I am a  
20 Protestant. I am a pastor of an evangelical  
21 church. But being an evangelical, not being a  
22 Catholic, I am so proud to have Archbishop  
23 Dolan here today. Because it is his  
24 leadership, it is the Catholic Church's  
25 leadership that have me inspired.

1                   It is not to go on Ash Wednesday  
2                   and get the ashes on my head, it is not to go  
3                   every Sunday to Mass, if I'm not going to  
4                   follow their teaching. Following the teaching  
5                   is more important than to get the ash on the  
6                   head. And this leader and this church has  
7                   sacrificed for many years, teaching, teaching  
8                   what's right, teaching what's moral, teaching  
9                   what it is that the church stands for.

10                   So Archbishop Dolan, I'm an  
11                   evangelical ministry. But you could go to my  
12                   office, all my staff have been strictly  
13                   instructed: Don't vote for anything before  
14                   you consult the Catholic Conference. And  
15                   whatever the Catholic Conference says, that's  
16                   what I'm going to vote.

17                   So, ladies and gentlemen, we have  
18                   the leader of the Catholic Church. Follow,  
19                   follow his leadership, follow the church  
20                   instruction, follow to what they teach and be  
21                   a good Catholic and God will bless all of you.

22                   Thank you, sir, for being here  
23                   today.

24                   (Applause.)

25                   ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:       Thank

1           you, Senator Diaz.

2                         Senator Stewart-Cousins.

3                         SENATOR STEWART-COUSINS:       Yes,  
4           thank you, Mr. President.  I also rise to  
5           greet the wonderful archbishop here in Albany.

6                         I have the privilege of having seen  
7           Archbishop Dolan so many times in our  
8           district, whether it was to celebrate a church  
9           anniversary, whether it was at St. Cabrini  
10          with the opening of the extension for our  
11          seniors in that nursing home -- the archbishop  
12          was there to bless a very, very small, small  
13          group of very grateful seniors.  And the joy  
14          that he brought really just made the whole  
15          environment and the whole event special.

16                        And of course with Firefighter  
17          Joyce and that incredible day.  The family was  
18          here just last week.  But he took time to be  
19          there to offer the blessings and the  
20          condolences of not only the church but the  
21          entire community.

22                        We have here an archbishop who has  
23          found it not robbery to give of his time,  
24          whether it's the smallest or the largest.  We  
25          appreciate that level of leadership.  I'm

1           certainly happy to see you here and look  
2           forward to seeing you in the district, as you  
3           always are.

4                           Thank you.

5                           ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:       Thank  
6           you, Senator Stewart-Cousins.

7                           Senator Hassell-Thompson.

8                           SENATOR HASSELL-THOMPSON:       I  
9           thank you, Mr. President.  I just want to join  
10          my colleagues in welcoming the archbishop to  
11          our chambers.

12                           I'm Baptist, but that does not mean  
13          that I don't follow the leadership of the  
14          church.

15                           We're welcoming you here today  
16          because many of your followers are here.  But  
17          we're followers of your word.  And hopefully  
18          what you bring to these chambers will be an  
19          enlightenment so that thinking happens and the  
20          way that we process the laws for the people of  
21          the State of New York will be what's in the  
22          best interests of their spirit as well as  
23          their souls.

24                           So I thank you, Archbishop, for  
25          being with us today.  And I thank Father

1 Gorman, who is one of our stalwart leaders in  
2 the Bronx who is accompanying you today, and  
3 some of the other leaders that I have met in  
4 the past and the new ones that I've met today.

5 We are in a period where we need  
6 prayer from whatever quarter it may come. So  
7 keep the candles lit for us that we may do  
8 that which is in the best interests of our  
9 people in the State of New York as well as in  
10 the eyes of God.

11 Thank you.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: Thank  
13 you, Senator Hassell-Thompson.

14 The question is on the resolution.  
15 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

16 (Response of "Aye.")

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:  
18 Opposed, nay.

19 (No response.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: The  
21 resolution is adopted.

22 Senator Savino has invited  
23 everybody in the Senate to be cosponsors of  
24 this resolution. Anyone not wishing to be a  
25 cosponsor please notify the desk.

1                   Thank you very much, Archbishop  
2           Dolan.

3                   ARCHBISHOP DOLAN:     Thank you.  
4                   (Standing ovation.)

5                   ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:  
6           Senator Klein.

7                   SENATOR KLEIN:     Mr. President,  
8           can we return to the order of standing  
9           committees.

10                   I believe there's a report of the  
11           Finance Committee at the desk. I ask that it  
12           be read at this time.

13                   ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:     Yes,  
14           Senator Klein. Returning to the order of  
15           standing committees, there is a report of the  
16           Finance Committee at the desk.

17                   The Secretary will read.

18                   THE SECRETARY:     Senator Kruger,  
19           from the Committee on Finance, reports the  
20           following nomination.

21                   As Commissioner of the Department  
22           of Labor, Colleen Crawford Gardner, of  
23           Schenectady.

24                   ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:  
25           Senator Kruger.

1                   SENATOR CARL KRUGER:     Thank you,  
2     Mr. President.   May we please move that  
3     nomination.

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:  
5     Senator Farley, on the nomination.

6                   SENATOR FARLEY:     Thank you,  
7     Mr. President.

8                   I rise to support enthusiastically  
9     Colleen Crawford Gardner for Commissioner of  
10    Labor.

11                  Let me just say there's nobody that  
12    I've seen that's been appointed commissioner  
13    who's had a better career in labor than  
14    Colleen.   She's a graduate of the Cornell  
15    School of Industrial and Labor Relations, one  
16    of the most academically aggressive schools in  
17    the country, and has had a career that has  
18    absolutely been spectacular, and she's been a  
19    leader in the labor movement throughout her  
20    career.

21                  She's also been a constituent of  
22    mine.   And as I mentioned earlier, she's been  
23    a softball coach for the Colonie Girls'  
24    Softball Team and has really been a great  
25    community person and somebody that really will

1           serve this state well.

2                     It's an outstanding appointment,  
3           because she's had a lot of experience in this  
4           area. She's also married to one of the most  
5           distinguished attorneys in Schenectady County,  
6           Christopher Gardner, who is the County  
7           Attorney and renowned for leading the  
8           Schenectady County Legislature and Schenectady  
9           County Redevelopment.

10                    Now, I rise in support of Colleen  
11           and congratulate the Governor on this  
12           outstanding appointment because she's really  
13           running one of the largest agencies that we  
14           have, and is somebody that I'm confident is  
15           going to do a great job. And I again am  
16           pleased to move her nomination.

17                    Thank you, Senator Kruger.

18                    ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:

19           Senator Onorato.

20                    SENATOR ONORATO:       Thank you,  
21           Mr. President.

22                    I rise to thank the Governor for  
23           this wonderful, wonderful nomination. And I'm  
24           very, very pleased to second this nomination.

25                    I met with Colleen Gardner as the

1 chairman of the Labor Committee. We had a  
2 very, very nice conversation. And she's got a  
3 world of background. And she's so highly  
4 qualified for the job that I urge everyone in  
5 this chamber to work very closely with her,  
6 because she's going to do an outstanding job  
7 as the commissioner.

8 She was the deputy commissioner for  
9 many years there, so she knows the job inside  
10 out. And I look forward to working with her  
11 over these many years.

12 God bless you and your family and  
13 your husband, Christopher, who's with you  
14 today.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: As an  
16 aside, if I was out there, I would be saying  
17 the same things as Senator Farley and Senator  
18 Onorato.

19 The question, then, is on the  
20 nomination of Colleen Crawford Gardner to  
21 become Commissioner of the Department of  
22 Labor. All those in favor please signify by  
23 saying aye.

24 (Response of "Aye.")

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:

1 Opposed, nay.

2 (No response.)

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: The  
4 nomination is approved.

5 (Applause.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: the  
7 commissioner is joined by her husband, Chris,  
8 and her daughter, Caroline. Congratulations.

9 (Applause.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: The  
11 Secretary will continue to read.

12 THE SECRETARY: As a member of  
13 the Administrative Review Board for  
14 Professional Medical Conduct, Peter S. Koenig,  
15 Sr., of DeWitt.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:  
17 Senator Kruger.

18 SENATOR CARL KRUGER: Thank you,  
19 Mr. President. Can we please move that  
20 nomination.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: The  
22 question is on the nomination of Peter S.  
23 Koenig as a member of the Administrative  
24 Review Board for Professional Medical Conduct.  
25 All those in favor please signify by saying

1 aye.

2 (Response of "Aye.")

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:

4 Opposed, nay.

5 (No response.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: The  
7 nomination is confirmed. Congratulations.

8 The Secretary will continue to  
9 read.

10 THE SECRETARY: As members of the  
11 Advisory Council to the Commission on Quality  
12 of Care and Advocacy for Persons with  
13 Disabilities, Dale R. Angstadt, of Gansevoort;  
14 James H. Bopp, of Garrison; Mary Hope Derby,  
15 of Geneseo; Judith Eisman, of Great Neck;  
16 Loretta Goff, of Westbury; Andrea  
17 Haenlin-Mott, of Cortland; Richard P. Johnson,  
18 of Schenectady; Deborah S. Lee, of Flushing;  
19 Jeffry Luria, of Central Bridge; Loretta H.  
20 Murray, of Brooklyn; and Regis Obijiski, of  
21 Kingston.

22 As members of the Board of Visitors  
23 of the Binghamton Psychiatric Center, Kathleen  
24 Ann Calvey, of Binghamton; Frances Felice, of  
25 Binghamton; and John J. Wiktor, of Binghamton.

1                   As members of the Board of Visitors  
2                   of the Brooklyn Psychiatric Center, Judi  
3                   Dolgow, of the Bronx, and Marilyn Doris  
4                   Rodriguez, of New York City.

5                   As members of the Board of Visitors  
6                   of the Broome Developmental Disabilities  
7                   Services Office, Alvern Gelder, of Binghamton,  
8                   and Luella Rogers, of Walton.

9                   As a member of the Board of  
10                  Visitors of the Buffalo Psychiatric Center,  
11                  Tadeusz S. Pietrzak, of Buffalo.

12                  As members of the Board of Visitors  
13                  of the Capital District Developmental  
14                  Disabilities Services Office, Katherine T.  
15                  Less, of Scotia; Elizabeth J. Pieper, of  
16                  Scotia; and Linda E. Sartoris, of Clifton  
17                  Park.

18                  As a member of the Board of  
19                  Visitors of the Elmira Psychiatric Center,  
20                  Joanna M. Papontos, of Schenectady.

21                  As members of the Board of Visitors  
22                  of the Helen Hayes Hospital, Wellington Y.  
23                  Liu, of New York City, and Martin C.  
24                  Wortendyke, of Upper Nyack.

25                  As a member of the Board of

1 Visitors of the Hudson Psychiatric Center,  
2 Patricia C. Colbert, of Fishkill.

3 As a member of the Board of  
4 Visitors of the Mohawk Valley Psychiatric  
5 Center, Beverly Piechowicz, of Marcy.

6 As members of the Board of Visitors  
7 of the Rochester Psychiatric Center, Barbara  
8 Bates, of Bergen, and Hilda R. Escher, of  
9 Rochester.

10 As members of the Board of Visitors  
11 of the Rockland Psychiatric Center, John A.  
12 Murphy, of Orangeburg; Marra Lori  
13 Schneider-Wendt, of Monticello; and Gerry  
14 Trautz, of Suffern.

15 As a member of the Board of  
16 Visitors of the St. Lawrence Psychiatric  
17 Center, Patrick R. Rourk, of Norwood.

18 And as a member of the Board of  
19 Visitors of the Sunmount Developmental  
20 Disabilities Services Office, Wayne P. Rogers,  
21 of Malone.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:  
23 Senator Kruger.

24 SENATOR CARL KRUGER: Thank you,  
25 Mr. President. On these nominations, can we

1 please move them.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: The  
3 question is on the motion to confirm the  
4 nominations. All those in favor please  
5 signify by saying aye.

6 (Response of "Aye.")

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:  
8 Opposed, nay.

9 (No response.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: The  
11 motion carries. The nominations are  
12 confirmed.

13 Senator Klein.

14 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, at  
15 this time can we please recall Senate  
16 Resolution 3593, by Senator Seward. I ask  
17 that the title only be read and allow Senator  
18 Seward to speak on his resolution.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: The  
20 Secretary will read.

21 THE SECRETARY: By Senator  
22 Seward, Legislative Resolution Number 3593,  
23 congratulating the Marathon Girls' Field  
24 Hockey Team and Coach Karen Funk upon the  
25 occasion of winning the New York State Class C

1 Championship.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:

3 Senator Seward.

4 SENATOR SEWARD: Yes, thank you,  
5 Mr. President.

6 I appreciated a few weeks ago all  
7 the members of the Senate joining with me in  
8 passing this resolution honoring the Marathon  
9 Girls' Field Hockey Team. And today I'm very,  
10 very pleased to welcome our New York State  
11 Class C Champion Marathon Girls' Hockey Team  
12 and their Coach Karen Funk to the chamber here  
13 today. The team is up in the gallery.

14 This past November, the Olympians  
15 captured the state title, defeating Port  
16 Jefferson, from Senator LaValle's district, in  
17 the championship game 3-1. Now, this is the  
18 eighth state championship in field hockey,  
19 girls field hockey, on behalf of Marathon. So  
20 they have a true dynasty at Marathon Central  
21 School.

22 The Marathon girls are synonymous  
23 with excellence both on and off the playing  
24 field. Along with compiling a very impressive  
25 record of 18-2-1 during the 2009 field hockey

1 season, this group of outstanding young women  
2 also stands out in the classroom as well. The  
3 Marathon Girls' Field Hockey Team was named a  
4 New York State Scholar Athlete Team, with a  
5 combined average of 91.977. That's an  
6 impressive record. They truly epitomize the  
7 term "student athlete."

8 Now, these girls are also very much  
9 outstanding citizens of the Marathon community  
10 and find the time in their busy schedules to  
11 give back to their community that has been  
12 supportive of their endeavors. Under the very  
13 steady guidance of Coach Funk, they have spent  
14 time raising funds for the National Breast  
15 Cancer Awareness Month. They have also  
16 conducted food drives to help support the  
17 Marathon Food Pantry.

18 And these fine young women are true  
19 champions in every sense of the word. They  
20 are fine sportswomen, wonderful students, and  
21 exceptional community ambassadors. The  
22 Marathon community and all of us in the State  
23 of New York are very, very proud of your  
24 accomplishments. This outstanding group  
25 epitomizes all the best in New York State's

1 young people. And as they embark on even more  
2 accomplishments in their young lives, they  
3 certainly represent all the best for the  
4 future of the State of New York.

5 So, Mr. President, I would ask that  
6 you formally welcome this outstanding team to  
7 the chamber and give us all an opportunity to  
8 recognize them.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: Thank  
10 you very much, Senator Seward.

11 Before that, Senator LaValle.

12 SENATOR LaVALLE: Thank you.  
13 Thank you, Mr. President.

14 I rise to congratulate the Marathon  
15 Field Hockey Team. I live in the Village of  
16 Port Jefferson, and I know we had sugarplums  
17 dancing in our head that we were going to win  
18 a state championship.

19 But what is probably so important  
20 is that you have demonstrated your prowess  
21 both on and off the field in the academic  
22 scholastic area by the achievement that  
23 Senator Seward mentioned. And it also  
24 hopefully shows that we in the Legislature,  
25 whether we win or lose, we recognize winning

1 teams here in the New York State Senate and  
2 their accomplishments.

3 So, ladies, congratulations on a  
4 great victory.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: Thank  
6 you very much, Senator LaValle.

7 Senator DeFrancisco.

8 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I also want  
9 to rise and congratulate you on your state  
10 championship.

11 Being from Syracuse, New York, the  
12 home of the champions, we have team after team  
13 after team come through here. And it's so  
14 nice that you would do this for Senator  
15 Seward. And it's nice that you would do this  
16 for him year after year after year. Because  
17 if it wasn't for your team, he would be a very  
18 depressed, despondent Senator.

19 So by your great work, you have  
20 helped this Senate move forward and your  
21 Senator do the best work he can possibly do.  
22 So keep that in mind next year when you're  
23 going for your next state championship.

24 Thank you.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: Thank

1 you, Senator DeFrancisco.

2 This resolution was previously  
3 adopted on January 12th. But the field hockey  
4 team from Marathon, Senator Seward, please  
5 rise and we'll give you a big round of  
6 applause.

7 (Applause.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:  
9 Senator Klein.

10 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President,  
11 can you please recognize Senator Libous.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:  
13 Senator Libous.

14 SENATOR LIBOUS: Mr. President,  
15 thank you for recognizing me.

16 On page 9, on behalf of Senator  
17 LaValle, I offer up the following amendments  
18 to Calendar Number 147, and I believe that is  
19 Senate Print 3632A, and ask that the said  
20 print be retained on the Third Reading  
21 Calendar.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: So  
23 ordered, Senator Libous.

24 SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you, sir.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:

1 Senator Klein.

2 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, at  
3 this time there will be an immediate meeting  
4 of the Rules Committee in Room 332.

5 Pending the return of the Rules  
6 Committee, can we please stand at ease.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: There  
8 will be an immediate meeting of the Rules  
9 Committee in Room 332.

10 Pending the return of the Rules  
11 Committee, we will stand at ease.

12 (Whereupon, the Senate stood at  
13 ease at 4:07 p.m.)

14 (Whereupon, the Senate reconvened  
15 at 4:29 p.m.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:  
17 Senator Klein.

18 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, I  
19 believe there's a report of the Rules  
20 Committee at the desk. I move that we accept  
21 the report at this time.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: There  
23 is a report of the Rules Committee at the  
24 desk.

25 The Secretary will read.

1                   THE SECRETARY:     Senator Smith,  
2                   from the Committee on Rules, reports the  
3                   following bills:

4                   Senate Print 3555, by Senator  
5                   Serrano, an act to amend the Public Officers  
6                   Law;

7                   And Senate Print 6924B, by Senator  
8                   C. Kruger, an act to amend the Legislative Law  
9                   and the State Finance Law.

10                  Both bills ordered direct to third  
11                  reading.

12                  ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:     The  
13                  question is on the adoption of the Rules  
14                  Committee report. All those in favor please  
15                  signify by saying aye.

16                  (Response of "Aye.")

17                  ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:  
18                  Opposed, nay.

19                  (No response.)

20                  ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN:     The  
21                  Rules Committee report is adopted.

22                  Senator Klein.

23                  SENATOR KLEIN:     Mr. President, I  
24                  believe Senator Sampson has a resolution at  
25                  the desk. I ask that the resolution be read

1 in its entirety and move for its immediate  
2 adoption.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: We  
4 will return to the order of motions and  
5 resolutions.

6 Senator Klein, has that resolution  
7 been deemed privileged and submitted by the  
8 office of the Temporary President?

9 SENATOR KLEIN: Yes, it has,  
10 Mr. President.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BRESLIN: The  
12 Secretary will read.

13 THE SECRETARY: By Senator  
14 Sampson, legislative resolution commemorating  
15 the 99th Anniversary of International Women's  
16 Day and celebrating New York State's women  
17 leaders, past and present.

18 "WHEREAS, International Women's  
19 Day, March 8th, is a global day of celebrating  
20 the economic, political, and social  
21 achievements of women, past, present and  
22 future; and

23 "WHEREAS, In 1908, 15,000 women  
24 marched through New York City demanding  
25 shorter hours, better pay, and voting rights;

1 and

2 "WHEREAS, One year later, the first  
3 National Woman's Day was observed across the  
4 United States on February 28th. Women  
5 continued to celebrate National Woman's Day on  
6 the last Sunday of February until 1913; and

7 "WHEREAS, In 1911, International  
8 Women's Day was officially honored for the  
9 first time in Austria, Denmark, Germany and  
10 Switzerland, on March 19th. More than 1  
11 million women and men attended International  
12 Women's Day rallies campaigning for women's  
13 rights to work and vote, and to end  
14 discrimination and to run for and hold public  
15 office; and

16 "WHEREAS, Less than a week later,  
17 on March 25th, the tragic Triangle Shirtwaist  
18 Fire in New York City took the lives of more  
19 than 140 working women, most of them Italian  
20 and Jewish immigrants. This disastrous event  
21 drew significant attention to working  
22 conditions and labor legislation in the United  
23 States, which became a focus of subsequent  
24 International Women's Day events and  
25 particularly so in the State and City of

1 New York; and

2 "WHEREAS, New York State has been  
3 the birthplace and home of countless numbers  
4 of accomplished and famous women who have been  
5 leaders in academia, eleemosynary  
6 institutions, industry and politics; and

7 "WHEREAS, New York State's famous  
8 women leaders have included Susan B. Anthony,  
9 who was a leader in the abolitionist and  
10 temperance movements in her late 20s and  
11 founded the National Women's Suffrage  
12 Association, along Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and  
13 was chosen to be the first American woman and  
14 one of only two New Yorkers depicted upon  
15 United States currency; and

16 "WHEREAS, Elizabeth Cady Stanton  
17 was one of the founders of the women's  
18 movement, when she and other New Yorkers  
19 convened the first Women's Rights Convention  
20 in Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848, bringing  
21 more than 300 individuals together, including  
22 the great orator Frederick Douglass, to fight  
23 for women's equality; and

24 "WHEREAS, Shirley Chisholm was  
25 elected to the New York State Assembly in

1 1964, and Congress in 1968. She was a  
2 founding member of the National Women's  
3 Political Caucus, and in 1972 became the first  
4 woman and first African-American to have her  
5 name placed in nomination by a major political  
6 party for the office of president; and

7 "WHEREAS, The great State of  
8 New York is honored to have been the  
9 birthplace and home of countless influential  
10 women leaders, among whom were Sojourner  
11 Truth, Elizabeth Blackwell, Eleanor Roosevelt,  
12 Zora Neale Hurston, Margaret Mead, Althea  
13 Gibson, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and  
14 Justice Sonia Sotomayor; now, therefore, be it

15 "RESOLVED, That this Legislative  
16 Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate  
17 the 99th Anniversary of International Women's  
18 Day and to celebrate New York State's women  
19 leaders, past and present; and be it further

20 "RESOLVED, That this Legislative  
21 Body calls upon its members and fellow  
22 New Yorkers to observe International Women's  
23 Day as a day in service to our families,  
24 friends, neighbors, and those less fortunate  
25 than ourselves, to moral causes greater than

1 ourselves, and to the ongoing work of the  
2 women's movement; and be it further

3 "RESOLVED, That copies of this  
4 resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted  
5 to the Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls,  
6 the National Women's History Museum in  
7 Alexandria, Virginia, and to the National  
8 Organization for Women."

9 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
10 Senator Hassell-Thompson, on the resolution.

11 SENATOR HASSELL-THOMPSON: Thank  
12 you, Mr. President.

13 I rise to thank Senator Sampson for  
14 his resolution and the acknowledgment of  
15 International Women's Day.

16 For nearly a century, parts of the  
17 world have been celebrating International  
18 Women's Day on the eighth day of every March.  
19 Around the globe, hundreds of events have  
20 occurred to commemorate the economic,  
21 political, and social achievements of women.

22 This year, Women for Women  
23 International sponsored peace demonstrations  
24 on 70 bridges throughout the world, including  
25 New York's very own Brooklyn Bridge. On a

1 bridge between Rwanda and the Democratic  
2 Republic of Congo, thousands of women gathered  
3 to support peace movements. These events were  
4 to honor the resilience of millions of women  
5 survivors of war around the world.

6 While we must be proud of how far  
7 the women's movement has progressed, we cannot  
8 ignore the hardship that many women still  
9 suffer throughout this state, the nation and  
10 overseas, whether they be victims of domestic  
11 violence, discrimination in the workplace,  
12 religious and political turmoil, or lack of  
13 education.

14 Women have always been and always  
15 will be the backbone of our society. They are  
16 the foundation of our future.

17 Marianne Williamson said: "Our  
18 deepest fear as women is not that we are  
19 inadequate, our deepest fear is that we are  
20 powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not  
21 our darkness, that frightens us most. We ask  
22 ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous,  
23 talented and famous? Actually, who are you  
24 not to be? You are a child of God. Your  
25 playing small does not serve the world. There

1 is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that  
2 people won't feel insecure around you. We  
3 were born to make manifest the glory of God  
4 that is within us. It is not just in some of  
5 us, it's in all of us. And when we let our  
6 light shine, we unconsciously give others  
7 permission to do the same. As we are  
8 liberated from our own fear, our own presence  
9 automatically liberates others."

10 Thank you for today, Senator  
11 Sampson, because sadly, in this great country  
12 and across the world, women are still victims  
13 of unequal systems of justice and of  
14 discrimination at work and in their paychecks.  
15 Women continue to struggle for equality in  
16 male-dominated fields such as politics. Women  
17 make up 51 percent of the population, but in  
18 the U.S. Congress, only 17 percent of its  
19 members are women.

20 As we celebrate today the  
21 accomplishments of women, we cannot ignore the  
22 trials and tribulations that women still face.  
23 We must take a stand against inequality in our  
24 lives and in the lives of our mothers,  
25 sisters, friends and colleagues every day.

1 Thank you.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Thank  
3 you, Senator Hassell-Thompson.

4 Senator Liz Krueger, on the  
5 resolution.

6 SENATOR LIZ KRUEGER: Thank you  
7 very much, Mr. President.

8 I too rise in support of the  
9 recognition of International Women's History  
10 Day. And in fact, there are other resolutions  
11 that move through this house. One is on  
12 Women's Equality Day, wherein I often say to  
13 people I'd actually like to be alive when we  
14 have all 365 days of equality.

15 So on this honorable day and in  
16 recognition of John Sampson highlighting the  
17 importance of women, and my colleague Senator  
18 Ruth Hassell-Thompson just having laid out  
19 very eloquently how much further we have to  
20 go, I stand to say women need to be  
21 represented at every table.

22 They need to be the voices of power  
23 in the Legislature representing the interests  
24 of all 19 million New Yorkers. They need to  
25 have their voices in every room, whether it's

1 a corporate room, a religious institution, a  
2 governmental room, a community room. Because  
3 in fact we are such a significant part of the  
4 population and we do bring to the table, no  
5 matter what the table is, a different  
6 perspective.

7 And so I am honored to be among the  
8 small group of women who serve here in the  
9 New York State Senate -- and a slightly larger  
10 group who serve in the New York State Assembly  
11 on the other side of this hallowed building.

12 But I look forward to the day where  
13 we can say there is full equality for women in  
14 this country, there is full equality in our  
15 legislative bodies, there is full equality on  
16 equal pay and equal rights, there is full  
17 equality in our membership in every  
18 organization and institution of this great  
19 country.

20 And so it is true this state has  
21 been the home to many great leaders for  
22 women's equality. Eleanor Roosevelt is the  
23 woman who comes to mind for me most often,  
24 although I'm very proud to have Geraldine  
25 Ferraro as a constituent in my own district,

1           who was the first Democratic woman candidate  
2           for Vice President.

3                         But for our sisters, our daughters,  
4           those who come after us, our young men, to  
5           understand the importance of where we need to  
6           go -- and we're not there yet. I was  
7           delighted to see my colleagues speaking out in  
8           support of a young women's sports team just a  
9           few minutes ago in this chamber. Even the  
10          argument of making sure that young women in  
11          our school system have equal funds for them to  
12          participate in sports is still a fight to this  
13          day.

14                        So it's great that we have women  
15          champions on the sports fields, but let's not  
16          forget we have a lot of work to do to ensure  
17          that those young women who stood before us  
18          today, and every young woman in the State of  
19          New York, is growing up in a state and a  
20          country where they have full equality and full  
21          ability to share in the greatness of this  
22          country and in the State of New York.

23                        Thank you, Mr. President.

24                        ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     Thank  
25          you, Senator Krueger.

1                   Senator Parker, on the resolution.

2                   SENATOR PARKER:     Thank you very  
3 much, Mr. President.   On the resolution.

4                   I really am just rising to add my  
5 voice to the chorus of my colleagues who are  
6 celebrating International Women's Day, its  
7 99th anniversary.

8                   And this day is important because  
9 internationally we really want to spend some  
10 time and take a moment to honor those women  
11 who don't have a voice, and really a lot of  
12 those women who did have a voice and wouldn't  
13 use their voice to take no for an answer.

14                  We all come from women.   It is the  
15 most, you know, kind of prime thing in most of  
16 our life.   For most of us, you know, as  
17 children, "mother" was the name for God for  
18 us.   That our mothers become our models for  
19 what womanhood is.

20                  Obviously, here in the halls of the  
21 Legislature, we focus on political  
22 accomplishments.   And we're fortunate here in  
23 New York to have history on our side.   New  
24 York has been at the forefront of women's  
25 equality for centuries in terms of the

1 historical women's rights movement. The  
2 Women's Rights Convention was held in Seneca  
3 Falls here in New York. At that 1848  
4 convention, more than 300 people came  
5 together, alongside Elizabeth Cady Stanton and  
6 Frederick Douglass, lending their voice to a  
7 movement that was just born.

8 New York has also been the leader  
9 for protection of women in the workplace.  
10 Nearly a century ago, more than 140 working  
11 women -- many immigrants -- lost their lives  
12 in the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire, leading to  
13 stronger regulations of working conditions  
14 that we continue to advance today.

15 Further, countless women who have  
16 shaped our culture have continued to call  
17 New York home, such as Shirley Chisholm, the  
18 first woman and first African-American to have  
19 her name put in nomination by a major party  
20 for the office of President, as well as  
21 Geraldine Ferraro, Liz Krueger's constituent,  
22 the first woman to be named on a national  
23 ticket for the office of Vice President.

24 New York is the home or the  
25 birthplace of Sojourner Truth, Eleanor

1 Roosevelt, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia  
2 Sotomayor, Hillary Clinton, Margaret Mead,  
3 Elizabeth Blackwell, Althea Gibson, to name  
4 others.

5 Women have made great progress, but  
6 as long as women remain without a voice, there  
7 is work that we must commit to. And I think I  
8 stand here with the rest of my colleagues  
9 recommitting ourselves to the work of  
10 creating, as Liz Krueger again, you know,  
11 talked about, 365 days of equality for women.

12 But still in our country women  
13 remain the victims of domestic violence,  
14 unequal systems of justice, and labor market  
15 discrimination. Women continue to struggle  
16 for equality in a male-dominated field such as  
17 politics, where women are 51 percent of the  
18 population but in the U.S. Congress only  
19 17 percent of the members are women. And I  
20 think far less here, definitely, in the State  
21 Senate and not much higher in the State  
22 Assembly.

23 And so we have to recommit  
24 ourselves to the important work of making sure  
25 that everyone has a place and opportunity here

1 in our society. And how can we call ourselves  
2 a just society when 51 percent of the  
3 population are the victims of discrimination  
4 every single day?

5 And so we are just remembering and  
6 calling on some of our ancestors and some of  
7 the sheroes whose shoulders that we all stand  
8 on, particularly those sheroes from New York  
9 State. And some of them I mentioned.

10 Sojourner Truth, born in 1798 to  
11 1883. She was an abolitionist and a women's  
12 rights activist. She was born into slavery in  
13 Swartekill, New York. Her best known speech,  
14 "Ain't I A Woman," was delivered in 1851 at  
15 the Ohio Women's Rights Convention in Akron,  
16 Ohio.

17 We have Elizabeth Blackwell, born  
18 in 1821, passed in 1910, who became the first  
19 woman doctor of medicine in the United States  
20 and set up practice for her sister, Emily  
21 Blackwell, in New York State.

22 We have Eleanor Roosevelt, of  
23 course, born in 1884 and passed in 1962. And  
24 she was the First Lady and wife of President  
25 Franklin Delano Roosevelt. She spent her

1 adult years working in politics and social  
2 reform. Her warmth and compassion inspired  
3 the nation. And she later became the U.S.  
4 delegate to the United Nations. The U.N.  
5 Declaration of Human Rights was largely her  
6 work, and she chaired the first ever  
7 Presidential Commission on the Status of Women  
8 in the United States.

9           You have Zora Neale Hurston, one of  
10 my personal heroes, born in 1891 to 1960.  
11 She was born in Alabama, raised in Florida,  
12 educated in D.C., where she got a Ph.D. from  
13 Howard University. Hurston came to New York  
14 City in 1925, where she joined many others in  
15 the movement now known as the Harlem  
16 Renaissance. She studied at Barnard with  
17 Franz Boas, Ruth Benedict, and Gladys  
18 Reichard.

19           Many of you who are Alice Walker  
20 fans and who have seen the play and read the  
21 book *The Color Purple*, Alice Walker really has  
22 much of her inspiration due to Zora Neale  
23 Hurston. That technique, if you've ever read  
24 not the screenplay of *The Color Purple* but the  
25 actual novel, of actually writing in the way

1       that the people spoke in the period that she  
2       was trying to cover, comes from Zora Neale  
3       Hurstons technique. And really, really  
4       important.

5                She actually did, as an  
6       anthropologist, did a great deal to talk about  
7       Southern black towns that were governed by  
8       black people, many of which don't even exist  
9       anymore. But she grew up in one of those  
10      towns in both Alabama and in Florida.

11             Other heroes include Margaret  
12      Mead, born in 1901, who passed in 1978. And  
13      of course Margaret Mead was an anthropologist  
14      whose career included the study of numerous  
15      peoples and nations, as well as extensive  
16      fieldwork. Margaret Mead really is one of the  
17      architects of modern anthropology.

18             Althea Gibson, born in 1927, passed  
19      in 2003. And in 1957 Althea Gibson became the  
20      first African-American tennis player to win at  
21      Wimbledon and Forest Hills. Her influence as  
22      a role model for aspiring athletes has been  
23      profound, including the Williams sisters, who  
24      now frequently win at Wimbledon -- but they  
25      stand on the shoulders of Althea Gibson.

1 Ruth Bader Ginsburg, born in 1933,  
2 is a Supreme Court justice. She's spent her  
3 career working to eliminate gender-based  
4 stereotyping and discrimination. Justice  
5 Ginsburg is the second woman appointed to the  
6 United States Supreme Court in its 212-year  
7 history.

8 And of course the Bronx's own Sonia  
9 Sotomayor. Born in 1954 in the Bronx, Justice  
10 Sotomayor is the first Hispanic Supreme Court  
11 justice and the third woman appointed to the  
12 Court.

13 And so we want to remember all of  
14 these sheroes for all of their great works,  
15 and use them not just for women but also for  
16 men. Young boys need to know that there are  
17 women who have been part of the development of  
18 this nation, part of -- you know, outside of  
19 just the work that they've done in the home,  
20 that they have been part of the development of  
21 our constitutional system, our business lives,  
22 you know, science. In almost every endeavor  
23 that we engage in, women have been at the  
24 forefront.

25 But I want to go back and just

1 remind us about the International Ladies'  
2 Garment Workers' Union. And it was founded in  
3 1900 in New York City by seven local unions  
4 with a few thousand members between them, and  
5 it grew up in those years.

6 And I will be creating a bill to  
7 commemorate the 100th anniversary of the  
8 tragic Triangle Shirtwaist Fire in New York  
9 City that took the lives of over 140 working  
10 women. That fire led to legislation requiring  
11 the improving of factory safety standards and  
12 helped spur the growth of the ILGWU, which  
13 fought for better and safer work conditions  
14 for sweatshop workers in that industry.

15 And so we say congratulations to  
16 all the women of this house and the women of  
17 our great state as we remember International  
18 Women's Day.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Thank  
20 you, Senator Parker.

21 Senator Montgomery, on the  
22 resolution.

23 SENATOR MONTGOMERY: Thank you,  
24 Mr. President.

25 I rise with my colleagues, and I

1 want to thank Senator Sampson for this  
2 resolution honoring International Women's Day.

3 And I join my colleagues who have  
4 already spoken so eloquently to honor and to  
5 acknowledge and to thank all of the sisters  
6 that have gone on before us and who have  
7 fought for many aspects of freedom for many of  
8 us in this room, men and women.

9 And, Mr. President, I happened to  
10 be present at the 150th anniversary of the  
11 celebration in Seneca Falls. And it was very,  
12 very interesting, because I stayed in a hotel  
13 in Auburn, New York, and right up the street  
14 from the hotel was one of our prisons, one of  
15 our first prisons, the Auburn prison facility.  
16 And in the other direction, a little ways  
17 over, there was the homestead of Harriet  
18 Tubman. And a ways up the road, at Seneca  
19 Falls, was the site where Elizabeth Cady  
20 Stanton and Susan B. Anthony and Frederick  
21 Douglass came together in 1848 to create a  
22 women's movement, a suffrage movement.

23 And I could just imagine how  
24 exciting it must have been -- all of these  
25 people who were so determined that women

1           should have rights and that African-Americans  
2           should have rights.

3                         And Harriet Tubman walking and  
4           making all of those trips to help free her  
5           brothers and sisters from slavery. And how  
6           they must have had many midnight journeys in  
7           that region, moving from the South, where  
8           Harriet Tubman originated, into Canada, where  
9           people could raise their hands in freedom if  
10          they were African-American and moving away  
11          from slavery.

12                        How wonderful it must have been to  
13          be part of that movement. And how they had  
14          real arguments -- because, Mr. President,  
15          there was a divide even back then. Because  
16          they had to decide if it was suffrage first or  
17          if it was freedom from slavery for  
18          African-Americans, if they were going to fight  
19          for rights of women to vote or  
20          African-American men to vote.

21                        So who won? Who won? The  
22          African-American men. They got the vote  
23          before women. However, the women did not give  
24          up.

25                        So I'm thankful to these women. So

1 many of them originated here in New York. I  
2 think my colleague Senator Parker has called  
3 the names of many of them. Shirley Chisholm,  
4 sister, who was right from Brooklyn, where I  
5 represent now. As a matter of fact, her  
6 district was part of what the district is that  
7 I represent today.

8 I'm thankful for the women who  
9 decided at some point that it wasn't enough  
10 just to be comfortable. Because I think many  
11 of these women in fact were very comfortable.  
12 They did not have to worry about where their  
13 next meal was coming from. But they cared  
14 enough about all of the sisters and the  
15 brothers that they continued to wage a very,  
16 very significant battle.

17 And I have been asked and it is my  
18 pleasure to name a number of women who have  
19 served in this body as Senators, women who  
20 happen to be Senators. But I warn that there  
21 has only been 29 in total since the beginning.

22 However -- however, in the words of  
23 Sojourner Truth, "Ain't I A woman" -- I'm in  
24 the Senate, but ain't I a woman.

25 And of course I honor my sisters

1       who are here today. My congratulations to  
2       each of you, Senator Suzi Oppenheimer, Senator  
3       Shirley Huntley, Senator Liz Krueger, Senator  
4       Diane Savino, Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson,  
5       chair of our conference, Senator Betty Little,  
6       Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Senator  
7       Catharine Young.

8                 Congratulations to all of us. We  
9       all know what we go through each day, but  
10      still I rise -- Senator Toby Stavisky. Toby  
11      Stavisky. I owe you a special thanks, Toby.

12                And can I just mention some past  
13      Senators who have come before us, who left  
14      before we did, but nonetheless we can thank  
15      them and we owe them, many of them. Because  
16      when they came, there wasn't a toilet on this  
17      floor for women. So they made that happen.  
18      That was big for us.

19                Senator Rhoda Fox Graves, elected  
20      in 1934. She was the first woman elected to  
21      the New York State Senate. There was Senator  
22      Constance Baker Motley, the first  
23      African-American woman elected to the Senate.  
24      Senator Mary Ellen Jones. Senator Karen  
25      Burststein. Senator Carol Berman. Senator

1 Carol Bellamy. Senator Linda Winikow.  
2 Senator Mary Anne Krupsak. Senator Anna  
3 Jefferson. Senator Mary B. Goodhue. Senator  
4 Catherine Abate. Senator Janet Hill Gordon.  
5 Senator Nancy Lorraine Hoffmann. Senator  
6 Patricia McGee. Senator Olga Mendez. Senator  
7 Mary Lou Rath. Senator Nellie Santiago. And  
8 Senator Ada Smith.

9 Mr. President, I offer these names  
10 for your record, for our record. And I say,  
11 as a woman and representing the women in this  
12 house, as well as the women in this body, in  
13 the Senate, in the Assembly, and the women in  
14 this building, who every day have to spend  
15 many, many hours preparing for us and making  
16 sure -- and I hope that I shall never again  
17 see a young woman carrying the books of one of  
18 my male Senators. Let's just stop that today  
19 going forward. That would be a wonderful  
20 tribute to the women in the State Legislature  
21 who work for us.

22 So in the words of Maya Angelou,  
23 who I love, one of the poets in our wonderful  
24 state: As a woman, still I rise. There will  
25 be more to come, and we hope in very short

1 order.

2 Thank you, Mr. President.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Thank  
4 you, Senator Montgomery.

5 Senator Stewart-Cousins, on the  
6 resolution.

7 SENATOR STEWART-COUSINS: Thank  
8 you, Mr. President.

9 There's very little for me to say  
10 because my colleagues have so beautifully  
11 articulated, I think, the past, the present,  
12 and the future of what women can look forward  
13 to.

14 But I rise and I had to rise  
15 because my mother couldn't rise. Because she  
16 would not have ever dreamt that anyone like  
17 herself, and then even her daughter, would be  
18 able to stand in the Senate chambers.

19 I always talk about looking at the  
20 very earliest pictures of the chambers and  
21 seeing the women up in the gallery in little  
22 bonnets and gloved. They weren't allowed even  
23 to walk on the floors. Nor could they clean  
24 the desks.

25 And now, we have so many women

1 Senators. But as we've spoken, it's certainly  
2 less than 20 percent and certainly not  
3 representative of the number of women in this  
4 great state.

5 And the same is mirrored,  
6 legislature after legislature, throughout the  
7 country and throughout the world. You see  
8 progress on some levels. But what is  
9 imperative is that every International Women's  
10 Day, we who have a voice stand up for those  
11 who are voiceless, (A) to inspire and (B) to  
12 remind.

13 I was at my colleague Senator  
14 Klein's African-American history event, and we  
15 had an opportunity to celebrate many great  
16 people. And I had an opportunity to say a few  
17 words. And when I did, I recalled my mother  
18 and her experience of not having the  
19 opportunities. And later a young woman who  
20 was a lawyer, studying -- well, she was  
21 actually studying for her bar exam. And she  
22 came up to me and thanked me for reminding her  
23 of what my mother had gone through.

24 Because we can forget. We can  
25 think that it is second nature to see women in

1 all these places. We can think that women  
2 have always had the rights and always had the  
3 opportunity and always had say over themselves  
4 and their educational opportunities. Whatever  
5 opportunities that people assumed men could  
6 have, people think that women had.

7 But not too long ago, not too long  
8 ago, women even in the great, leading state of  
9 New York did not have the opportunities. And  
10 still, now, women fight every day.

11 So we stand because we can. We  
12 stand because we must. We stand because we  
13 are leaders and we stand to inspire the next  
14 generation to go forward and to never forget  
15 where we came from.

16 Thank you.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Thank  
18 you, Senator Stewart-Cousins.

19 Senator Adams, on the resolution.

20 SENATOR ADAMS: Thank you,  
21 Mr. President.

22 I want to join my colleagues and  
23 add my voice to celebrating or acknowledging  
24 the International Women's Day.

25 And as you know, I have always

1 taken the position that we must take into  
2 account the everyday women who contribute.  
3 And they are the unsung heroes. They're not  
4 the stars, they're basically the supporting  
5 cast that is often not acknowledged.

6 I want to look at three areas of  
7 the International Women's Day. Because it's  
8 one thing just to pause on this day and give  
9 acknowledgement to the contribution of women,  
10 but I think we need a take a very real look at  
11 what this means.

12 The first area I want to look at is  
13 roles redefined. For years we criticized the  
14 mothers, we criticized the women that stayed  
15 at home and reared our children. And we see  
16 the by-product of the absence of their most  
17 important role. We compared the role of a  
18 housewife or a mother who was home every day  
19 as being insignificant. And now history has  
20 shown us, in a period of reflection, that not  
21 only was it significant, it was crucial to  
22 continue our country and nation moving  
23 forward.

24 I will contest and I believe that  
25 if mothers were home as children were leaving

1 every day, we wouldn't have a society of  
2 children that don't realize a belt loop is  
3 supposed to have a belt in it. And instead of  
4 teaching our children those very basic things,  
5 because we demonize and criticize the  
6 important roles of having a mother in the  
7 household and made it a bad thing instead of a  
8 good thing for a man or woman to play that  
9 role, I think it hurt us.

10 The second area I would like to  
11 look at: terms. People conceive and view  
12 life not only from that which is in front of  
13 them, but that is what impacts their  
14 subconscious. We use terms such as storms and  
15 hurricanes to name women. We use all things  
16 that are negative to name women. That plays  
17 on the psyche of people.

18 And as we talk about acknowledging  
19 the International Women's Day, we need to  
20 acknowledge how we consider and how we make  
21 women appear in a global sense. And that is  
22 when you start moving the entire globe in the  
23 right direction of truly acknowledging a woman  
24 for who and what she is.

25 Lastly, overcoming obstacles. The

1       only common denominator on the planet for all  
2       cultures, no matter if it's in Africa or if  
3       it's in Afghanistan, there is a common  
4       denominator of men abusing the women of their  
5       society.

6                   In India there was a term called  
7       sati. Whenever a man died, his wife had to  
8       commit suicide by throwing herself on the fire  
9       and burning herself to death. In China, a  
10      woman had to squeeze her feet into a small  
11      pair of shoes so that she can look appealing  
12      to a man. In Africa, women were forcibly  
13      circumcised so that they couldn't enjoy any  
14      physical pleasure, so that the insecurities of  
15      their husband would be protected.

16                   All across the globe, there was  
17      international domestic violence, where a man  
18      was allowed to kill his wife and get away with  
19      it. The laws and rules of that particular  
20      area permitted it.

21                   So the issue of International  
22      Women's Day is not merely just to acknowledge  
23      the importance of one or two or a handful of  
24      women, some of the success that they've done  
25      in their day, it is our time to pause for a

1 moment and state what are we doing to change  
2 the image of what our opposite, as a man, is  
3 in life, and that are our companions and that  
4 are women.

5           And for those of us who think it's  
6 not important, all we should ask is how do we  
7 want our daughters to be, what type of  
8 universe do we want our daughters to grow up  
9 in. Do we want them to be forcibly  
10 circumcised? Do we want them to have to throw  
11 themselves on the flames because their mate  
12 died? Do we want them to have to squeeze into  
13 a small pair of shoes just to be physically  
14 appealing? Do we want them to feel as though  
15 they have to live through some ridiculous  
16 standard?

17           So it is easy to say these rules  
18 are not incorrect or not wrong when it doesn't  
19 impact you directly. I think they are wrong.  
20 And I think countless number of men have  
21 joined side by side with the women not only of  
22 America but of the globe, in creating  
23 standards and creating a lifestyle that all  
24 human beings, regardless of their gender,  
25 should have the right to participate in the

1 prosperity of being a member of one of the  
2 greatest races alive, and that's the human  
3 race.

4 Thank you, Mr. President.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Thank  
6 you, Senator Adams.

7 Senator Savino, on the resolution.

8 SENATOR SAVINO: Thank you,  
9 Mr. President.

10 I want to first thank Senator  
11 Sampson for bringing this resolution in honor  
12 of International Women's Day, and of course  
13 congratulate and thank all of my colleagues,  
14 especially my women colleagues here, for  
15 pausing to recognize the importance of  
16 International Women's Day.

17 Senator Montgomery and Senator  
18 Parker talked about a lot of the  
19 accomplishments of women right here in  
20 New York State, whether it was leading the way  
21 for the right to vote or enacting labor laws,  
22 long before the federal government did it,  
23 that protected women and children in the  
24 workplace, or all of the other firsts that we  
25 have seen come out of New York State on issues

1 that were brought forward by women. And it's  
2 very appropriate that we stop and we recognize  
3 those things.

4 But I also don't want to just talk  
5 about the past, I want to talk about the  
6 future. Senator Adams mentioned changing the  
7 image of women. And while certainly some of  
8 the atrocities that he talked about are issues  
9 we should all be concerned about -- and we  
10 would want to change those images -- I'm a  
11 little bit more concerned about changing the  
12 circumstances for the women of New York State.

13 And we still have a long way to go  
14 in achieving real equality here in New York  
15 State. But we have opportunities. We have an  
16 opportunity this year, in this legislative  
17 session, to rectify a 75-year-old injustice  
18 that affects women when we pass the Domestic  
19 Workers' Bill of Rights. We have an  
20 opportunity to improve our domestic violence  
21 laws right here in New York State when we pass  
22 some of the bills that I will be bringing  
23 forward, and a bill that Senator Schneiderman  
24 introduced yesterday making choking a felony  
25 offense. We have an opportunity to strengthen

1       our child support laws, something that  
2       seriously needs to be dealt with here in  
3       New York State.

4               And we have a real opportunity in  
5       this budget process this year. The Governor  
6       has handed us a budget that is  
7       disproportionately harmful to women -- with  
8       cuts to daycare, with cuts to after-school  
9       programs, with tremendous cuts to human  
10      services -- at a time when women are suffering  
11      more than ever in New York State. Our  
12      unemployment rate is at 10 percent, and they  
13      are disproportionately women who have  
14      unemployed. They need that safety net now  
15      more than ever.

16              So while we pause to celebrate the  
17      accomplishments of women who have come before  
18      us, and rightfully so, we have an opportunity  
19      to rectify some injustices that exist for  
20      women right now, right here in New York  
21      State -- women that aren't seeking the  
22      spotlight, who don't want to change the world,  
23      who just want to raise a family and just want  
24      to be able to survive.

25              So I want to thank Senator Sampson

1 for bringing this forward, and I look forward  
2 to working with all of my colleagues to begin  
3 to write the next chapter in women's history  
4 in New York State.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Thank  
6 you, Senator Savino.

7 Senator Oppenheimer, on the  
8 resolution.

9 SENATOR OPPENHEIMER: That was  
10 very well said, and I'm glad you said that,  
11 Senator Savino.

12 I wanted to just take a moment to  
13 say what has happened in the last few decades  
14 that I think is very positive. And yes,  
15 indeed, all the women in this chamber are  
16 standing on the shoulders of women that have  
17 come before us. But the events that I have  
18 seen I think should be noted.

19 And that is when I became mayor of  
20 my village in Westchester in 1977, I was the  
21 first female mayor in Westchester's history.  
22 Now we have so many female heads of government  
23 in Westchester that we outnumber the men.

24 So I think that is quite a nice  
25 achievement over a 30-year period. Though I

1 must say in the beginning when I would go  
2 around to every women's group I could find to  
3 talk about coming into government, because  
4 local government was a wonderful place for a  
5 mother to be -- because we all had kids. And  
6 I said, and you're close to your children. So  
7 if your children leave their lunch at home,  
8 you can get it over to their school. Whereas  
9 if you go back down to Manhattan, you won't be  
10 able to do that for your child.

11 I must say I talked a lot for about  
12 a decade. And finally, after about a decade,  
13 some people started to take my word. And  
14 also, I guess, they saw me, with five small  
15 children, managing. So that's part of being,  
16 I guess, a mentor, where people will see you  
17 and say if that person can do it, I can do it  
18 too.

19 So -- and also another area that  
20 has seen amazing achievement for women. When  
21 I got my MBA at Columbia, we were two women,  
22 two women in a class of a few hundred. Now,  
23 getting pretty close to half the class in the  
24 MBA program at Columbia is female.

25 So these are things that have

1           happened in the last 30, 40 years. And while  
2           I can't say that our numbers here in the  
3           Senate are extraordinary, I think the Assembly  
4           is doing a lot better than we are. And we  
5           certainly hope never to displace the men, but  
6           to just be there equally with them, sort of in  
7           the equal numbers that our population is.

8                         So I honor the people that have  
9           been here before us. And we know the  
10          gratitude that we owe them, because we would  
11          not be here if they had not blazed the trail  
12          for us.

13                         Thank you.

14                         ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:        Thank  
15          you, Senator Oppenheimer.

16                         The question is on the resolution.  
17          All in favor signify by saying aye.

18                         (Response of "Aye.")

19                         ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
20          Opposed, nay.

21                         (No response.)

22                         ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:        The  
23          resolution is adopted.

24                         Senator Klein.

25                         SENATOR KLEIN:            Mr. President, at

1           this time could we please move to a reading of  
2           the supplemental calendar.

3                    ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
4           Secretary will proceed with a reading of  
5           Senate Supplemental Calendar 18A.

6                    THE SECRETARY:     In relation to  
7           Calendar Number 218, Senator Kruger moves to  
8           discharge, from the Committee on Finance,  
9           Assembly Bill Number 9949A and substitute it  
10          for the identical Senate Bill Number 6924B,  
11          Third Reading Calendar 218.

12                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
13          Substitution ordered.

14                   THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
15          218, by Member of the Assembly Destito,  
16          Assembly Print Number 9949A, an act to amend  
17          the Legislative Law and the State Finance Law.

18                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     Read  
19          the last section.

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

22                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     Call  
23          the roll.

24                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

25                   THE SECRETARY:     Ayes, 59.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
2     bill is passed.

3                   THE SECRETARY:     Senator Klein,  
4     that completes the reading of Supplemental  
5     Calendar 18A.

6                   SENATOR KLEIN:     Mr. President, at  
7     this time could we go back to motions and  
8     resolutions.

9                   I believe Senator Sampson has  
10    another resolution at the desk. I ask that  
11    the title of the resolution be read and move  
12    for its immediate adoption.

13                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
14    Secretary will read.

15                  THE SECRETARY:     By Senator  
16    Sampson, legislative resolution commending the  
17    Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty upon  
18    the occasion of hosting its Food For Life  
19    Awards Ceremony.

20                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
21    Senator Klein, was this resolution deemed  
22    privileged and submitted by the office of the  
23    Temporary President?

24                  SENATOR KLEIN:     Yes, it was,  
25    Mr. President.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     All  
2     those in favor of adopting the resolution  
3     signify by saying aye.

4                   (Response of "Aye.")

5                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
6     Opposed, nay.

7                   (No response.)

8                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
9     resolution is adopted.  
10                  Senator Klein.

11                  SENATOR KLEIN:     Mr. President, I  
12     believe Senator LaValle has a resolution at  
13     the desk. I ask that the title of the  
14     resolution be read and move for its immediate  
15     adoption.

16                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
17     Senator Klein, has this resolution been deemed  
18     privileged and submitted by the office of the  
19     Temporary President?

20                  SENATOR KLEIN:     Yes, it has,  
21     Mr. President.

22                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
23     Secretary will read.

24                  THE SECRETARY:     By Senator  
25     LaValle, legislative resolution congratulating

1 Dr. Nicholas P. Samios upon the occasion of  
2 his designation for special recognition as a  
3 2010 Inductee of the Long Island Technology  
4 Hall of Fame.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
6 question is on the resolution. All in favor  
7 signify by saying aye.

8 (Response of "Aye.")

9 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
10 Opposed, nay.

11 (No response.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
13 resolution is adopted.

14 Senator Klein.

15 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, I  
16 believe Senator Marcellino has a resolution at  
17 the desk. I ask that the title of the  
18 resolution be read and move for its immediate  
19 adoption.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
21 Senator Klein, has this resolution been deemed  
22 privileged and submitted by the office of the  
23 Temporary President?

24 SENATOR KLEIN: Yes, it has,  
25 Mr. President.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
2     Secretary will read.

3                   THE SECRETARY:     By Senator  
4     Marcellino, legislative resolution  
5     congratulating ReiJane Huai upon the occasion  
6     of his designation for personal recognition as  
7     Entrepreneur of the Year by the Long Island  
8     Technology Hall of Fame.

9                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     All in  
10    favor of adopting the resolution signify by  
11    saying aye.

12                   (Response of "Aye.")

13                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
14    Opposed, nay.

15                   (No response.)

16                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
17    resolution is adopted.

18                   Senator Klein.

19                   SENATOR KLEIN:     Mr. President, I  
20    believe Senator LaValle has another resolution  
21    at the desk. I ask that the title of the  
22    resolution be read and move for its immediate  
23    adoption.

24                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
25    Senator Klein, has this resolution been deemed

1 privileged and submitted by the office of the  
2 Temporary President?

3 SENATOR KLEIN: Yes, it has,  
4 Mr. President.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
6 Secretary will read.

7 THE SECRETARY: By Senator  
8 LaValle, legislative resolution congratulating  
9 Nikola Tesla, posthumously, upon the occasion  
10 of his designation for special recognition as  
11 a 2010 Inductee of the Long Island Technology  
12 Hall of Fame.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: All  
14 those in favor of adopting the resolution  
15 signify by saying aye.

16 (Response of "Aye.")

17 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
18 Opposed, nay.

19 (No response.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
21 resolution is adopted.

22 Senator Klein.

23 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, at  
24 this time I move to take up Senate Resolution  
25 Number 4175, by Senator Foley. I ask that the

1 title of the resolution be read and move for  
2 its immediate adoption.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
4 Secretary will read.

5 THE SECRETARY: By Senator Foley,  
6 Legislative Resolution Number 4175, commending  
7 George Bloom upon the occasion of 40 years of  
8 distinguished service to Local 1104,  
9 Communication Workers of America, as he is  
10 honored by the Long Island Federation of Labor  
11 on March 4, 2010.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: All  
13 those in favor of adopting the resolution  
14 signify by saying aye.

15 (Response of "Aye.")

16 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
17 Opposed, nay.

18 (No response.)

19 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
20 resolution is adopted.  
21 Senator Klein.

22 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, at  
23 this time can we take up Senate Resolution  
24 Number 4120, by Senator Liz Krueger. I ask  
25 that the title of the resolution be read and

1 move for its immediate adoption.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
3 Secretary will read.

4 THE SECRETARY: By Senator  
5 L. Krueger, Legislative Resolution Number  
6 4120, memorializing Governor David A. Paterson  
7 to proclaim March 7 through 13, 2010, as World  
8 Glaucoma Week in the State of New York.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
10 Senator Liz Krueger, on the resolution.

11 SENATOR LIZ KRUEGER: Thank you,  
12 Mr. President.

13 I rise to briefly highlight for the  
14 record and to the people of New York that this  
15 is World Glaucoma Week.

16 Glaucoma is the number-two cause of  
17 blindness in the world. The earlier you catch  
18 this, the more you can to prevent blindness.  
19 There is so much more we can do to prevent  
20 blindness in this country and throughout the  
21 world, through both research and education.

22 And I would just like to remind my  
23 colleagues to make sure you get your own tests  
24 to see whether you have early glaucoma, so  
25 that you can avoid future blindness, urge

1 everyone you know to do the same.

2 And I would like to open this  
3 resolution for sponsorship by anybody who  
4 wishes to.

5 Thank you, Mr. President.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Thank  
7 you, Senator Krueger.

8 All in favor of adopting the  
9 resolution signify by saying aye.

10 (Response of "Aye.")

11 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
12 Opposed, nay.

13 (No response.)

14 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
15 resolution is adopted.

16 Senator Krueger has asked that the  
17 resolution be open to cosponsorship by all  
18 members. Anyone wishing not to cosponsor the  
19 resolution should notify the desk.

20 Senator Klein.

21 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, at  
22 this time I move we take up Senate Resolution  
23 Number 4190, by Senator Espada. I ask that  
24 the resolution be read title only and move for  
25 its immediate adoption.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
2     Secretary will read.

3                   THE SECRETARY:        By Senator  
4     Espada, Legislative Resolution Number 4190,  
5     memorializing Governor David A. Paterson to  
6     proclaim March 2010 as Women's History Month  
7     in the State of New York.

8                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     All  
9     those in favor of adopting the resolution  
10    signify by saying aye.

11                   (Response of "Aye.")

12                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
13    Opposed, nay.

14                   (No response.)

15                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
16    resolution is adopted.

17                   Senator Klein.

18                   SENATOR KLEIN:        Mr. President, on  
19    behalf of Senator Smith, I hand up the  
20    following committee notice to be filed with  
21    the Journal.

22                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     So  
23    ordered.

24                   Senator Klein.

25                   SENATOR KLEIN:        Mr. President, at

1           this time can you please recognize Senator  
2           Ruth Hassell-Thompson.

3                    ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
4           Senator Hassell-Thompson.

5                    SENATOR HASSELL-THOMPSON:     Thank  
6           you, Mr. President.

7                    Immediately following session  
8           today, there will be a meeting of the Majority  
9           in Room 332.  Immediately.

10                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
11           Immediate meeting of the Senate Majority in  
12           Room 332.

13                    Senator Klein.

14                    SENATOR KLEIN:     Mr. President, is  
15           there any further business at the desk?

16                    ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
17           desk is clear.

18                    SENATOR KLEIN:     Are you sure?

19                    ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
20           Positive.

21                    (Laughter.)

22                    SENATOR KLEIN:     There being none,  
23           Mr. President, I move that we adjourn until  
24           Wednesday, March 10th, at 3:00 p.m.

25                    ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     On

1 motion, the Senate stands adjourned until  
2 Wednesday, March 10th, at 3:00 p.m.

3 (Whereupon, at 5:21 p.m., the  
4 Senate adjourned.)

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