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18 SENATOR DAVID J. VALESKY, Acting President

19 ANGELO J. APONTE, Secretary

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

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

4 I ask everyone present to please  
5 rise and recite with me the Pledge of  
6 Allegiance.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
10 invocation this afternoon will be provided by  
11 Imam Abdul-Rahman Yaki, of the Islamic Center  
12 of the Capital District, in Schenectady.

13 IMAM YAKI: [In Arabic] In the  
14 name of Allah, the beneficent and the  
15 merciful. God, You are the merciful. Have  
16 mercy on us, for Your mercy is perfect.  
17 Forgive us, O Lord, for Your forgiveness  
18 brings abundance and protection to all.  
19 Protect us with Your perfect protection that  
20 leaves none unprotected, and guide us with  
21 Your guidance that leaves none unguided.

22 I ask that You bestow upon our  
23 leaders the understanding to choose that which  
24 is right, the fortitude to abstain from that  
25 which is wrong, and the wisdom and guidance to

1       lead us each to a prosperous future.

2               There may be times when the going  
3 gets tough, when perhaps emotions run high.  
4 Lord, bless them with the tools of  
5 righteousness, unite them with the tools of  
6 collectivity to see not only the interests of  
7 their individual constituents and communities  
8 but, most importantly, the wisdom to govern  
9 our state and our nation collectively.

10              Ours is a nation of diversity. We  
11 are indeed a microcosm of all the cultures of  
12 the world. Lord, guide our leaders day and  
13 night, through sickness and health, happiness  
14 and sadness, so that they may not only  
15 understand the problems facing our nation but,  
16 most importantly, give a perfect solution for  
17 the betterment of saving humanity.

18              The Koran emphasizes saving a human  
19 life is as saving the entire humanity. Allah  
20 says, in the Koran [in Arabic]. O Lord, grant  
21 us the good in this world as well as good in  
22 the hereafter, and protect us from the torment  
23 of the fire.

24              I conclude this prayer with the  
25 supplication of Abraham. He says, "Lord, You

1 have knowledge of all that we conceal and all  
2 that we reveal. Nothing on the earth or in  
3 the heaven is hidden from You, God."

4 Lord, accept this prayer from us,  
5 for You are all-hearing, all-knowing.  
6 O Allah, bless our state, bless our people,  
7 and bless our nation.

8 Amen.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:

10 Reading of the Journal.

11 The Secretary will read.

12 THE SECRETARY: In Senate,  
13 Monday, May 17, the Senate met pursuant to  
14 adjournment. The Journal of Sunday, May 16,  
15 was read and approved. On motion, Senate  
16 adjourned.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:

18 Without objection, the Journal stands approved  
19 as read.

20 Presentation of petitions.

21 Messages from the Assembly.

22 Messages from the Governor.

23 Reports of standing committees.

24 Reports of select committees.

25 Communications and reports from

1 state officers.

2 Motions and resolutions.

3 Senator Klein.

4 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, I  
5 believe there are substitutions at the desk.  
6 I ask that we make the substitutions at this  
7 time.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
9 Secretary will proceed with the substitutions.

10 THE SECRETARY: On page 12,  
11 Senator Addabbo moves to discharge, from the  
12 Committee on Elections, Assembly Bill Number  
13 5707 and substitute it for the identical  
14 Senate Bill Number 5029, Third Reading  
15 Calendar 211.

16 On page 22, Senator C. Johnson  
17 moves to discharge, from the Committee on  
18 Consumer Protection, Assembly Bill Number 629  
19 and substitute it for the identical Senate  
20 Bill Number 2752, Third Reading Calendar 440.

21 On page 23, Senator C. Johnson  
22 moves to discharge, from the Committee on  
23 Investigations and Government Operations,  
24 Assembly Bill Number 10771 and substitute it  
25 for the identical Senate Bill Number 7329,

1 Third Reading Calendar 452.

2 On page 27, Senator Aubertine moves  
3 to discharge, from the Committee on  
4 Agriculture, Assembly Bill Number 10556 and  
5 substitute it for the identical Senate Bill  
6 Number 7100, Third Reading Calendar 516.

7 On page 28, Senator Addabbo moves  
8 to discharge, from the Committee on Elections,  
9 Assembly Bill Number 8540 and substitute it  
10 for the identical Senate Bill Number 7610,  
11 Third Reading Calendar 529.

12 On page 29, Senator L. Krueger  
13 moves to discharge, from the Committee on  
14 Elections, Assembly Bill Number 8525 and  
15 substitute it for the identical Senate Bill  
16 Number 7742, Third Reading Calendar 530.

17 On page 29, Senator Squadron moves  
18 to discharge, from the Committee on Consumer  
19 Protection, Assembly Bill Number 1730C and  
20 substitute it for the identical Senate Bill  
21 Number 4313B, Third Reading Calendar 532.

22 And on page 30, Senator Aubertine  
23 moves to discharge, from the Committee on  
24 Energy and Telecommunications, Assembly Bill  
25 Number 10551 and substitute it for the

1 identical Senate Bill Number 7279, Third  
2 Reading Calendar 541.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
4 Substitutions ordered.

5 Senator Klein.

6 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President,  
7 there will be an immediate meeting of the  
8 Finance Committee in the Majority Conference  
9 Room.

10 Pending the return of the Finance  
11 Committee, can we please stand at ease.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: There  
13 is an immediate meeting of the Senate Finance  
14 Committee in Room 332 of the Capitol.

15 The Senate will stand at ease  
16 pending the return of the Finance Committee.

17 (Whereupon, the Senate stood at  
18 ease at 12:38 p.m.)

19 (Whereupon, the Senate reconvened  
20 at 12:57 p.m.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
22 Senator Klein.

23 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President,  
24 can you please recognize Senator Foley for a  
25 brief announcement.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:

2       Senator Foley.

3                   SENATOR FOLEY:       Thank you,  
4       Mr. President.

5                   As is the custom and tradition of  
6       the Senate, we welcome those who come from  
7       different parts of the state to watch our  
8       proceedings here from the gallery.

9                   And with that in mind, I'd like to  
10      welcome to the New York State Senate the  
11      Patchogue-Medford Robotics Team, who's  
12      traveled all the way from Long Island to be  
13      part of today's proceedings.

14                  And the robotics team in that  
15      particular school district has done great work  
16      over the past number of years. It's also been  
17      a way to fire up the imagination and  
18      inspiration of students to get involved in the  
19      fields of computer science, engineering and  
20      mathematics.

21                  So we want to welcome the  
22      Patchogue-Medford Robotics Team here with us  
23      today.

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



1                   On behalf of Senator Foley and all  
2                   the members, welcome to our young men and  
3                   women who are visiting us today from Long  
4                   Island. Best wishes in your future endeavors.

5                   (Applause.)

6                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
7                   Senator Klein.

8                   SENATOR KLEIN:     Mr. President, if  
9                   we could return to the order of reports of  
10                  standing committees, I believe there's a  
11                  report of the Judiciary Committee at the desk.  
12                  I ask that it be read at this time.

13                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
14                  Returning to the order of reports of standing  
15                  committees, there is a report of the Judiciary  
16                  Committee at the desk.

17                  The Secretary will read.

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

21                  As a judge of the Court of Claims,  
22                  Wayne Ozzi, of Staten Island.

23                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
24                  Senator Klein.

25                  SENATOR KLEIN:     Mr. President, on

1       behalf of Senator Sampson, could you please  
2       move the nomination.

3                ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     Are  
4       there any other Senators who wish to be heard?

5                Senator Savino, on the nomination.

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

8                I'm very proud and happy to stand  
9       here and second the nomination of Wayne Ozzi  
10      as a Court of Claims judge for the State of  
11      New York.

12               Wayne Ozzi is not just an asset to  
13      Staten Island, he's an asset to all of  
14      New York. He appeared before us earlier  
15      today, and he touched on a few of the things  
16      that he does. And in fact, I was reminded of  
17      just how much Wayne Ozzi does for the people  
18      of Staten Island and for the bar that he  
19      serves.

20               He is the current temporary  
21      president of the Richmond County Bar  
22      Association. And you can see from his resume  
23      that he has a long history in public service  
24      dating back to the 1970s, including being with  
25      Legal Services for New York.

1                   But he has not just been an asset  
2                   to Judge Bob Gigante, who he serves as the law  
3                   clerk in Staten Island. Also, in his capacity  
4                   at the Richmond County Bar, he approached  
5                   those of us who serve in office about putting  
6                   together a volunteer lawyers' project to deal  
7                   with the crisis of foreclosures in Staten  
8                   Island, and he led that pro bono effort.

9                   He is an asset to all of us,  
10                  particularly in Staten Island. And because he  
11                  has so many fans among the Staten Island  
12                  delegation and the Legislature -- and I'm sure  
13                  Senator Lanza will say something about it --  
14                  the members of the Assembly who cannot be here  
15                  to speak on their behalf asked me to say a few  
16                  words about Wayne Ozzi, particularly  
17                  Assemblyman Matt Titone, who has known him his  
18                  entire life, both socially and professionally.  
19                  He's practiced before him in his capacity as  
20                  Judge Robert Gigante's law clerk.

21                  And Matt just wants the world to  
22                  know that he believes that today is a great  
23                  day for the judiciary, it's a great day for  
24                  Wayne Ozzi and his family, and it's a great  
25                  day for Staten Island and New York State.

1                   Assemblyman Mike Cusick, who's  
2                   currently in a committee meeting, also  
3                   couldn't be here, and he sent me a text  
4                   message and said, "Please convey my  
5                   congratulations. Wayne is the best that  
6                   Staten Island has to offer, and we are all  
7                   proud of you." And his father, Judge Cusick,  
8                   is looking down and smiling now.

9                   Assemblywoman Janele Hyer-Spencer  
10                  is also in a committee meeting. And as an  
11                  attorney who practices in Staten Island with  
12                  you, she has nothing but glowing things to say  
13                  about your reputation and what you'll bring to  
14                  the bench.

15                 And as I said, today is a great day  
16                 for the judiciary, it's a great day for Staten  
17                 Island, it's a great day for Wayne and his  
18                 entire family. And they're all up there in  
19                 the balcony: his wife, Lucy; his son, Daniel;  
20                 his daughter, Michelle; his father, Dan; his  
21                 friend, Stephen Lauria; Debra Passarello,  
22                 Ronald Cerrachio, Jane Stilwell, Kevin  
23                 Elford -- of course -- John Gulino, our county  
24                 leader, and Bob Olivari, who's been a lifelong  
25                 friend.

1                   Congratulations. And I heartily  
2                   support this nomination to the Court of  
3                   Claims.

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

6                   Senator Lanza, on the nomination.

7                   SENATOR LANZA:     On the  
8                   nomination, thank you, Mr. President.

9                   First let me associate myself with  
10                  the remarks from Senator Savino. This is a  
11                  good day for not only the people of Staten  
12                  Island but the people of the state.

13                 And I want to foremost first and  
14                 foremost commend the Governor. This is a  
15                 great nomination. And we are very ecstatic  
16                 and happy about this on Staten Island, in a  
17                 very bipartisan way. And the reason that is  
18                 is because we know what a fabulous appointment  
19                 this is going to be for the people of  
20                 Staten Island.

21                 You know, Wayne Ozzi is everything  
22                 you would want in a judge. And I really  
23                 believe, of all the things we do here in the  
24                 Senate, one of the most important  
25                 responsibilities that we have is this process.

1       Because long after many of us are gone, the  
2       legacy that we leave are those who serve on  
3       the bench throughout this state. And you want  
4       to make sure, more than anywhere else, that  
5       you have the right people. Wayne Ozzi is the  
6       right person.

7               Senator Savino talked about his  
8       qualifications. They're numerous and they're  
9       right and they're perfect for the position. I  
10      just want to add that he's very smart, he  
11      appreciates and loves the law.

12             But above all else that I know  
13      about Wayne Ozzi, I think it's his decency  
14      that really stands out. And he's got the  
15      right demeanor, and I think that will make him  
16      the perfect person to sit and preside in a  
17      courtroom. And I know, because of all that,  
18      that every litigant, every attorney and every  
19      person that enters the courtroom where Wayne  
20      Ozzi is the judge will be treated with  
21      dignity, respect and fairness. And that's all  
22      you can ask for.

23             And so as Senator Savino said, this  
24      really is a happy occasion. And again, I want  
25      to congratulate you. I'm going to have to get

1       used to saying Judge Ozzi, Your Honor. You  
2       deserve it. And more importantly, the people  
3       of Staten Island deserve this.

4               I want to congratulate your family,  
5       Lucy, Daniel, Michelle, and your dad, Dan, and  
6       your friends. Again, this is a good day.  
7       Senator Savino and I could not be any happier,  
8       and I know the people of Staten Island are  
9       going to be very happy about this as well.

10              Congratulations, Judge Ozzi.

11              ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     Thank  
12       you, Senator Lanza.

13              Are there any other Senators  
14       wishing to be heard?

15              Seeing none, the question is on the  
16       motion to confirm the nomination of Wayne  
17       Ozzi, of Staten Island, as a judge of the  
18       New York State Court of Claims. All in favor  
19       signify by saying aye.

20              (Response of "Aye.")

21              ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
22       Opposed, nay.

23              (No response.)

24              ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
25       motion carries. The nominee is confirmed.

1                   Judge Ozzi is joined in the gallery  
2                   today by his family.  Congratulations.

3                   (Appause.)

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
5                   Senator Klein.

6                   SENATOR KLEIN:     Mr. President, I  
7                   believe there's a report of the Finance  
8                   Committee at the desk.  I ask that it be read  
9                   at this time.

10                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     There  
11                  is a report of the Finance Committee at the  
12                  desk.

13                  The Secretary will read.

14                  THE SECRETARY:     Senator Kruger,  
15                  from the Committee on Finance, reports the  
16                  following nominations.

17                  As a member of the Board of  
18                  Trustees of the State University of New York,  
19                  Marshall A. Lichtman, M.D., of Rochester.

20                  As a member of the Adirondack Park  
21                  Agency, F. William Valentino, of Albany.

22                  As a member of the New York State  
23                  Housing Finance Agency and director of the  
24                  State of New York Mortgage Agency, Karen A.  
25                  Phillips, of New York City.



1                   As members of the New York State  
2 Thruway Authority, Jose Holguin-Veras, of  
3 Clifton Park, and James Donald Rice, Jr., of  
4 New York City.

5                   As members of the Advisory Council  
6 on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services,  
7 Michael N. Martin, of North Tonawanda, and  
8 Robert A. Ross, of Saranac Lake.

9                   As a member of the Minority Health  
10 Council, Nilda I. Soto, of the Bronx.

11                  And as a member of the Board of  
12 Visitors of the Capital District Developmental  
13 Disabilities Services Office, Joan D. Taylor,  
14 of Saratoga Springs.

15                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
16 Senator Kruger.

17                  SENATOR CARL KRUGER:     Thank you,  
18 Mr. President. Can we please move the  
19 nominations.

20                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     Are  
21 there any other Senators wishing to be heard  
22 on the nominations?

23                  Seeing none, the question is on the  
24 motion to confirm the nominations. All in  
25 favor signify by saying aye.

1 (Response of "Aye.")

2 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:

3 Opposed, nay.

4 (No response.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
6 motion carries. The nominees are confirmed.  
7 Senator Klein.

8 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, I  
9 move to adopt the Resolution Calendar at this  
10 time, with the exception of Senate Resolution  
11 5323.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: All in  
13 favor of adopting the Senate Resolution  
14 Calendar, with the exception of the resolution  
15 noted, 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 Calendar is adopted.

22 Senator Fuschillo.

23 SENATOR FUSCHILLO: Mr.  
24 President, a quick comment. I want to just  
25 thank my colleague Senator Craig Johnson for

1 his resolution today, 5333, critically  
2 important for the City of New York and the  
3 State of New York.

4 As we've read recently, the federal  
5 government has shortchanged New York State  
6 once again on federal money to combat  
7 terrorism, especially in the City of New York.

8 And just recently, on this  
9 Thursday, the ranking member of the Homeland  
10 Security Committee, Peter King, met with Janet  
11 Napolitano, and she never brought up the fact  
12 that New York State has not vouched for some  
13 of the monies, which Peter King said was  
14 untrue. All of those dollars that New York  
15 State has received has been vouched for, and  
16 the programs are in existence.

17 So this resolution today by Senator  
18 Johnson asking the federal government to  
19 restore financial aid to combat terrorism in  
20 the City of New York and in New York State is  
21 critically important. I just vote aye and  
22 thank him for the resolution.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Thank  
24 you, Senator Fuschillo.

25 Senator Craig Johnson.

1                   SENATOR CRAIG JOHNSON:     Thank you  
2                   very much.   And thank you, Senator Fuschillo.

3                   I wasn't going to speak on this,  
4                   because I think the resolution speaks for  
5                   itself.   I will simply say I'd like to open up  
6                   the resolution for all members to join if they  
7                   wish to do so, because I think it's critically  
8                   important that we as a body stand together,  
9                   stand as Republicans and Democrats, as they've  
10                  done so in Congress, to call upon our federal  
11                  government to make sure that we get the monies  
12                  yesterday necessary to protect our loved ones.

13                  Just yesterday we honored the  
14                  individual who stood by and found that  
15                  explosive device in Times Square.   And now we  
16                  have a federal government that's going to try  
17                  and take away our money and put all of our  
18                  loved ones at risk.

19                  And so a resolution like this I  
20                  believe is critically important.   I would urge  
21                  all members and I open it up for all members  
22                  to join.   Thank you very much.

23                  And thank you, Senator Fuschillo.

24                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     At  
25                  Senator Johnson's request, the resolution will

1 be open for cosponsorship to all members. Any  
2 Senator wishing not to be a cosponsor of the  
3 resolution should notify the desk.

4 Senator Klein.

5 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, I  
6 move to take up Senate Resolution Number 5323,  
7 by Senator Peralta. I ask that the title of  
8 the resolution be read and move for its  
9 immediate adoption.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
11 Secretary will read.

12 THE SECRETARY: By Senator  
13 Peralta, Legislative Resolution Number 5323,  
14 commemorating the 199th anniversary of the  
15 independence of the Republic of Paraguay.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: All in  
17 favor of adopting the resolution signify by  
18 saying aye.

19 (Response of "Aye.")

20 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
21 Opposed, nay.

22 (No response.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
24 resolution is adopted.

25 Senator Klein.

1                   SENATOR KLEIN:     Mr. President, at  
2                   this time I move to recall Senate Resolution  
3                   Number 5167, which was unanimously adopted on  
4                   May 12th. I ask that the resolution be read  
5                   in its entirety and that Senator Diaz have an  
6                   opportunity speak on his resolution.

7                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
8                   Secretary will read.

9                   THE SECRETARY:     By Senator Diaz.  
10                  Legislative Resolution Number 5167,  
11                  commemorating the second anniversary of Dr. Ma  
12                  Ying-jeou's Presidency of Taiwan.

13                  "WHEREAS, May 20, 2010, will mark  
14                  the second anniversary of Dr. Ma Ying-jeou's  
15                  inauguration as the twelfth President of the  
16                  Republic of China (Taiwan); and

17                  "WHEREAS, This Legislative Body  
18                  passed a resolution (Senate Number 4906) in  
19                  March of 2008 congratulating the people of  
20                  Taiwan for the successful conduct of their  
21                  fourth direct and democratic presidential  
22                  election; and

23                  "WHEREAS, Taiwan is one of the  
24                  strongest democratic allies of the United  
25                  States in the Asia-Pacific region; and

1                   "WHEREAS, President Ma has  
2                   successfully enhanced mutual trust between the  
3                   United States and Taiwan since taking office;  
4                   and

5                   "WHEREAS, Through cross-strait  
6                   dialogues and flexible diplomacy, President Ma  
7                   has transformed the Taiwan Strait from a major  
8                   international flashpoint into a cornerstone  
9                   for peace and prosperity for East Asia; and

10                  "WHEREAS, The United States has  
11                  assisted Taiwan in participating in the World  
12                  Health Assembly as an observer in May of 2009,  
13                  and will continue supporting Taiwan's  
14                  meaningful participation in other United  
15                  Nations-affiliated organizations; and

16                  "WHEREAS, President Ma took major  
17                  steps to enhance Taiwan's rule of law and  
18                  protection of human rights by ratifying the  
19                  International Covenant on Civil and Political  
20                  Rights and the International Covenant on  
21                  Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in May of  
22                  2009; and

23                  "WHEREAS, President Ma is  
24                  determined to strengthen cooperation with the  
25                  United States in trade and investment,

1 students and cultural exchanges, tourism,  
2 scientific research, and many other areas; and

3 "WHEREAS, President Ma has  
4 expressed his hope that Taiwan and the United  
5 States will sign an extradition agreement,  
6 implement visa-free courtesies for Taiwanese  
7 travelers to the United States, and resume  
8 negotiation on a Trade and Investment  
9 Framework Agreement in the near future; and

10 "WHEREAS, The United States and  
11 Taiwan share a close and long-standing  
12 economic relationship, including \$61.6 billion  
13 of bilateral trade in 2008, making Taiwan the  
14 ninth largest trading partner of the United  
15 States; and

16 "WHEREAS, New York State exported  
17 approximately \$1.5 billion worth of products  
18 to Taiwan in 2008, making Taiwan the eighth  
19 largest foreign market for New York State; and

20 "WHEREAS, Many of the United  
21 States' top 500 companies headquartered in  
22 New York have invested in Taiwan, including  
23 IBM, Pfizer, Corning, Citigroup, MetLife, J.P.  
24 Morgan, and New York Life; and

25 "WHEREAS, The State of New York is



1 home to a large and thriving Taiwanese  
2 community, and has a maintained a friendly and  
3 fruitful sister-state relationship with Taiwan  
4 for many years; now, therefore, be it

5 "RESOLVED, That this Legislative  
6 Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate  
7 the second anniversary of President Ma  
8 Ying-jeou's inauguration, and to express and  
9 record its strong commitment to a closer  
10 economic partnership with Taiwan."

11 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
12 Senator Diaz, on the resolution.

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

15 Ladies and gentlemen, I am very  
16 honored and proud today that we in the  
17 New York State Senate are commemorating the  
18 second anniversary of President Ma Ying-jeou's  
19 inauguration as President of Taiwan. This  
20 commemoration is not only a personal  
21 celebration for President Ma, but it is also a  
22 celebration for democracy and a celebration  
23 for the people of Taiwan.

24 The accomplishments, dedication and  
25 determination shown by President Ma have

1       yielded economic and cultural benefits for  
2       Taiwan, for the United States, and for the  
3       great State of New York. New York State and  
4       New York City can also be proud today and  
5       claim President Ma as one of their own, since  
6       he obtained his master's in law degree from  
7       New York University in 1976 and completed an  
8       internship in a New York City law firm before  
9       returning to Taiwan.

10               As we heard in the resolution,  
11       ladies and gentlemen, Taiwan is the eighth  
12       largest foreign market for New York State, and  
13       many top New York companies such as IBM,  
14       Citigroup, and J.P. Morgan have all invested  
15       in Taiwan.

16               Mr. President and ladies and  
17       gentlemen, we pause today to celebrate this  
18       important occasion with three dignitaries from  
19       Taiwan: Ambassador Andrew J.C. Kao, Director  
20       General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural  
21       Office in New York; Director Simon Sung; and  
22       Director David Chien.

23               Ambassador Kao, Director Sung, and  
24       Director Chien, I am pleased to welcome you  
25       today to the New York State Senate chamber.

1                   Mr. President, ladies and  
2 gentlemen, in closing, I want to once again  
3 offer my sincere congratulations to President  
4 Ma, to Ambassador Kao, to Directors Sung and  
5 Chien, and to the people of Taiwan from the  
6 New York State Senate on this very happy  
7 occasion.

8                   And I thank you, Mr. President, my  
9 colleagues, ladies and gentlemen, for giving  
10 me the opportunity to bring to this chamber  
11 these distinguished people from the people of  
12 Taiwan that have contributed to the economy of  
13 this great state. And this resolution is open  
14 for all the members to join on.

15                  Thank you, Mr. President.

16                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     Thank  
17 you, Senator Diaz.

18                  Senator Stavisky, on the  
19 resolution.

20                  SENATOR STAVISKY:     Thank you,  
21 Mr. President. And thank you, Senator Diaz,  
22 for introducing this resolution.

23                  And I too would like to welcome my  
24 friends Ambassador Kao, David Chien and Simon  
25 Sung to Albany. This is not their -- at least

1 I know Simon has been here before. And to  
2 tell you how proud I am, gentlemen, to  
3 represent so many Asian-Americans in the  
4 New York State Senate.

5 My district has more than a hundred  
6 thousand people from that part of the world  
7 who came to New York, who came to primarily  
8 Flushing, seeking a better life. And they  
9 have been such an important resource. They  
10 brought with them a rich cultural heritage.  
11 They brought with them their families, in some  
12 cases. But they have transformed much of  
13 Queens with their contributions both to the  
14 economy but also to the social and political  
15 life of our community.

16 We've always had a warm friendship  
17 with the government of Taiwan. It is a strong  
18 democracy in a part of the world where strong  
19 democracies do not exist. Taiwan has been our  
20 trading partner, an important trading partner  
21 for New York State. I believe it's our eighth  
22 most important trading partner.

23 But it also has revitalized the  
24 community of Flushing. Approximately 30 years  
25 ago, the stores in Flushing were boarded up,

1 businesses were moving. And people originally  
2 from Taiwan came to Flushing, and we've  
3 seen -- we call it the renaissance. Flushing  
4 is now a thriving community, construction is  
5 going on, jobs are being created.

6 And this, I hope, can be replicated  
7 throughout our state, because it's a message  
8 of hope for the future. And Flushing has  
9 become what we call a destination of choice,  
10 and it is due in large part to the  
11 contributions of the Asian-Americans who  
12 settled in this part of Queens.

13 But particularly, today, we're  
14 paying tribute to the Taiwanese government.  
15 Ambassador Kao is the director general of the  
16 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, but he  
17 carries the rank of ambassador. And some of  
18 you are wondering; we don't have diplomatic  
19 relations with Taiwan in the sense of  
20 exchanging ambassadorships. And that, to me,  
21 is unfortunate, because we have some such a  
22 long-standing friendship with the people of  
23 the Republic of China.

24 And I am so proud to welcome you to  
25 our Capitol and to thank you for everything

1       that you've done to make our country a better  
2       country. And I look forward to working with  
3       you in the days to come. [In Chinese.]

4                ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     Thank  
5       you, Senator Stavisky.

6                Senator Schneiderman.

7                SENATOR STAVISKY:     And we have a  
8       Mandarin-speaking State Senator here who I  
9       hope will speak to us in English.

10               ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
11       Senator Schneiderman.

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

14               Senator Diaz wanted me to add a few  
15       words. [In Chinese.] So we're very happy to  
16       have you here.

17               I want to also mention that  
18       President Ma, ladies and gentlemen, whose  
19       anniversary we celebrate today, is someone who  
20       knows politics well. And you're welcome here.  
21       He was the mayor and was the first elected  
22       with very, very -- 51 percent of the vote,  
23       came back and won big and went on to great  
24       success. He was a party leader, someone who  
25       would be very comfortable here with us.

1                   So any time you want to come [in  
2 Chinese].

3                   Thank you, Mr. President.

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     Thank  
5 you, Senator Schneiderman.

6                   Senator Padavan, on the resolution.

7                   SENATOR PADAVAN:     Thank you,  
8 Mr. President.

9                   And thank you, Senator Diaz, for  
10 bringing this resolution before us again with  
11 our guests that are here.

12                  The sons and daughters of Taiwan  
13 have made, as has already been said, the part  
14 of Queens known as Flushing and its  
15 surrounding areas one of the most dynamic  
16 communities to be found anywhere in the  
17 nation, not only economically but in terms of  
18 art and culture, bringing to us -- and some  
19 great food, great restaurants -- bringing to  
20 us a way of life that was foreign to many but  
21 today is so well accepted.

22                  Political leaders -- our New York  
23 City comptroller is a son of Taiwan. The  
24 first Republican member of the City Council,  
25 Peter Koo, a son of Taiwan. So inroads into

1       our political process have been significant,  
2       and all for the better.

3               And we thank you for being here.  
4       We have many firms in Queens who not only  
5       export but also import -- Crystal Window is  
6       one that you're familiar with -- exporting  
7       their products to China and to the mainland.  
8       And that interchange of trade is fantastic,  
9       it's good for everybody.

10              So thank you so very much for being  
11       with us today.

12              ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     Thank  
13       you, Senator Padavan.

14              Senator Duane.

15              SENATOR DUANE:       Thank you very  
16       much, Mr. President.

17              I'm very pleased and honored to be  
18       in the presence of just wonderful leadership  
19       from Taiwan. As many of you know, I've been a  
20       visitor to Taiwan on more than one occasion.  
21       And I admire their democracy, I admire their  
22       freedom generally, and I also now have come to  
23       know the innovative way in which they provide  
24       healthcare, which I think has many lessons for  
25       us here in the United States.



1                   So I am very happy about the  
2                   friendship between our state and Taiwan, and I  
3                   wish for that to continue and to grow for many  
4                   years to come.

5                   Thank you, Mr. President.

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

8                   Senator Perkins.

9                   SENATOR PERKINS:       Thank you,  
10                  Mr. President.

11                  I want to take a moment to extend  
12                  my welcomes and appreciation to the ambassador  
13                  and to his colleagues and the people of  
14                  Taiwan.

15                  I join in recognizing President Ma  
16                  for his anniversary. I have had the privilege  
17                  of being his guest when I was in Taiwan at the  
18                  time he was the mayor, and he shared with us  
19                  his town, and we went to the city council  
20                  where he also shared with us what his city  
21                  council was doing.

22                  I think the most memorable moment I  
23                  had with him was when we discussed jogging.  
24                  He is apparently an avid jogger. And in fact  
25                  when he visited New York City as a guest of

1       now-Comptroller John Liu, we had made  
2       arrangements to go jogging together -- but he  
3       forgot his sneakers, he said.

4               So I want to tell you how much we  
5       appreciate the fact that we have such an  
6       important relationship with your country. We  
7       look forward to seeing that relationship grow.  
8       And if the president is in town, I'm looking  
9       forward to sharing a loop around Central Park  
10      with him if he has the time.

11              Thank you so much, and wonderful to  
12      see you again.

13              ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     Thank  
14      you, Senator Perkins.

15              Senator Squadron.

16              SENATOR SQUADRON:     Thank you,  
17      Mr. President.

18              I rise to join the chorus welcoming  
19      our visitors and acknowledging the strong  
20      relationship that we have. As the Senator who  
21      represents Chinatown, in the heart of  
22      Manhattan, which really is in many ways the  
23      cultural center of the Chinese experience in  
24      America for Chinese-Americans and visitors,  
25      the relationship with Taiwan has for over a

1       hundred years been extraordinary. The  
2       relationship with what is now such an  
3       important island nation is one that has really  
4       helped define the cultural life of the Lower  
5       East Side, the cultural life of New York City,  
6       the cultural life of our state entirely.

7               And today is just another step in  
8       what has been a relationship that has meant so  
9       much for so many. And so it's a great honor  
10      to have you and to share the State Senate's  
11      sentiments that this is a relationship that we  
12      all need, we all depend on, and we look  
13      forward to having many decades more of.

14             Thank you so much for being here.  
15      Thank you to Senator Diaz for sponsoring this  
16      resolution and hosting you today.

17             ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     Thank  
18      you, Senator Squadron.

19             As Senator Klein indicated, the  
20      resolution was previously adopted by the  
21      house.

22             Senator Diaz.

23             SENATOR DIAZ:     Mr. President,  
24      would you please allow Ambassador Kao to  
25      address the chamber?

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     I will  
2                   certainly do that.

3                   Before we do that, per your  
4                   request, the resolution is open to  
5                   cosponsorship by all members. Any Senator  
6                   wishing not to be a cosponsor should notify  
7                   the desk.

8                   And at this point, and with  
9                   unanimous consent, I'd like to welcome  
10                  Ambassador Andrew J.C. Kao, director general  
11                  of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in  
12                  New York State, to say a few words.

13                  Ambassador?

14                  AMBASSADOR KAO:     Honorable  
15                  President and all the Senators, good  
16                  afternoon.

17                  On behalf of President Ma Ying-jeou  
18                  and the government of the Republic of China in  
19                  Taiwan, I take great pride and honor to  
20                  receive this resolution and also the good  
21                  comments from my friends in the Senate.

22                  Certainly that I see the resolution  
23                  as a great encouragement and support from the  
24                  State of New York, and I truly believe that  
25                  with the continued joint efforts from our two

1 sides, the already cordial relationship  
2 between the United States and Taiwan will be  
3 further strengthened.

4 Thank you so much. Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:

7 Senator Klein.

8 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, I  
9 believe Senator Espada has a resolution at the  
10 desk. I ask that the resolution be read in  
11 its entirety and move for its immediate  
12 adoption.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:

14 Senator Klein, has this resolution been deemed  
15 privileged and submitted by the office of the  
16 Temporary President?

17 SENATOR KLEIN: Yes, it has,  
18 Mr. President.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
20 Secretary will read.

21 THE SECRETARY: By Senators Klein  
22 and Espada, legislative resolution celebrating  
23 the life and legacy of Meg Felice Charlop,  
24 distinguished citizen and devoted member of  
25 the community.

1                   "WHEREAS, It is the custom of this  
2       Legislative Body to pay tribute to the  
3       citizens of the State of New York whose  
4       lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance  
5       the quality of life in their communities and  
6       the great State of New York; and

7                   "WHEREAS, Meg Felice Charlop died  
8       tragically in a bicycle accident on Wednesday,  
9       March 17, 2010. She was 57 years old; and

10                  "WHEREAS, Meg Felice Charlop moved  
11       to the Bronx in 1976, during the darkest days  
12       of the borough's history, and worked as a  
13       community and housing organizer in the  
14       Morrisania section of the Bronx; and

15                  "WHEREAS, Meg Felice Charlop worked  
16       as a housing organizer and administrator for  
17       the Fordham Bedford Housing Corporation; and

18                  "WHEREAS, For the last 26 years,  
19       Meg Felice Charlop worked for the Montefiore  
20       Medical Center where she was a borough-wide,  
21       citywide, and national leader in the fight  
22       against childhood lead poisoning; and

23                  "WHEREAS, Meg Felice Charlop  
24       conceived of the idea and founded the  
25       Montefiore Hospital Lead Safe House, the first

1 in the City of New York and a citywide model  
2 funded by the former Bronx borough president,  
3 Fernando Ferrer; and

4 "WHEREAS, Since 1992, Meg Felice  
5 Charlop was employed as the director of  
6 community health for the Montefiore Hospital  
7 school-based health program, where she worked  
8 tirelessly to develop and promote health  
9 education programs for the public school  
10 children of the Bronx and advocated for policy  
11 initiatives to help make the Bronx and the  
12 city a healthier place to live; and

13 "WHEREAS, Meg Felice Charlop  
14 actively promoted bicycle riding as an  
15 alternative mode of transportation and a means  
16 to promote a healthy lifestyle. She was  
17 regularly seen riding her bike throughout the  
18 Bronx and to meetings in Manhattan; and

19 "WHEREAS, Meg Felice Charlop was  
20 honored as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Bronx  
21 Rotary Club Gift for Life Program and as a  
22 Bronx Mother of the Year by former Mayor David  
23 Dinkins; and

24 "WHEREAS, Meg Felice Charlop lived  
25 and was employed her entire adult life in the

1 Bronx, always working tirelessly and  
2 passionately to make it a better and healthier  
3 place to live and work; and

4 "WHEREAS, Meg Felice Charlop and  
5 her husband, Richard Powers, raised their four  
6 children, Sarah, Zachary, Rachel and Aaron, in  
7 the Bronx and educated them in New York City  
8 public schools. They all survive her, as well  
9 as three foster children, Chanda, Alicia, and  
10 Chris; and

11 "WHEREAS, Meg Felice Charlop leaves  
12 behind a legacy of love, commitment and  
13 community involvement which inspires us to  
14 continue to support and fight for the causes  
15 which she so passionately believed in and  
16 worked so tirelessly for; now, therefore, be  
17 it

18 "RESOLVED, That this Legislative  
19 Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate  
20 the life and accomplishments of Meg Felice  
21 Charlop, distinguished citizen and devoted and  
22 beloved member of her community; and be it  
23 further

24 "RESOLVED, That copies of this  
25 resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted



1 to the family of Meg Felice Charlop."

2 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:

3 Senator Espada, on the resolution.

4 SENATOR ESPADA: Thank you,  
5 Mr. President.

6 And certainly I want to thank  
7 Senator Klein and the house for giving me the  
8 opportunity to share some words regarding Meg  
9 Felice Charlop.

10 It was during the darkest moments  
11 of our beloved Bronx that I met Meg. And she  
12 took on the challenge of turning the burning  
13 Bronx, then the symbol of urban decay in the  
14 United States of America, into truly a story  
15 of urban renewal and renaissance, such that  
16 today there isn't a large tract of land that  
17 is vacant in the Bronx.

18 But it didn't stop there. All of  
19 her children, proud products of our public  
20 school system, her and her husband Richard did  
21 a great job with those children. But she  
22 always found time to do something for other  
23 children, leading the fight against childhood  
24 lead poisoning and involving herself in  
25 school-based health programs throughout the

1 Bronx.

2 It was indeed a tragic and  
3 premature death, but it was a heroic life that  
4 we celebrate today. And we thank this chamber  
5 for giving us the opportunity to pay homage to  
6 this fine, wonderful lady.

7 Thank you.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Thank  
9 you, Senator Espada.

10 Senator Klein, on the resolution.

11 SENATOR KLEIN: Thank you,  
12 Mr. President.

13 It's my pleasure to join my  
14 colleague Senator Espada in remembering the  
15 life of Megan Charlop.

16 I've also had the opportunity to  
17 know and work with Megan many years ago. In a  
18 previous life, I was in charge of a lead paint  
19 litigation unit in a law firm in Manhattan,  
20 and I had the opportunity to work with Megan.

21 While others were doubting the  
22 causation between children eating lead paint  
23 chips and all types of problems with motor  
24 skills and IQ scores, Megan was a fighter.  
25 She understood early on the horrible

1       circumstances that were taking place in our  
2       communities, especially communities of color,  
3       when children were ingesting lead paint.

4               She was a leader in this movement,  
5       and I was very proud of the fact that I was  
6       actually at the ribbon cutting when she  
7       founded the Montefiore Hospital Lead Paint  
8       Safe House, which was the first in New York  
9       City.

10              She's someone who was dubbed the  
11       "Mother Teresa of the Bronx." She's someone  
12       who was also always there to lend a helping  
13       hand. And I think each and every day, when  
14       she got up in the morning, her only goal was  
15       to make a positive difference in people's  
16       lives.

17              I know Senator Montgomery, in our  
18       house, is certainly one of the big supporters  
19       of child health-based clinics in schools.  
20       Well, Megan really led that cause in the  
21       Bronx. And when I was a member of the  
22       Assembly, I was very proud to open up several  
23       in Norwood schools, the area where Megan lived  
24       with her family.

25              I know we're joined here today by

1 Megan's daughter, Sarah Charlop Powers. And I  
2 know all of us, especially myself, who had the  
3 opportunity to know Megan for many years, I  
4 know her daughter should be very, very proud,  
5 because she was someone who really changed the  
6 way people looked at lead paint poisoning,  
7 changed the way children received healthcare,  
8 especially in the Bronx, and she's someone who  
9 I believe I'm a better person for having met  
10 Megan Charlop.

11 So thank you for letting me say a  
12 few words, Mr. President.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Thank  
14 you, Senator Klein.

15 Senator Stewart-Cousins, on the  
16 resolution.

17 SENATOR STEWART-COUSINS: Thank  
18 you, Mr. President.

19 I had heard about what happened to  
20 this extraordinary woman. And certainly  
21 recognize her daughter as having been very  
22 important in Yonkers as we move forward in our  
23 development on the waterfront.

24 But not having known her mom,  
25 knowing the legacy, knowing the interest that

1 she had in all things community and all  
2 people, I just wanted to say that we do have  
3 legislation moving through both houses that  
4 address the cause of death. And I believe she  
5 was cycling and was hit by a bus.

6 So I say this only to say that we  
7 are conscious of types of hazards that could  
8 befall cyclists and are trying to do something  
9 that it will be safer for people to engage in  
10 what would ordinarily be a healthy activity,  
11 not only for themselves personally but for the  
12 environment.

13 So although this wonderful woman is  
14 gone, I am hoping that one of the things we  
15 will be able to do in this Legislature is make  
16 it safer for people like your mom, who enjoyed  
17 riding her bike, and that in that way her  
18 legacy will again be continued and remembered.

19 Thank you.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Thank  
21 you, Senator Stewart-Cousins.

22 Senator Perkins.

23 SENATOR PERKINS: Thank you very  
24 much.

25 I just want to first acknowledge

1 the family for the wonderful work that your  
2 mother has given. Far beyond where she may  
3 have lived, her reputation was huge.

4 One of the great movements that  
5 took place in our city was the childhood lead  
6 paint poisoning prevention movement, which was  
7 a movement that had great resistance. It was  
8 sort of like a David and Goliath story because  
9 of those who were opposed to seeing that type  
10 of legislation that was so important to our  
11 children become law.

12 I know that she was in league with  
13 Lucy Billings, who is now a Supreme Court  
14 judge, and as well as Cordell Cleare, who's my  
15 chief of staff. They were amongst those whose  
16 children were poisoned. But instead of  
17 turning away in despair and cynicism, they  
18 turned towards government, they turned towards  
19 community organizing and community leadership  
20 to make a better day for not only their  
21 children but, more importantly, for the  
22 children that might unfortunately be exposed  
23 to that type of poisoning.

24 So she has a great legacy for us to  
25 remember here today. And in fact, I'm honored

1 to say we have a childhood lead paint  
2 poisoning bill in this Legislature that we are  
3 deliberating on that will take her movement to  
4 a statewide level, and hopefully we'll be able  
5 to do in the state what we were able to do in  
6 New York City and save more children from the  
7 hazards of childhood lead paint poisoning.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Thank  
9 you, Senator Perkins.

10 Are there any other Senators who  
11 wish to be heard?

12 Seeing none, the question is on the  
13 resolution. All in favor please signify by  
14 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: Thank you,  
23 Mr. President.

24 I believe Senator Breslin has a  
25 resolution at the desk. I ask that the title

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
4 Senator Klein, has this resolution been deemed  
5 privileged and submitted by the office of the  
6 Temporary President?

7 SENATOR KLEIN: Yes, it has,  
8 Mr. President.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
10 Secretary will read.

11 THE SECRETARY: By Senator  
12 Breslin, legislative resolution congratulating  
13 Rachele Prawdzik upon the occasion of her  
14 designation as Teenager of the Year by the  
15 Colonie Elks Lodge.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
17 question is on the resolution. All in favor  
18 signify by saying aye.

19 (Response of "Aye.")

20 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
21 Opposed, nay.

22 (No response.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
24 resolution is adopted.

25 Senator Klein.



1                   SENATOR KLEIN:     Mr. President, I  
2     believe Senator Breslin has another resolution  
3     at the desk. I ask that the title of the  
4     resolution be read and move for its immediate  
5     adoption.

6                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
7     Senator Klein, has this resolution been deemed  
8     privileged and submitted by the office of the  
9     Temporary President?

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

12                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
13     Secretary will read.

14                  THE SECRETARY:     By Senator  
15     Breslin, legislative resolution congratulating  
16     James Burr of Shaker High School upon the  
17     occasion of his designation as Teenager of the  
18     Year by the Colonie Elks Lodge.

19                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
20     question is on the resolution. All in favor  
21     signify by saying aye.

22                         (Response of "Aye.")

23                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
24     Opposed, nay.

25                         (No response.)

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
2     resolution is adopted.

3                   Senator Klein.

4                   SENATOR KLEIN:     Mr. President, I  
5     believe Senator Parker has a resolution at the  
6     desk. I ask that the title of the resolution  
7     be read and move for its immediate adoption.

8                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
9     Senator Klein, has this resolution been deemed  
10    privileged and submitted by the office of the  
11    Temporary President?

12                  SENATOR KLEIN:     Yes, it has,  
13    Mr. President.

14                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
15    Secretary will read.

16                  THE SECRETARY:     By Senator  
17    Parker, legislative resolution commemorating  
18    the 257th birthday of Francois Touissant  
19    L'Ouverture, leader of the Haitian Revolution.

20                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
21    Senator Parker, on the resolution.

22                  SENATOR PARKER:     Thank you,  
23    Mr. President.

24                  On May 20th we will be celebrating  
25    the birthday of Francois Touissant

1 L'Ouverture, the head of the Haitian  
2 Revolution.

3 Really, in the way we would think  
4 about him, he would be the George Washington  
5 of Haiti. He is someone who, under great  
6 odds, led this small country to the first  
7 successful revolt of any Caribbean nation, one  
8 of the most successful revolts, really, in the  
9 world's history in terms of throwing off the  
10 yoke of oppression.

11 He got a great deal of inspiration  
12 from his father, who was born free in Africa,  
13 and understood that slavery and bondage and  
14 oppression was not a natural state for people.  
15 He took the things that he had learned, you  
16 know, being in captivity and really not just  
17 forged greatness and a path for himself but  
18 also forged a great path for his people.

19 And so I just really want to take  
20 this moment to acknowledge his great works and  
21 the fact that it's meant so much to the people  
22 of the state.

23 I also want to take this moment  
24 because there's another privileged resolution  
25 coming up that I will forgo speaking on but

1 I'll take a couple of moments right now just  
2 to say that today is Haitian Flag Day, or  
3 Haitian Unity Day.

4 This is the day that is  
5 commemorated generally as the time that Haiti  
6 actually became a free nation and established  
7 itself by raising its own flag. And so as the  
8 who represents the 21st District in  
9 Brooklyn -- which is Flatbush and East  
10 Flatbush, Midwood, Ditmas Park, Kensington and  
11 Boro Park -- and functionally the largest  
12 concentration of Haitian people outside of  
13 Haiti, this is very important for the people  
14 of my district and my community.

15 Outside of Florida, the State of  
16 New York, which has a population of about  
17 200,000 people of Haitian descent, is the  
18 largest population of Haitian people, again,  
19 outside of Haiti in the world.

20 And so those folks have -- the  
21 people of Haiti have given so much not just to  
22 New York but to the culture of the United  
23 States and the world. For instance, John  
24 Audubon. We're all familiar with the Audubon  
25 Society. Well, that's named after John

1 Audubon, who was of Haitian descent and is  
2 really the name that we put associated with  
3 avian life, birds, wildlife, conservation and,  
4 just an example of someone who many of us  
5 might not have known was Haitian, has given a  
6 great deal to our society.

7 And so we remember Touissant  
8 L'Ouverture, we remember Haitian Flag Day.

9 And also today, in Rockland County,  
10 which outside of Brooklyn has the largest  
11 population, Rockland County and Spring Valley,  
12 New York -- and I'll say this, I didn't see  
13 him in the chamber, but I'll say this on  
14 behalf of Senator Thomas Morahan, who  
15 represents that community, that that is a  
16 thriving community exactly because of the  
17 Haitian community. They today celebrate  
18 Haitian Unity Day.

19 There are a number of members of  
20 that community who are here in Albany today,  
21 and we honor them and thank them for being  
22 part of this great experiment that we call  
23 New York and call America.

24 Thank you, Mr. President.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Thank

1       you, Senator Parker.

2               Senator Parker has asked that the  
3       resolution be open for cosponsorship. Any  
4       Senator wishing not to be a cosponsor should  
5       notify the desk.

6               The question is on the resolution.  
7       All in favor 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,  
16       can you just recognize Senator Stavisky for a  
17       brief announcement.

18              ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
19       Senator Stavisky.

20              SENATOR STAVISKY:     Yes, I just  
21       would like to welcome the class from P.S. 188  
22       in Oakland Gardens, Queens. They are on a  
23       class trip. And we welcome you all to Albany.

24              Thank you, Mr. President. And  
25       thank you, Senator Klein.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:

2       Welcome to our young friends from Queens.

3                   Senator Klein.

4                   SENATOR KLEIN:     Mr. President, I  
5       believe Senator Parker has another resolution  
6       at the desk. I ask that the title of the  
7       resolution be read and move for its immediate  
8       adoption.

9                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:

10      Senator Klein, has the resolution been deemed  
11      privileged and submitted by the office of the  
12      Temporary President?

13                  SENATOR KLEIN:     Yes, it has,  
14      Mr. President.

15                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
16      Secretary will read.

17                  THE SECRETARY:     By Senator  
18      Parker, legislative resolution memorializing  
19      Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim May 18,  
20      2010, as Haitian Unity Day in the State of  
21      New York.

22                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     All in  
23      favor of the resolution please signify by  
24      saying aye.

25                               (Response of "Aye.")

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:

2           Opposed, nay.

3                   The resolution is adopted.

4                   Senator Klein.

5                   SENATOR KLEIN:       Mr. President, I  
6           believe Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson has a  
7           resolution at the desk. I ask that the title  
8           of the resolution be read and move for its  
9           immediate adoption.

10                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
11           Senator Klein, has this resolution been deemed  
12           privileged and submitted by the office of the  
13           Temporary President?

14                  SENATOR KLEIN:       Yes, it has,  
15           Mr. President.

16                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:       The  
17           Secretary will read.

18                  THE SECRETARY:       By Senators  
19           Hassell-Thompson and Perkins, legislative  
20           resolution commemorating the 85th birthday of  
21           Malcolm X, a major leader in African-American  
22           history.

23                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
24           Senator Hassell-Thompson, on the resolution.

25                  SENATOR HASSELL-THOMPSON:       Thank



1       you, Mr. President. Just a moment to  
2       commemorate the memory of Malcolm X. Tomorrow  
3       would have been his 85th birthday.

4               And as someone who knew him as a  
5       revolutionary as well as a change agent in one  
6       lifetime, I was privileged to know him and I  
7       was very privileged to know and to work  
8       closely with his wife, Dr. Shabazz.

9               The advent of Malcolm X was such  
10      that he took you through many changes within  
11      his life. He was very much a part of my young  
12      years in terms of determining who I was and  
13      how I saw the world. And at the very time  
14      when Dr. King was talking about nonviolence,  
15      Malcolm X was preaching at whatever cost,  
16      whatever necessary to get the job done. When  
17      you're very impressionable, those are two very  
18      highly volatile thought processes to go  
19      through.

20              I like to believe that today I am a  
21      melding of both of those thought processes.  
22      And that as we commemorate the life of this  
23      man, that we do so with an understanding that  
24      his place in history was very critical and  
25      important to the growth of African-Americans

1 in this society. And that even though those  
2 who did not believe in him or believe in his  
3 theory still had to take notice that the world  
4 was changing and he was very much a part of  
5 those changes.

6 So thank you, Mr. President, for  
7 the opportunity to present this resolution  
8 today. And I would like to open this  
9 resolution to any who would like to share with  
10 me in this moment.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Thank  
12 you, Senator Hassell-Thompson.

13 Senator Perkins, on the resolution.

14 SENATOR PERKINS: Thank you very  
15 much.

16 I just want to take a moment to  
17 briefly recognize that tomorrow is the 85th  
18 birthday of Malcolm X, who was a central  
19 figure in obviously African-American and  
20 therefore American history -- world history,  
21 for that matter.

22 And interestingly, today we had the  
23 honor of our invocation being made by a member  
24 of the Ghanaian community who happens to be  
25 Muslim. And as you know, Malcolm X was a

1 Muslim. And so it's a wonderful coincidence  
2 that he made history today by virtue of being  
3 the first of that faith to make an invocation  
4 at this place in this chamber.

5 Malcolm X was one of the most  
6 outspoken activists on behalf of obviously the  
7 civil rights movement, and I am honored to be  
8 a cosponsor of this resolution.

9 Just I want to mention a few quick  
10 things memorable for me, at least, about  
11 Malcolm X. He was well known for his ability  
12 to move a audience with his passion and  
13 veracity. He would often say, "If you don't  
14 stand for something, you'll fall for  
15 anything."

16 And another thing I'd like to just  
17 quickly point out is that as a society we were  
18 taught many lessons from Malcolm X, lessons  
19 that will endure long after his words were  
20 spoken. One particular message echoes in my  
21 mind every time I enter this chamber or I  
22 stand ready and willing to defend the rights  
23 of my constituents: "Power in defense of  
24 freedom is greater than power on behalf of  
25 tyranny and oppression, because power, real

1 power, comes from our conviction, which  
2 produces action, uncompromising action."

3 As legislators, as citizens and as  
4 human beings, we must never forget Malcolm X  
5 and the wonderful words that he shared with  
6 us. Thank you.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Thank  
8 you, Senator Perkins.

9 The question is on the resolution.  
10 All in favor 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 Per Senator Hassell-Thompson's  
18 request, the resolution is open for  
19 cosponsorship. Any Senator wishing not to  
20 cosponsor the resolution should notify the  
21 desk.

22 Senator Klein.

23 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, I  
24 believe Senator Nozzolio has a resolution at  
25 the desk. I ask that the title of the

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:

4 Senator Klein, has this resolution been deemed  
5 privileged and submitted by the office of the  
6 Temporary President?

7 SENATOR KLEIN: Yes, it has,  
8 Mr. President.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
10 Secretary will read.

11 THE SECRETARY: By Senator  
12 Nozzolio, legislative resolution commemorating  
13 the 60th anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary  
14 of the Newark Volunteer Fire Department, to be  
15 celebrated May 22, 2010.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
17 question is on the resolution. All in favor  
18 signify by saying aye.

19 (Response of "Aye.")

20 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
21 Opposed, nay.

22 (No response.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
24 resolution is adopted.

25 Senator Klein.

1                   SENATOR KLEIN:     Mr. President, I  
2     believe Senator Nozzolio has another  
3     resolution at the desk. I ask that the title  
4     of the resolution be read and move for its  
5     immediate adoption.

6                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
7     Senator Klein, has this resolution been deemed  
8     privileged and submitted by the office of the  
9     Temporary President?

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

12                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
13     Secretary will read.

14                  THE SECRETARY:     By Senator  
15     Nozzolio, legislative resolution  
16     congratulating Teresa Caravita upon the  
17     occasion of her 100th birthday.

18                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
19     question is on the resolution. All in favor  
20     signify by saying aye.

21                         (Response of "Aye.")

22                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
23     Opposed, nay.

24                         (No response.)

25                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The

1 resolution is adopted.

2 Senator Klein.

3 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, I  
4 believe Senator Young has a resolution at the  
5 desk. I ask that the title of the resolution  
6 be read and move for its immediate adoption.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
8 Senator Klein, has this resolution been deemed  
9 privileged and submitted by the office of the  
10 Temporary President?

11 SENATOR KLEIN: Yes, it has,  
12 Mr. President.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
14 Secretary will read.

15 THE SECRETARY: By Senator Young,  
16 legislative resolution commemorating the 125th  
17 anniversary of the Woman's Christian  
18 Association Hospital.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: All in  
20 favor of adopting the resolution signify by  
21 saying aye.

22 (Response of "Aye.")

23 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
24 Opposed, nay.

25 (No response.)

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
2     resolution is adopted.

3                   Senator Klein.

4                   SENATOR KLEIN:     Mr. President,  
5     there will be an immediate meeting of the  
6     Environmental Conservation Committee, followed  
7     by an immediate meeting of the Investigations  
8     and Government Operations Committee, in  
9     Room 332.

10                  Pending the return of the  
11     Investigations and Government Operations  
12     Committee, may we please stand at ease.

13                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
14     Meetings of the Environmental Conservation  
15     Committee followed by the Investigations  
16     Committee.

17                  The Senate will stand at ease  
18     pending the return of these committees.

19                  (Whereupon, the Senate stood at  
20     ease at 1:53 p.m.)

21                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
22     Senate will please come to order.

23                  Senator Klein.

24                  SENATOR KLEIN:     Mr. President,  
25     there will be an immediate meeting of the



1 Rules Committee in the Majority Conference  
2 Room.

3 Pending the return of the Rules  
4 Committee, may we please stand at ease.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: There  
6 will be an immediate meeting of the Committee  
7 on Rules in Room 332 of the Capitol.

8 Pending the return of the Rules  
9 Committee, the Senate will continue to stand  
10 at ease.

11 (Whereupon, the Senate reconvened  
12 at 2:57 p.m.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
14 Senate will come to order.

15 Senator Klein.

16 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, if  
17 we could return to the order of reports of  
18 standing committees, I believe there's a  
19 report of the Rules Committee at the desk. I  
20 move we adopt the report at this time.

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

24 The Secretary will read.

25 THE SECRETARY: Senator Smith,

1 from the Committee on Rules, reports the  
2 following bills:

3 Senate Print 7835, by Senator C.  
4 Johnson, an act to amend Chapter 704 of the  
5 Laws of 1991;

6 And Assembly Print Number 11101, by  
7 Member of the Assembly Cahill, an act to amend  
8 the Economic Development Law.

9 Both bills ordered direct to third  
10 reading.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: All in  
12 favor of adopting the report of the Rules  
13 Committee indicate by saying aye.

14 (Response of "Aye.")

15 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
16 Opposed, nay.

17 (Response of "Nay.")

18 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
19 report of the Rules Committee is adopted.

20 Senator Klein.

21 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, at  
22 this time can we please go to a reading of the  
23 calendar.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
25 Secretary will proceed with a reading of the

1 calendar.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
3 431, by Member of the Assembly Weinstein,  
4 Assembly Print Number 2876, an act to amend  
5 the Court of Claims Act.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Read  
7 the last section.

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

10 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Call  
11 the roll.

12 (The Secretary called the roll.)

13 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
15 bill is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
17 439, by --

18 SENATOR KLEIN: Lay the bill  
19 aside for the day, please.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
21 bill is laid aside for the day.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
23 491, by Senator Foley, Senate Print 7047, an  
24 act to amend the Education Law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Read

1 the last section.

2 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
3 act shall take effect one year after it shall  
4 have become a law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Call  
6 the roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
10 bill is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
12 492, by Senator Klein, Senate Print 1899A, an  
13 act to amend the Penal Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Read  
15 the last section.

16 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
17 act shall take effect on the 90th day.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Call  
19 the roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
23 bill is passed.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
25 500, by Senator Peralta, Senate Print 7296A,

1 an act to amend the General Business Law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Read  
3 the last section.

4 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
5 act shall take effect on the 180th day.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Call  
7 the roll.

8 (The Secretary called the roll.)

9 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
10 Announce the results.

11 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60. Nays,  
12 1. Senator DeFrancisco recorded in the  
13 negative.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
15 bill is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
17 503, by Member of the Assembly Gabryszak,  
18 Assembly --

19 SENATOR SALAND: Mr. President.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
21 Senator Saland.

22 SENATOR SALAND: My apologies; a  
23 point of order. The last bill that we did,  
24 I'm having a difficult time --

25 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:

1 Calendar Number 500.

2 SENATOR SALAND: We just  
3 completed Calendar 500?

4 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: That  
5 was just passed. We're now on Calendar 503.

6 SENATOR SALAND: Thank you.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
8 Secretary will read.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
10 503, by Member of the Assembly Gabryszak,  
11 Assembly Print Number 9810, an act to amend  
12 the Public Authorities Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Read  
14 the last section.

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

17 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Call  
18 the roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
22 bill is passed.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
24 520, by Senator Thompson, Senate Print 5640A,  
25 an act to amend the Labor Law.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     Read  
2     the last section.

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

5                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     Call  
6     the roll.

7                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

8                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
9     Announce the results.

10                  THE SECRETARY:     In relation to  
11     Calendar Number 520, those Senators recorded  
12     in the negative are Senators Bonacic,  
13     Flanagan, Golden, Griffio, O. Johnson, Lanza,  
14     Larkin, Little, Saland, Seward, Skelos and  
15     Volker.   Also Senator Nozzolio.

16                  Ayes, 48.   Nays, 13.

17                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     The  
18     bill is passed.

19                  THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
20     522, by Senator L. Krueger, Senate Print  
21     5843B, an act to amend the Public Authorities  
22     Law.

23                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     Read  
24     the last section.

25                  THE SECRETARY:     Section 4.   This

1 act shall take effect immediately.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Call  
3 the roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
7 bill is passed.

8 Senator Klein, that completes the  
9 reading of the calendar.

10 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President,  
11 before we proceed, there's a bit of a  
12 milestone today. The bill that was passed,  
13 Senate Bill Number 7296A, was Senator  
14 Peralta's first bill to pass in the Senate.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
16 Congratulations, Senator Peralta.

17 (Applause.)

18 SENATOR KLEIN: We wish you many  
19 more.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
21 Senator Klein.

22 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, at  
23 this time can we please go to a reading of the  
24 supplemental calendar.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The



1 Secretary will proceed with the reading of  
2 Senate Supplemental Calendar 49A.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
4 556, by Senator C. Johnson, Senate Print 7835,  
5 an act to amend Chapter 704 of the Laws of  
6 1991, amending the Arts and Cultural Affairs  
7 Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Read  
9 the last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Call  
13 the roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
16 Senator Craig Johnson, to explain his vote.

17 SENATOR CRAIG JOHNSON: Thank you  
18 very much, Mr. President.

19 This is a 30-day extender of the  
20 ticket bill that will hopefully give the  
21 parties time to figure out a global  
22 resolution.

23 During that period of time, the  
24 committee which I chair, the Senate  
25 Investigations and Government Operations

1 Committee, is going to hold a hearing on the  
2 very issue underlying the tickets and resale  
3 of tickets. The hearing is going to be held  
4 on June 2nd. The tentative schedule time is  
5 going to be 12:30 here in Albany.

6 So for all members of the Senate  
7 body, not only those who serve on the  
8 committee but also other Senators who are  
9 interested, you're invited to attend the  
10 hearing.

11 Thank you very much. I'll be  
12 voting yes.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:  
14 Senator Craig Johnson to be recorded in the  
15 affirmative.

16 Announce the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61. Nays,  
18 0.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
20 bill is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
22 557, by Member of the Assembly Cahill,  
23 Assembly Print Number 11101, an act to amend  
24 the Economic Development Law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Read

1 the last section.

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: Call  
5 the roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
9 bill is passed.

10 Senator Klein, that completes the  
11 reading of Senate Supplemental Calendar 49A.

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

14 ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY: The  
15 desk is clear.

16 SENATOR KLEIN: Before we  
17 adjourn, Mr. President, I just want to  
18 announce following session the following  
19 committees will be meeting in Room 332.  
20 First, Commerce and Economic Development.  
21 Second, Local Government Committee. Third,  
22 Civil Service and Pension. And finally, the  
23 Education committee.

24 Again, those committees will be  
25 meeting in Room 332 immediately after session.

1                   SENATOR VOLKER:     Mr. President.

2                   ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:

3       Senator Volker.

4                   SENATOR VOLKER:     Excuse me.

5       There will be an immediate Republican  
6       conference in the conference room for the  
7       minority.

8                   Thank you, Senator Klein.

9                   SENATOR KLEIN:     Thank you.

10                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:

11       Republican conference in the Minority  
12       Conference Room.

13                  Senator Klein.

14                  SENATOR KLEIN:     There being no  
15       further business, Mr. President, I move that  
16       we adjourn at the call of the Temporary  
17       President, intervening days to be legislative  
18       days.

19                  ACTING PRESIDENT VALESKY:     On  
20       motion, the Senate stands adjourned at the  
21       call of the Temporary President, intervening  
22       days being legislative days.

23                  (Whereupon, at 3:06 p.m., the  
24       Senate adjourned.)

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