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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR RICHARD RAVITCH, President

ANGELO J. APONTE, Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

THE PRESIDENT: The Senate will please come to order.

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

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

THE PRESIDENT: Today's invocation will be provided by the Reverend Peter G. Young, from the Mother Teresa Community here in Albany.

REVEREND YOUNG: Thank you, Governor.

Let us pray.

Almighty and Eternal God, You have revealed Your glory to all nations. God of power and might, wisdom and justice comes to our Senators through Your authority and the prayer that Your laws are enacted and judgements are decreed, with our citizens benefiting from the dedication of our session today.

May we pray and thank God for those that have served in this Senate. And may we

again thank them for their service, for their new careers. And we again want to again welcome the new members.

And we would take a moment to remember, as a group, our Senator Morahan, who has passed since the last time that we've met, without an opportunity to thank God for this man. May we pray for him now in a moment of silence.

Amen.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Senate remains in extraordinary session.

The reading of the Journal.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: In Extraordinary Session Number II, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Saturday, November 27, was read and approved. On motion, Senate adjourned.

THE PRESIDENT: Without objection, the Journal stands approved as read.

Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, I believe there's a concurrent resolution at the desk by Senator Sampson. I ask that the title of the resolution be read and move for its immediate adoption.

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Klein, has this resolution been deemed privileged and submitted by the office of the Temporary President?

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: By Senator Sampson, Concurrent Resolution Number 2, relative to the adjournment of the Extraordinary Session of the Legislature sine die.

THE PRESIDENT: The question is on the concurrent resolution. All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

THE PRESIDENT: Opposed?

(No response.)

THE PRESIDENT: The concurrent

resolution is adopted.

Before this extraordinary session is adjourned, I would like to take the liberty of just saying a couple of personal words.

This has been an extraordinary experience for me in the last 15 months. I deeply appreciate the courtesies that have been extended to me by I think almost each and every one of you.

I've enjoyed the opportunity to have had an impact on the gargantuan problems that this state faces. I regret that I was not able to be more helpful in producing solutions.

I am constantly subjected to comments about how could I possibly have anything to do with such a dreadful body as the New York State Legislature. And I want to tell you -- and I read that every day, practically, in the newspapers. And I want to tell you that I appreciate the extraordinary difficulty, particularly of dealing with a body that's equally divided.

But I have to tell you I continue to believe that politics is not a dirty word,

it's the way that democracy makes decisions. And I think that each and every one of you in your own way care much more than you're given credit for for the well-being of the people of this state.

I know, because it's been a matter of great intellectual interest to me for thirty years, how serious the fiscal problems are and how difficult it is to make the changes that have to be made in the way benefits and burdens are allocated, particularly for people who have to run for election.

But I have a great underlying faith in the DNA of this country and of this state. I've lived here 77 years; I hope to be around a long time. Between me, my children, and my grandchildren, we own nine homes in the State of New York, so I have a stake not just as a matter of passion and commitment, but also with that investment of most of our family's resources.

And I want to tell you something that I have found. Despite the enormous frustrations, I have found this experience to

be fascinating, challenging. I've made friends that I hope that I'm able to keep.

And as you all look to the future, I can only say I wish you the best of luck, and Godspeed, and thank you again for your courtesies.

Thank you.

(Standing ovation.)

THE PRESIDENT: This extraordinary session is adjourned sine die.

(Whereupon, at 4:07 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)