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14 REGULAR SESSION

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18 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ROBERT J. DUFFY, President

19 FRANCIS W. PATIENCE, Secretary

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

2 THE PRESIDENT: The Senate will
3 come to order.

4 I ask everyone to please rise and
5 join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

8 THE PRESIDENT: The invocation
9 this afternoon will be given by The Venerable
10 David J. Collum, who is the Archdeacon of the
11 Episcopal Diocese of Albany and Dean of the
12 Cathedral of All Saints.

13 ARCHDEACON COLLUM: I thank you
14 for the privilege of being able to ask God's
15 favor upon each of you and upon this session.
16 I pray that my words will bring God's blessing
17 upon you. As I pray to God, I do so not to
18 proselytize you or to offend you, but to pray
19 to God for you in the way that I understand
20 God.

21 Almighty God, fountain of life and
22 source of all goodness, You made all things
23 and fill them with Your blessing. You created
24 them to rejoice in the splendor of Your
25 radiance, and You ordained men and women to

1 have charge over this, Your creation.

2 We thank You for calling men and
3 women from around this state to serve others
4 in governing. We thank You for putting us at
5 tasks which demand our best. We thank You
6 that You are faithful and that You hear the
7 prayers of Your people. We thank You for the
8 goodness and love which You have made known to
9 us.

10 Almighty God, we come today seeking
11 Your blessing upon our labors. Yet before
12 seeking our own needs this day, we pray for
13 those in our sister state of Arizona. Father,
14 men and women who came to support democracy
15 fell victim to violence. Amidst our shock and
16 sadness, grant us a spirit of faith and
17 courage that we may have the strength to meet
18 the days to come with steadfastness, patience,
19 and hope.

20 There are still those injured who
21 cling to life. Guide those who care for them
22 in their recovery. And we beseech You to
23 stretch out Your healing hand of love upon
24 them, especially the colleague of these my
25 brothers and sisters, Congresswoman Gabrielle

1 Giffords.

2 Lord, six died in this senseless
3 violence. Comfort their families that they
4 may cast all their care on You and know the
5 consolation of Your love. And for those who
6 are no longer with us but on a distant shore,
7 grant eternal rest to them, O Lord, and let
8 light perpetual shine upon them.

9 And now, Father, I ask that You
10 bless these men and these women. I ask You,
11 bless their lives and the lives of their
12 families, watch over and protect them, keep
13 them from harm and lead them into all truth.
14 I ask You, bless their work. You are our God
15 of order. Help them to order the affairs of
16 this state, that their work may bring peace,
17 prosperity and hope to the people they serve.

18 I ask You, bless their proceedings.
19 So much lies before them. Grant them
20 immeasurable wisdom to know which situations
21 to address first. In each of these
22 situations, there is so much complexity.
23 Enhance their understanding so that they may
24 truly see and know Your solution. Strengthen
25 their perseverance to reach those solutions

1 and to overcome the obstacles which seek to
2 create disunity and destroy their labors.

3 Finally, Almighty God, we ask You,
4 by Your mercy, that You would lead disparate
5 views and competing ideas into unity with
6 charity.

7 O Lord our God, accept these our
8 prayers. In the multitude of Your mercies,
9 look with compassion upon us who now turn to
10 You for help, for You are a gracious God. And
11 to You we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy
12 Spirit, now and forever.

13 Amen.

14 THE PRESIDENT: The reading of
15 the Journal.

16 The Secretary will read.

17 THE SECRETARY: In Senate,
18 Sunday, January 9, the Senate met pursuant to
19 adjournment. The Journal of Saturday,
20 January 8, was read and approved. On motion,
21 Senate adjourned.

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

25 Presentation of petitions.

1 Let the record show we are in
2 receipt of the State of the State message from
3 the Governor. I hand it down and ask that it
4 be filed in the Journal.

5 Messages from the Assembly.
6 Reports of standing committees.
7 Reports of select committees.
8 Communications and reports from
9 state officers.

10 Motions and resolutions.

11 Senator Libous.

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

14 Mr. President, in consultation with
15 Senator Sampson, I now hand up the following
16 Minority committee assignments and ask that
17 such assignments be filed into the Journal,
18 please.

19 THE PRESIDENT: So ordered.
20 Senator Libous.

21 SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you,
22 Mr. President.

23 Mr. President and my colleagues, I
24 too ask that we take a few moments here to
25 certainly observe a moment of silence in

1 respect for the victims in Tucson. Certainly
2 for Congresswoman Gifford, the 12 who were
3 injured, the six that were murdered.

4 And if we could just all stand,
5 Mr. President, as a body and pay our respects
6 and certainly our silent prayer.

7 THE PRESIDENT: Thank you,
8 Senator.

9 All rise.

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

12 THE PRESIDENT: Thank you,
13 Senator Libous.

14 Senator Libous.

15 SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you,
16 Mr. President.

17 Is there any further business at
18 the desk?

19 THE PRESIDENT: None.

20 SENATOR LIBOUS: There being no
21 further business at the desk, Mr. President, I
22 move that we adjourn until Tuesday,
23 January 11, at 11:00 a.m.

24 THE PRESIDENT: On motion, the
25 Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday,

1 January 11th, at 11:00 a.m.

2 (Whereupon, at 3:10 p.m., the

3 Senate adjourned.)

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