

1 NEW YORK STATE SENATE

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9 ALBANY, NEW YORK

10 March 3, 2011

11 11:15 a.m.

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14 REGULAR SESSION

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18 SENATOR JOSEPH E. ROBACH, Acting President

19 FRANCIS W. PATIENCE, Secretary

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

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

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

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT ROBACH: In the
9 absence of clergy, may we now please bow our
10 heads for a moment of silence.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT ROBACH: Reading
14 of the Journal.

15 THE SECRETARY: In Senate,
16 Wednesday, March 2, the Senate met pursuant to
17 adjournment. The Journal of Tuesday, March 1,
18 was read and approved. On motion, Senate
19 adjourned.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT ROBACH: Without
21 objection, the Journal stands approved as
22 read.

23 Presentation of petitions.

24 Messages from the Assembly.

25 Messages from the Governor.

1 Reports of standing committees.

2 Reports of select committees.

3 Communications and reports from
4 state officers.

5 Motions and resolutions.

6 Senator Libous.

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

9 There's a privileged resolution at
10 the desk, I believe by Senator Zeldin. Could
11 we have the title read and then move for its
12 immediate adoption.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT ROBACH: The
14 Secretary will read.

15 THE SECRETARY: By Senator
16 Zeldin, legislative resolution congratulating
17 Loretta Cesman upon the occasion of
18 celebrating her 100th Birthday.

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

22 (Response of "Aye.")

23 ACTING PRESIDENT ROBACH:
24 Opposed, nay.

25 (No response.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT ROBACH: The
2 resolution is adopted.

3 Senator Libous.

4 SENATOR LIBOUS: Could we have
5 the reading of the noncontroversial calendar
6 at this time.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT ROBACH: The
8 Secretary will read.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 75, by Senator Grisanti, Senate Print 1406, an
11 act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT ROBACH: Read
13 the last section.

14 THE SECRETARY: Section 9. This
15 act shall take effect immediately.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT ROBACH: Call
17 the roll.

18 (The Secretary called the roll.)

19 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 53.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT ROBACH: The
21 bill is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
23 Calendar Number 100, Senator O'Mara moves to
24 discharge, from the Committee on Elections,
25 Assembly Bill Number 5698 and substitute it

1 for the identical Senate Bill Number 3500,
2 Third Reading Calendar 100.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT ROBACH:
4 Substitution ordered.

5 The Secretary will read.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 100, by Member of the Assembly Millman,
8 Assembly Print Number 5698, an act to amend
9 the Public Officers Law and the Election Law.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT ROBACH: Read
11 the last section.

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

14 ACTING PRESIDENT ROBACH: Call
15 the roll.

16 (The Secretary called the roll.)

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 53.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT ROBACH: The
19 bill is passed.

20 Senator Libous.

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

23 I know we moved quite quickly; I
24 believe Senator Grisanti wanted to make a
25 statement on the bill of his that passed, and

1 for whatever reason the desk did not recognize
2 him. If I could have unanimous consent for
3 him to be recognized at this time.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT ROBACH: Without
5 objection.

6 Senator Grisanti.

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

9 The reason why I wanted to stand is
10 I wanted to again thank my colleagues and
11 friends for allowing a piece of history that
12 is sitting smack dab in the middle of Buffalo.
13 For the last 40 years, it's been vacant, with
14 no electricity, no running water. It's a
15 building designed by Richardson, the
16 landscaping was done by Olmsted, the same two
17 individuals that have designed this building
18 that we stand in here today. And it's a
19 complete shame at the mess that it's become.

20 And I appreciate the support on
21 both sides -- from Senator Kennedy, once
22 again, to help out Buffalo and to make sure
23 that this gets done. I appreciate it.

24 And I don't have anything else
25 today, until next week, so then we'll see what

1 happens at that point.

2 (Laughter.)

3 SENATOR GRISANTI: Thank you very
4 much. Thank you, Mr. President.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT ROBACH: Thank
6 you, Senator Grisanti.

7 Senator Libous.

8 SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. A couple of points.

10 I want to recognize for the house
11 that Senator O'Mara has just passed his first
12 piece of legislation.

13 (Applause.)

14 SENATOR LIBOUS: And,
15 Mr. President, if I could ask all the members
16 to rise, I'd like to have a moment of silence.

17 There were two U.S. airmen killed
18 senselessly in an act of violence that
19 occurred yesterday, March 2nd, over in
20 Frankfurt, Germany. If I could ask all the
21 members and the folks in the gallery to stand
22 so that we could have a moment of silence in
23 honor of them.

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

1 SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you,
2 Mr. President.

3 Mr. President, is there any further
4 business at the desk?

5 ACTING PRESIDENT ROBACH: There
6 is none.

7 SENATOR LIBOUS: Mr. President,
8 there being no further business, I move that
9 the Senate adjourn until Monday, March 7th, at
10 3:00 p.m., intervening days being legislative
11 days.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT ROBACH: On
13 motion, the Senate stands adjourned until
14 Monday, March 7th, at 3:00 p.m., intervening
15 days being legislative days.

16 Thank you, Senator Libous.

17 (Whereupon, at 11:21 a.m., the
18 Senate adjourned.)
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