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REGULAR SESSION

SENATOR JOSEPH A. GRIFFO, Acting President

FRANCIS W. PATIENCE, Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: There has been notice, and the Senate has come into session.

I ask all present to please rise and join with me as we recite the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: I ask all present, in the absence of clergy, to please bow your head in a moment of silent reflection.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Thursday, June 16, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Wednesday, June 15, was read and approved. On motion, Senate adjourned.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Without objection, the Journal stands

approved as read.

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

Messages from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

Reports of select committees.

Communications and reports from state officers.

Motions and resolutions.

Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, I hope everybody had a good weekend.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Alesi, I offer the following amendments to Calendar Number 1357, Senate Print Number 5587B, and ask that said bill retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The amendments are received, and the bill will retain its place on third reading.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, I wish to call up Senate Print Number 4530A, recalled from the Assembly, which is now at

the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 915, by Senator Saland, Senate Print 4530A, an act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, I now move to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll on reconsideration.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, I now offer the following amendments.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The amendments are accepted.

Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: If we can now go to reports of standing committees, I believe there's a report of the Rules Committee at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Reports of standing committees.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Skelos, from the Committee on Rules, reports the following bill direct to third reading:

Senate Print 5807, by Senator Skelos, an act to amend Chapter 576 of the Laws of 1974.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, I move that we accept the report of the Rules Committee.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: All in favor of accepting the report of the Rules Committee signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Rules report is accepted, Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: If we could now go to Senate Supplemental Calendar 56A, noncontroversial.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1377, by Senator Skelos, Senate Print 5807, an act to amend Chapter 576 of the Laws of 1974.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, is there a message at the desk?

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: There is a message at the desk.

SENATOR SKELOS: Move to accept.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: All in favor of accepting the message of necessity by the Governor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The message is accepted.

The Secretary will read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

SENATOR SKELOS: Thank you, Mr. President.

There will be a Majority conference on Monday at 11:00 a.m.

And there being no further business to come before the Senate, I move we stand adjourned until Monday --

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Skelos, one second, please.

Senator Hassell-Thompson.

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

There will be an immediate meeting of the Democratic Conference in the Democratic Conference Room.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: There will be an immediate meeting following session of the Democrat Conference in the Democratic Conference Room.

One second, please. We're not complete yet. I would ask all members to remain in their seats.

Senator Skelos.

SENATOR SKELOS: Mr. President, sometimes life is not easy. And I believe the Assembly passed the bill, so we may have to uncross the two.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Skelos, we've been informed that the Senate did indeed pass the bill first and that the Assembly is taking the bill up now. So we will now take your announcements into consideration.

SENATOR SKELOS: I knew we moved faster than the Assembly.

There being no further business to come before the Senate, I move we stand adjourned until Monday, June 20th, at 12:00 noon, intervening days being legislative days.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: So there will be an immediate meeting of the Democrat Conference in the Democrat Conference Room.

There will be an 11:00 a.m. conference on Monday, June 20th, in the Republican Majority Conference Room of the Republican Majority.

On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Monday, June 20th, at noon, intervening days being legislative days.

(Whereupon, at 5:56 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)