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18 SENATOR JACK MARTINS, Acting President

19 FRANCIS W. PATIENCE, Secretary

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

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

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

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: In
10 the absence of clergy, may we please bow our
11 heads in a moment of silence.

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

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The
15 reading of the Journal.

16 THE SECRETARY: In Senate,
17 Monday, March 5th, the Senate met pursuant to
18 adjournment. The Journal of Sunday,
19 March 4th, was read and approved. On motion,
20 Senate adjourned.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS:
22 Without objection, the Journal stands approved
23 as read.

24 Presentation of petitions.

25 Messages from the Assembly.

1 The Secretary will read.

2 THE SECRETARY: On page 12,
3 Senator McDonald moves to discharge, from the
4 Committee on Local Government, Assembly Bill
5 Number 4326 and substitute it for the
6 identical Senate Bill Number 2460, Third
7 Reading Calendar 210.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The
9 substitution is ordered.

10 Messages from the Governor.

11 Reports of standing committees.

12 The Secretary will read.

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

16 As Medicaid Inspector General,
17 James C. Cox, of East Greenbush.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS:
19 Senator DeFrancisco.

20 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Thank you,
21 Mr. President.

22 I proudly rise to move the
23 nomination of James C. Cox, of East Greenbush,
24 as the Medicaid Inspector General.

25 You know, I've said this, it's

1 almost like a broken record -- maybe I'll tape it
2 before the next nomination day -- that the
3 Governor has continuously provided us with
4 topnotch people who know government, want to
5 serve in government, have the experience that is
6 needed to perform the position to which the
7 Governor has nominated the nominee and, in this
8 case, has already been on the job demonstrating
9 that he will be a phenomenal appointment.

10 One of the main issues last year --
11 well, two main issues on this particular
12 nominee -- is that we all in this body want to
13 make sure that we very strongly go after Medicaid
14 fraud. Because the Medicaid dollar is limited,
15 and we've got to make sure those who truly need
16 that help get that help and it's not taken away
17 by people fraudulent milking the system.

18 Well, this nominee, James Cox, has
19 the experience with the federal government in
20 doing just that. He's already charged ahead in
21 that regard.

22 The second issue has been to make
23 sure that those who are investigated have due
24 process rights and are treated fairly during the
25 course of the investigation.

1 We passed a bill here last year,
2 the Governor vetoed it and promised that he would
3 get together with his Medicaid Inspector General,
4 with the providers, to make sure that there is a
5 good, solid due process behind the
6 investigations. And that has already begun. And
7 we questioned Mr. Cox about that in our Finance
8 meeting.

9 So the Governor has done what he
10 said he was going to do. He's appointed someone,
11 again, who is an outstanding candidate, and I am
12 proud to move his nomination.

13 Thank you, Mr. President.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Thank
15 you, Senator DeFrancisco.

16 Senator Hannon.

17 SENATOR HANNON: Thank you,
18 Mr. President. I rise to back the advancement of
19 Mr. Cox to be nominated to be the Medicaid
20 Inspector General.

21 As an original sponsor of the
22 office of the Medicaid Inspector General, and as
23 someone who has dealt with both the positive and
24 negative aspects of the office over the past few
25 years, I've been delighted to, after meeting

1 several times with Mr. Cox, to find out that he
2 has vast experience in the field of oversight of
3 people providing health services.

4 He served in the Office of
5 Inspector General and was the Regional Inspector
6 General for the U.S. Department of Health and
7 Human Services. In fact, at one point during his
8 career he was teaching other auditors for the
9 nation in regard to this.

10 That being said, when he came
11 before the Health Committee he talked about a
12 balance, a balance of making sure that we are
13 scrupulous about going after Medicaid fraud in
14 this state and, as Senator DeFrancisco said,
15 about being fair in regard to what is happening
16 during the course of going after people who are
17 suspected of Medicaid fraud.

18 And of course the Office of
19 Inspector General doesn't do the fraud
20 prosecution because the statute clearly says that
21 should be referred to the Medicaid Fraud Unit of
22 the Attorney General.

23 That being said, he is
24 extraordinarily well qualified. He has a large
25 challenge ahead because the budget this year

1 proposes pretty much the same type of target
2 recoveries as it did last year, which means that
3 there will be a little bit of angst in the course
4 of him doing a good job.

5 And with that, I would like to
6 commend him to this body. Thank you.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Thank
8 you very much, Senator Hannon.

9 Anyone else wishing to be heard?

10 Seeing no one, the question is on
11 the nomination of James C. Cox as Medicaid
12 Inspector General. All in favor signify by
13 saying aye.

14 (Response of "Aye.")

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS:
16 Opposed, nay.

17 (No response.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The
19 ayes have it. James C. Cox is hereby confirmed
20 as Medicaid Inspector General.

21 Mr. Cox, congratulations.

22 (Applause.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Mr. Cox
24 is joined here this afternoon by his wife, Dawn,
25 and his daughter Ashley.

1 Thank you very much for joining
2 us. Congratulations, Godspeed to all of you, and
3 we're looking forward to great things from you as
4 well. Thank you, Mr. Cox.

5 The Secretary will read.

6 THE SECRETARY: As member of the
7 Battery Park City Authority, Martha J. Gallo, of
8 New York.

9 And as members of the New York
10 State Council on the Arts, Amy Cappellazzo, of
11 New York City, and Robert Colacello, of
12 East Hampton.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Senator
14 DeFrancisco.

15 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I move the
16 nominations.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Thank
18 you.

19 Senator Squadron.

20 SENATOR SQUADRON: Thank you,
21 Mr. President.

22 I rise in support of Martha Gallo
23 as an appointment to the Battery Park City
24 Authority.

25 Down in Battery Park City, which is

1 a state authority that oversees one of the great
2 thriving neighborhoods in our state, on the
3 southern tip of Manhattan, a neighborhood that
4 has been built literally from the river over the
5 last 40 years and has rebuilt itself in a way no
6 one thought imaginable 10 years ago after
7 September 11, 2001 -- it's a neighborhood that I
8 am proud to represent and a neighborhood in
9 which, though it is controlled by a state
10 authority, there has been a push for many years
11 to increase the local representation on the board
12 of the Battery Park City Authority.

13 Martha Gallo has been involved in
14 the civic affairs of Batter Park City. She has
15 been a community leader. She also has experience
16 in finance and municipal finance, which are
17 important qualities on the board of the Battery
18 Park City Authority. And her appointment by the
19 Governor is one that I want to really hail and
20 thank the Governor for.

21 Along with Speaker Silver, who also
22 represents Battery Park City, we have been
23 pushing, with the community support, for
24 increased local representation. Martha Gallo is
25 an important step.

1 Now, I'd like to see more. Just
2 one local activist on the Battery Park City
3 Authority Board when you have this existing
4 vibrant neighborhood isn't sufficient, but it is
5 an important step in the right direction.

6 Martha will be great. The Governor
7 deserves a great deal of credit for this
8 appointment, and I thank him. And in the
9 community we look forward to having her on the
10 board.

11 Thank you, Mr. President.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Thank
13 you, Senator Squadron.

14 The question is on the nominations
15 of Martha J. Gallo as a member of the Battery
16 Park City Authority; Amy Cappellazzo, as a member
17 of the New York State Council on the Arts; and
18 Robert Colacello, as a member of the New York
19 State Council on the Arts. All in favor please
20 signify by saying aye.

21 (Response of "Aye.")

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS:
23 Opposed, nay.

24 (No response.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The

1 ayes have it. The nominations are confirmed.

2 Congratulations to Martha Gallo,
3 Amy Cappellazzo, and Robert Colacello.

4 Reports of select committees.

5 Communications and reports from
6 state officers.

7 Motions and resolutions.

8 Senator Libous.

9 SENATOR LIBOUS: Mr. President, we
10 have an announcement, I believe, by Senator
11 Farley at this time.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Senator
13 Farley.

14 SENATOR FARLEY: Thank you very
15 much, Mr. President.

16 This is quite a thrill for me to
17 say that we have the people from WGNA and
18 Blue Friday, an operation that recognizes
19 law enforcement officers that have been killed in
20 the line of duty, and their families, and also
21 law enforcement officers that serve today.

22 Now, on Friday, March 9th -- that's
23 this Friday -- from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30, WGNA,
24 DeNooyer Chevrolet, and Blue Friday of New York
25 will be taking donations for a blue carnation for

1 Blue Friday and selling t-shirts at DeNooyer
2 Chevrolet and Pizzeria Uno in Wilton. Over 25
3 agencies will be represented at the two
4 franchises, and all proceeds will go directly to
5 Blue Friday.

6 It's a wonderful way to show
7 support for this wonderful organization,
8 Blue Friday New York, which serves the families
9 of our dedicated police officers who were
10 tragically killed in the line of duty.

11 And today we have in the gallery
12 some very important people: The operations
13 manager of my favorite station, Tom Jacobsen, and
14 the WGNA morning hosts, the nationally recognized
15 Richie Phillips and Sean McMaster -- both are my
16 buddies, incidentally.

17 And we also have with us
18 Blue Friday New York President Patrick Fox, a
19 retired Albany police officer, and Vice President
20 Lou Somma, retired from the Saratoga County
21 Sheriff's Department, and Director Tom McGraw, a
22 detective with the Albany Police Department.

23 And we're delighted to have them in
24 the gallery and to celebrate Blue Friday, which
25 is this Friday. And I ask, Mr. President, if you

1 would recognize them in the gallery up here.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS:

3 Gentlemen, congratulations. Thank you very much
4 for being here.

5 (Applause.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: We
7 extend to you the courtesies of the house. Thank
8 you.

9 Senator Libous.

10 SENATOR LIBOUS: Mr. President,
11 could you call on Senator Young for the purposes
12 of an announcement.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Senator
14 Young.

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

17 It's been an incredibly busy day
18 here at the Capitol. There's so many groups here
19 from across the state who are visiting us to put
20 forward their very important issues.

21 But I do want to draw attention to
22 two groups in particular, because they are
23 celebrating 35 years of success. And those two
24 group are the Rural Preservation Program and the
25 Neighborhood Preservation Program, and they are

1 celebrating their anniversary. They provide, as
2 we know, critical services in our communities
3 across the state.

4 So we're very, very happy to have
5 them with us today. And I wanted to let all of
6 my colleagues know that we will be passing a
7 resolution in honor of their 35th anniversary,
8 and I would invite all of my colleagues who want
9 to join in to join in on the resolution so that
10 we all can show our support from the New York
11 State Senate.

12 Thank you, Mr. President.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Thank
14 you, Senator Young.

15 Senator Libous.

16 SENATOR LIBOUS: Mr. President, at
17 this time Senator Perkins should be called on for
18 the purposes of an announcement.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Thank
20 you.

21 Senator Perkins.

22 SENATOR PERKINS: Thank you very
23 much, Mr. President.

24 I just wanted to take a brief
25 moment to acknowledge some guests that we have

1 amongst us today. They call themselves DREAMers,
2 and they are here, 250 strong, to get the
3 opportunity to speak to our colleagues not only
4 on the Senate side but also in the Assembly.

5 They're young people who have these
6 great aspirations to live up to the American
7 dream of a quality education and to advocate that
8 the DREAM Act, that I'm sponsoring here and that
9 Guillermo Linares is sponsoring in the Assembly,
10 be passed and that they be given the opportunity
11 to get a quality university education.

12 They are, again, 250 strong, of
13 approximately 5,000 that are part of our great
14 state. And I just wanted to acknowledge them and
15 praise them for their vision and for their
16 diligence in fighting an uphill battle with a
17 faith that can only result in victory on their
18 behalf.

19 So thank you very much for the
20 opportunity to recognize them for being with us
21 today, and we look forward to fulfilling their
22 dreams as we pursue the voting and recommending
23 this legislation to the Governor for his
24 signature.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Thank

1 you, Senator Perkins.

2 And thank you all for coming
3 today. It really is great to see you here, and
4 congratulations. Senator Perkins, thank you for
5 that statement.

6 Senator Libous.

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

9 I believe that completes our
10 announcements, and we'll now have the reading of
11 the noncontroversial calendar.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The
13 Secretary will read.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
15 210, substituted earlier today by Member of the
16 Assembly Jordan, Assembly Print 4326, an act to
17 provide for the creation of the Stephentown
18 Memorial Library District.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Read
20 the last section.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Call
24 the roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS:

2 Announce the results.

3 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
4 Calendar Number 210: Ayes, 56. Nays, 1.
5 Senator Ball recorded in the negative.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The
7 bill is passed.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 216, by Senator Larkin, Senate Print 4676, an act
10 to remove from the Albert Wisner Memorial
11 Library.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Read
13 the last section.

14 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
15 act shall take effect on the first of July.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Call
17 the roll.

18 (The Secretary called the roll.)

19 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The
21 bill is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 224, by Senator Lanza, Senate Print 6219, an act
24 to amend Chapter 306 of the Laws of 2011.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Read

1 the last section.

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Call
5 the roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The
9 bill is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
11 234, by Senator Martins, Senate Print 6483, an
12 act to amend the Local Finance Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Read
14 the last section.

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

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Call
18 the roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Senator
21 Krueger to explain her vote.

22 SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you very
23 much, Mr. President.

24 I understand the intention of the
25 bill, but I want to go on record that it does add

1 some risk for the process of bringing bonds to
2 the market. And that at least I have been
3 advised that there are some ways for New York
4 State to deal with this issue rather than
5 dropping the requirement as we currently have it
6 under law.

7 So while I would be certainly open
8 to changing my vote if in fact negotiations took
9 place that made some changes in the bill, at this
10 point in time I am voting no.

11 Thank you very much.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Senator
13 Krueger will be recorded in the negative. Thank
14 you, Senator Krueger.

15 Announce the results.

16 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56. Nays,
17 1. Senator Krueger recorded in the negative.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The
19 bill is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 236, by Senator Hannon, Senate Print 3672, an act
22 to amend the Public Health Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Read
24 the last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This

1 act shall take effect immediately.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Call
3 the roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The
7 bill is passed.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 237, by Senator Alesi, Senate Print 4055A, an act
10 to amend the Public Health Law.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Read
12 the last section.

13 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
14 act shall take effect one year after it shall
15 have become law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Call
17 the roll.

18 (The Secretary called the roll.)

19 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The
21 bill is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 238, by Senator Gallivan, Senate Print --

24 SENATOR LIBOUS: Lay the bill
25 aside for the day.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The
2 bill is laid aside for the day.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 239, by Senator Ball, Senate Print 6305, an act
5 to amend the Public Health Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Read
7 the last section.

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

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Call
11 the roll.

12 (The Secretary called the roll.)

13 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The
15 bill is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 244, by Senator Larkin, Senate Print 1506, an act
18 to amend the Highway Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Read
20 the last section.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Call
24 the roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Senator
2 Larkin to explain his vote.

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

5 Once again I rise to ask my
6 colleagues on the other side and on this side, if
7 you know anybody on the other side that's
8 concerned about honesty, decency, respect for
9 others -- we've passed this bill for General
10 Petraeus the last four years.

11 The President of the United States
12 thought greatly of this gentleman to ask him to
13 do the surge in Iraq and Afghanistan. He just
14 asked him to be the CIA director. It would seem
15 to me if the President of the United States
16 thinks he's a distinguished and competent
17 individual, we in the State of New York -- we,
18 the Senate, unanimously have passed this to
19 designate this highway. Our villages, our towns,
20 and our county have all asked for it.

21 And it gets blocked again in the
22 New York State Assembly. Rationale, I don't
23 know. The chairman of the committee won't return
24 my calls. His staff's answer is he's too busy.

25 General Petraeus has been busy for

1 37 years serving our country, and now he's got
2 one of the highest jobs in the cabinet of
3 President Obama. Designating this road for
4 General Petraeus, an area which he just didn't
5 invent -- he was born there, went to grammar
6 school there, went to high school. And at the
7 end of this road is where he went to the United
8 States Military Academy, becoming a distinguished
9 graduate.

10 Thirty-seven years of service to
11 his country, four-star general, one of the most
12 decorated officers we've ever had in our
13 country. Lauded by foreign governments from A to
14 Z. And all we're asking for is a little
15 cooperation from the other house to name this
16 road in honor of a distinguished American.

17 I thank you in this chamber for the
18 support you have given to this bill for the past
19 four years, and I ask that it once again be a
20 unanimous vote. And would you mind, please,
21 calling somebody you know in the other house and
22 saying, "Wake up. If he's good enough for the
23 president, he ought to be good enough for us."

24 Thank you.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Thank

1 you, Senator Larkin.

2 Announce the results.

3 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The
5 bill is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 245, by Senator Libous, Senate Print 2751A, an
8 act to amend the Highway Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Read
10 the last section.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Call
14 the roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Senator
17 Libous to explain his vote.

18 SENATOR LIBOUS: Mr. President, I
19 stand with my colleague Senator Larkin.

20 This bill has passed the Senate
21 probably seven, eight times. And for whatever
22 reason, someone in the Assembly doesn't like
23 Ronald Reagan, and I'm very dismayed by that.

24 But this is changing the Ronald
25 Reagan Highway in Tioga County, which I

1 represent. My Assembly colleague who represents
2 the area can't get the bill out of committee.
3 It's pretty pathetic. Actually, it's very
4 pathetic.

5 This is something in our district.
6 I think if the Legislature -- and certainly I
7 would think that everybody in this house would
8 agree with me, if there's something as simple as
9 this that the people want and it can't get out of
10 the committee in the Assembly, it's pathetic.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Thank
12 you, Senator Libous.

13 Announce the results.

14 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
15 Calendar Number 245, those recorded in the
16 negative are Senators Adams, Krueger, Parker and
17 Rivera.

18 Ayes, 54. Nays, 4.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The
20 bill is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 248, by Senator Young, Senate Print 5060B, an act
23 to amend the Highway Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Read
25 the last section.

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Call
4 the roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The
8 bill is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 249, by Senator Libous, Senate Print 5132C, an
11 act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Read
13 the last section.

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

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Call
17 the roll.

18 (The Secretary called the roll.)

19 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The
21 bill is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 250, by Senator Skelos, Senate Print 5563, an act
24 to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: There

1 is a home-rule message at the desk.

2 Read the last section.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Call
6 the roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The
10 bill is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 251, by Senator Farley, Senate Print 5765, an act
13 relating to permitting.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Read
15 the last section.

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

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Call
19 the roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The
23 bill is passed.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 252, by Senator Grisanti, Senate Print 6323, an

1 act to amend the Highway Law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Read
3 the last section.

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

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Call
7 the roll.

8 (The Secretary called the roll.)

9 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The
11 bill is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
13 258, by Senator Gallivan, Senate Print 5493A, an
14 act to amend the Social Services Law.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Read
16 the last section.

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

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Call
20 the roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56. Nays,
23 2. Senators Duane and Krueger recorded in the
24 negative.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: The

1 bill is passed.

2 Senator Libous, that completes the
3 reading of the noncontroversial calendar.

4 SENATOR LIBOUS: Mr. President, is
5 there any further business at this time at the
6 desk?

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: No,
8 there is none.

9 SENATOR LIBOUS: If there's no
10 further business at the desk, I would ask that
11 you call on Senator Breslin at this time.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Senator
13 Breslin.

14 SENATOR BRESLIN: Thank you,
15 Mr. President.

16 This is a very important day in the
17 State Senate. We've passed legislation in this
18 house for the General Petraeus Highway, passed
19 legislation for the Ronald Reagan Highway. And
20 it also happens to be, thirdly, the birthday of
21 Senator Kevin Parker.

22 (Laughter.)

23 SENATOR BRESLIN: So I would like
24 to applaud his birthday on this day.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Senator

1 Parker, happy birthday. Many more.

2 (Applause.)

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: Senator
4 Libous.

5 SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you,
6 Mr. President.

7 As we close out this session on
8 Senator Parker's birthday, there being no further
9 business at the desk, I move that we adjourn
10 until March 7th at 11:00 a.m.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MARTINS: On
12 motion, the Senate stands adjourned until
13 March 7th, 11:00 a.m.

14 (Whereupon, at 3:48 p.m., the Senate
15 adjourned.)

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