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FRANCIS W. PATIENCE, Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: The Senate will come to order.

I ask everyone to please rise and join with me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Please remain standing, as we have for an invocation today the Reverend Peter G. Young, of the Mother Teresa Community Church in Albany.

REVEREND YOUNG: Thank you, Senator.

Let us pray.

As we conclude the winter season in this beautiful day, may we again bring our focus to the Senate chamber. And by being a Senator, you have been accepted into the leadership position so that you can more fully serve the people of our Empire New York State.

In this spirit of community, our prayer today will be to better achieve the goal of dedicated representation in the power

that is entrusted to all of our legislators and staff. In your leadership role, may you attain your satisfaction in your services to your constituents.

Amen.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Thank you, Father Young.

The reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Sunday, March 18th, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Saturday, March 17th, was read and approved. On motion, Senate adjourned.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Without objection, the Journal stands approved as read.

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: On page 15, Senator Grisanti moves to discharge, from the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Assembly Bill Number 9272 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill Number 6401A, Third Reading Calendar 298.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA:

Substitution ordered.

Messages from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

Reports of select committees.

Communications and reports from state officers.

Motions and resolutions.

Senator Libous.

SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you, Mr. President.

I move to amend Senate Print 2004A by striking out the amendments made on 6/13/2011 and restoring it to its original print number, 2004.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: So ordered.

SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA:

Senator Libous.

SENATOR LIBOUS: Mr. President, at this time there will be an immediate meeting of the Finance Committee in Room 332, an immediate meeting of the Finance Committee

in Room 332.

Pending the return of the Finance Committee, the Senate will stand at ease.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: There will be an immediate meeting of the Senate Finance Committee in Room 332.

The Senate will stand at ease.

(Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease at 3:21 p.m.)

(Whereupon, the Senate reconvened at 3:35 p.m.)

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Senator Libous.

SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you, Mr. President.

May we please return to reports of standing committees. I believe there's a report of the Finance Committee at the desk. I ask that it be read at this time.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Reports of standing committees.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator DeFrancisco, from the Committee on Finance, reports the following nomination.

As member and chair of the New York State Housing Finance Agency and as director and chair of the State of New York Mortgage Agency, William J. Mulrow, of Westchester.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, I move the nomination of William J. Mulrow to each of the positions to which he was nominated as just was referred to by the Clerk.

I have said this repeatedly. The Governor has not only appointed people with the correct background that can do the job, but the people who have been nominated, like Mr. Mulrow, should be commended for being willing to come back to public service and perform more of that service with their expertise for the citizens of the State of New York.

So I'm very happy, again, to rise and move the nomination of William J. Mulrow as both member and chair of the New York State Housing Finance Agency and the director and chair of the State of New York Mortgage Agency as well.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Thank

you, Senator DeFrancisco.

Senator Breslin on the nomination.

SENATOR BRESLIN: Thank you, Mr. President.

I'm happy to stand and support the nomination of Bill Mulrow, from being a cum laude graduate of Yale, a Rhodes Scholar finalist, Harvard School of Government, and his 30 years in finance, both private and public, and serving under -- this will be the third governor he's served under, including the current Governor's father.

And I can think of nobody who knows more about finance, both private and public, than Bill Mulrow. And almost as importantly, I don't think in my years in government I have ever, ever heard anyone say a bad word about Bill Mulrow as a person or Bill Mulrow as a true professional.

I applaud the Governor for the nomination.

Thank you, Mr. President. I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Thank you, Senator Breslin.

Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you very much, Mr. President.

I rise also to second the nomination of Bill Mulrow and congratulate the Governor on a fine choice.

Bill, it's very good to see you.

Obviously we will be, as well as the people of this state, the beneficiary of the Governor's selection. You heard Senator Breslin, who addressed his academic background as well as his business acumen. And it is very clear to me, as someone who knows him personally and who has dealt with him, that the Governor could not have picked a finer person.

And your sacrifice that you are prepared to make -- and it is a sacrifice that he is making, coming from the private sector to the public sector -- will be thanked, not only by the people of this state, but I'm sure God will bless you and your family as well. So thank you very much for doing this, Bill.

Thank you, Mr. President. I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Thank you, Senator.

Senator Krueger.

SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you, Mr. President.

I also rise to congratulate the Governor on this fine nomination of Bill Mulrow to these two critical housing financing authorities that we have here in New York State.

I do appreciate his fine reputation, his great school record, and his history with the state. What I think is particularly important for him as he takes on these responsibilities is that he understands finance and the importance of making sure that in New York State we're focusing our efforts on affordable housing.

It's not simply enough to say we're doing some housing work here in New York State. We need to be smart and 21st-century about our thinking about how we both preserve existing affordable housing and expand the kind of housing that is needed by so many New Yorkers who find themselves priced out of the housing market.

And also the fact that he comes out of finance, and as some in finance have a lot of responsibility for the housing disasters we're

finding ourselves in right now, I actually think that his expertise, his background, and the companies he's with can actually be extraordinarily helpful to the State of New York in thinking through what we should appropriately be doing not only to get ourselves out of the housing disaster we find ourselves in today, but how to also avoid unintended consequences as we move into a new financial market related to housing.

So I'm very appreciative of Mr. Mulrow taking on what I see as these very weighty responsibilities.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Thank you, Senator Krueger.

Senator Young on the nomination.

SENATOR YOUNG: Thank you, Mr. President.

As chair of the Senate Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development, I enthusiastically second the nomination of William Mulrow for these two very important positions.

He has the ability, through his

financial services background. And I also want to thank him because he spent time in my office, having one-on-one conversations, and did a fantastic job today at the Housing Committee meeting answering questions, talking about innovative and creative ways we can deal with affordable housing in New York State.

So I sincerely congratulate him. I look forward to working closely with him, because I think by working together we really can do some great things for the people of New York State.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Thank you, Senator Young.

Senator Larkin on the nomination.

SENATOR LARKIN: Thank you very much, Mr. President.

A few years ago I had the opportunity, when we were interviewing Mr. Mulrow for a position and I first asked him, "Are you sure your wife approves of you taking this pay cut," and he didn't answer.

But I noticed on his resume that he had something to do with an IDA, and so I asked Orange County IDA, "Have you ever dealt with

him?"

And one of the board members said, "Oh, yes, we have a project in Westchester County." And he said, "He sits on the board, he asks the most questions. He was very sharp." I said, "What would you really describe him as?" And our chairman said, "A man of honesty, integrity, and straightforward."

So what else could we ask for today but for a gentleman with those credentials?

It's good to see you again. God bless you. And the best of luck in a trusting, hardworking agency.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Thank you, Senator Larkin.

Senator Stewart-Cousins.

SENATOR STEWART-COUSINS: Thank you, Mr. President.

I also rise to commend the Governor's nomination. We know Bill Mulrow in Westchester County. It is his home county.

And as we look through his resume, and all of you who have spoken to eloquently about his accomplishments, you know he is a personality who is a global personality. And yet

he has always found the time within the county to deal with whatever the issue is that affects local home priorities.

So again, Mr. Mulrow, I wish you the best. But I know that we have gotten the best in your nomination. And so we look forward to working with you on the critical issues of housing that face New York State.

Congratulations.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Senator Farley on the nomination.

SENATOR FARLEY: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I rise to second this nomination.

You know, the Governor is to be complimented into reaching out for somebody who really has served government in many capacities in a long career. You know, this is an example of somebody that really gives himself to the State of New York.

And this is a very challenging position and one that you're going to be hearing from legislators I guess throughout your tenure.

But let me just wish you well. Thank you for your service. And again, we're very lucky to have you. And thank you, Bill.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Thank you, Senator Farley.

Seeing no other Senators wishing to be heard, the question is on the nomination of William J. Mulrow, of Westchester, as member and chair of the New York State Housing Finance Agency and as director and chair of the State of New York Mortgage Agency. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: William J. Mulrow is hereby confirmed as member and chair of the New York State Housing Finance Agency and as director and chair of the State of New York Mortgage Agency.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Senator Libous.

SENATOR LIBOUS: Mr. President, at this time could we have the noncontroversial reading of the calendar, please.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: The

Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 193, by Senator Grisanti, Senate Print 6084A, an act to amend the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 260, by Senator Grisanti, Senate Print 6368, an act to amend the Labor Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 1. Senator Savino recorded in the negative.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 281, by Senator Seward, Senate Print 6454, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the 90th day.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 295, by Senator Marcellino, Senate Print 2887A --

SENATOR BRESLIN: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: The bill is laid aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 298, by Member of the Assembly Sweeney, Assembly Print Number 9272, an act to amend Chapter 274 of

the Laws of 2010.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 327, by Senator Robach, Senate Print 732, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This act shall take effect on the 90th day.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

329, by Senator Golden, Senate Print 1744, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 330, by Senator Libous, Senate Print 2468, an act to amend the State Finance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect on the first of April.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Senator Carlucci to explain your vote.

SENATOR CARLUCCI: Thank you,

Mr. President.

I just want to thank my colleagues for supporting this important legislation. This legislation is really smart. It's going to help grow New York State's economy, help grow and support small businesses across the state, and particularly the hardworking farmers from across the state.

In addition to the financial gains that I believe we'll see in this smart legislation, we're also ensuring that New Yorkers have access to the most fresh and the greatest produce available.

So for those reasons, I want to thank my colleagues, thank Senator Libous for sponsoring this important legislation, and I'll be voting in the affirmative.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Thank you, Senator Carlucci.

Senator Ritchie to explain your vote.

SENATOR RITCHIE: I would also like to commend Senator Libous on this bill.

As the chair of the Senate

Agriculture Committee, I've been trying to encourage more locally produced and locally sold items. It's really great to see this bill come up. There are so many farmers who have come in and who worked so hard.

The OGS commissioner, RoAnn Destito, actually responded to a letter that I wrote when we found out that New York milk was not being sold in the cafeteria that feeds 40,000 people here. Texas milk was actually being served, and I think we were all kind of astonished when that happened.

So we wrote the letter to the commissioner, and she responded by making sure New York milk was sold in all the cafeterias that are under her discretion.

So that is one way that we can help promote agriculture throughout the state. We have many wonderful SUNY universities, correctional facilities, and we should all be promoting that that happen across the state.

So once again, it's my pleasure to vote aye on the bill.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Thank

you, Senator Ritchie. You will be recorded in the affirmative.

Senator Libous to explain your vote.

SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you, Mr. President and my colleagues. And certainly thank you to Senator Carlucci and Senator Ritchie for their support and their comments.

"Buy from the Backyard" is a program that I actually started in my district a number of years ago, pulling together all of the local agricultural community to get people in the 52nd Senate District to begin buying locally.

And it turned out to be a huge success, and we started having dinners at various restaurants. And Lord knows I like to eat, so we would have dinners -- these dinners would be with all local food products that were produced in New York State.

It picked up quite substantially, and we'd now like to take it to the entire State of New York through this legislation, Mr. President.

And the point I want to make is very simple. If every household in New York

State spent just $15 per week on local food, that's every household just spent $15 per week New York State local food, it would pump $5.5 billion into the New York State economy.

That alone is great reason to continue to support all the great growers and certainly those who raise cattle and provide the great agricultural services -- the number-one industry by the way, that this state has had and will continue to have if we support legislation like this.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Thank you, Senator Libous. You will be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 335, by Senator Maziarz, Senate Print 256 --

SENATOR LIBOUS: Lay it aside for the day.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: The bill is laid aside for the day.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

337, by Senator Robach, Senate Print 720A, an act to amend the Penal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 340, by Senator Smith, Senate Print 3923, an act to amend the Penal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 1. Senator Duane recorded in the negative.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: The bill

is passed.

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

SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you, Mr. President.

Before we go to the controversial reading, could you please call on Senator Kennedy for the purposes of an announcement, please.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

I wanted to just recognize some young men and women that are here with us today in our Senate chambers all the way from Western New York. They made the trek up here from West Seneca Christian, a school that is renowned in Western New York, and they're here to watch democracy in action and watch the proceedings here in the Senate.

So a great welcome to all of you here from West Seneca Christian. Thanks for joining us.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Thank

you, Senator Kennedy.

And thank you to all you students for being here joining us today. Welcome, and we extend to you the courtesies of the house for the day. And please come back and join us in the future.

Senator Libous.

SENATOR LIBOUS: Could we have the reading of the controversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: The Secretary will ring the bell.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 295, by Senator Marcellino, Senate Print 2887A, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Read the last section.

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

SENATOR BRESLIN: Explanation.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Senator Marcellino, an explanation has been requested.

SENATOR MARCELLINO: Thank you, Mr. President.

We all know that pesticides are necessary evils in our world, but they are in effect dangerous substances that should only be applied when absolutely needed and in the doses that are absolutely necessary for them to achieve their designed purpose.

This bill would give professional applicators the flexibility to use only that amount of pesticide that they have determined would be required to do the job that is designed for their use. We don't want them necessarily applying the full dosage when half would be satisfactory. That is the purpose of this bill.

Less exposure to pesticides is a good thing. Less use of pesticides is a good thing. This bill permits professional applicators, farmers, people who understand the purpose, the function and the need for pesticides and how to use them safely to do their job with their own expertise, without having to live by a label and assume a one-size-fits-all solution is necessary or applicable in every case.

That is the purpose of this bill.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Senator Breslin.

SENATOR BRESLIN: Thank you, Mr. President. Would the sponsor yield for a question or two.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Senator Marcellino, will you yield for a question from Senator Breslin?

SENATOR MARCELLINO: I'll be pleased to.

SENATOR BRESLIN: Senator Marcellino, this is a bill that I voted for last year when it passed 60 to zero. And since that time I use a lawn service and I've read a little bit more about it.

Isn't it true that farmers are already allowed to change the dosages they use?

SENATOR MARCELLINO: Yes. We've done that, yes.

SENATOR BRESLIN: So thinking of it in terms of those people who come to our homes -- that it seems as though everyone uses now in the past number of years -- an applicator has been following directions from a producer of these chemicals, and now this bill would allow them to vary.

Does the applicator need any

research or knowledge to determine why he should go against the directions on the particular items that are being applied to lawns?

SENATOR MARCELLINO: Yes, the applicator must be certified and take a test that is provided by the DEC and certified by the DEC to be a professional in that field.

SENATOR BRESLIN: Again, through you, Mr. President, if the sponsor would continue to yield.

SENATOR MARCELLINO: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR BRESLIN: Beyond that, though, has there been any research done to determine why you should violate what the prescribed ingredients are to lessen the amounts that are provided?

SENATOR MARCELLINO: We've got something. I'm just trying to find the right line.

Yeah, we have Cornell University, the chair of their Department of Entomology has basically done work in this field and on this topic and basically says there are many benefits to allowing less than label rates or

label-designed uses for pesticides. The more you use, the greater the potential for additional exposure and potential harm. The less you use, the better we are.

Those rates that are set on a label are designed -- those are optimum but not necessarily the most effective for your particular purpose. It might not be needed in your case. If a professional trained applicator determines that less would be effective, why not let them.

SENATOR BRESLIN: Again, if the sponsor would continue to yield.

SENATOR MARCELLINO: I would, Mr. President.

SENATOR BRESLIN: Is there any safeguard to preventing lawn service companies, who obviously are in business to make a profit, from reducing the amounts they apply to lawns, where it might not be effective, in order to make more money?

SENATOR MARCELLINO: Well, the only reason I'm hesitating is because if -- it's a very competitive business. And you would know that if you were being charged more and more, I

think you might say, Look, could I get this job done in a cheaper way, can I get it done in a less expensive way.

You would probably go out, seek bids on it, seek other pesticide applicators and what they could do the job for, and find out where you could get the best price and get the best results at the lowest price for your work. Nobody wants to spend more money than they absolutely have to.

That's why we would say that allowing them to use less than the labeled rate saves money, it saves exposure, and it protects lives.

SENATOR BRESLIN: Again, through you, Mr. President, if the sponsor would continue to yield.

SENATOR MARCELLINO: I would yield, sir.

SENATOR BRESLIN: Is there any guarantee that the money saved will be by the person purchasing the service as opposed to the service?

SENATOR MARCELLINO: No, there's no guarantee, sir.

SENATOR BRESLIN: Okay, on the bill.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: On the bill, Senator Breslin.

SENATOR BRESLIN: I think the direction of the bill is terrific. It's to make sure that we're not using pesticides in situations where it isn't warranted.

However, those lawn service companies are in business to make money. The ingredients that are applied have specific directions, and you're varying from those directions. And when you vary from those directions, it would seem to me that the manufacturer has done his own research to say what's best for a lawn.

And so I'm concerned -- I'm voting for this legislation, but I'm concerned that we haven't done a sufficient analysis to allow that applicator to deviate from what is the standard norm and the directions on the particular ingredients so that the consumer gets what they bargained for.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Thank

you, Senator Breslin.

Senator Marcellino on the bill.

SENATOR MARCELLINO: Thank you, Mr. President.

I hear my worthy colleague's concerns, and they're my concerns as well. I agree with his idea.

But if you're looking for savings, it's the manufacturer that is going to make the most money, and it's in the manufacturer's benefit to set the highest use and the highest dosage per application because therefore he can sell or she can sell more of the product to the consumer.

Professional applicators are in the business of making money, you're absolutely correct. And pesticides by nature are, one, dangerous to use, so dangerous to them for application purposes. They're also expensive. Therefore, the less they get to use, the more money they can save.

What they charge you is a deal between you and them. That's your contract, that's your work. But if they can save money by using less pesticides getting the same results,

you're exposed less, your neighbors are exposed less, and we get the desired result.

That's the purpose of this particular bill. We want as little pesticide use as possible under the most appropriate and correct conditions.

Thank you, Mr. President. I urge everyone to vote aye on this bill. Thank you, sir.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Seeing no other Senator wishing to speak, debate is closed.

The Secretary will ring the bell.

SENATOR LIBOUS: Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Senator Libous.

SENATOR LIBOUS: While we're ringing the bell, if members could get to the chamber.

We do know that at 4:00 o'clock there I believe are three committees: Mental Health, Transportation, and Human Services. So the sooner members can get to the chamber, their colleagues could then go to those meetings.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Thank

you, Senator Libous.

Will members please quickly come back to the chamber so we can complete this final vote of the day.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Absent from voting: Senator Valesky.

Ayes, 59.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: The bill is passed.

SENATOR LIBOUS: Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Senator Libous.

SENATOR LIBOUS: Is there any further business at the desk?

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: Nothing further at the desk.

SENATOR LIBOUS: Thank you,

Mr. President.

There being no further business, I move that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday, March 20th, at 3:00 p.m.

ACTING PRESIDENT O'MARA: On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 20th, at 3:00 p.m.

(Whereupon, at 4:04 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)