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REGULAR SESSION

SENATOR JOSEPH GRIFFO, Acting President

FRANCIS W. PATIENCE, Secretary

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

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

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

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: In the
10 absence of clergy, please bow your heads in a
11 moment of silent reflection and prayer.

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

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

16 THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday,
17 June 1st, the Senate met pursuant to
18 adjournment. The Journal of Sunday, May 31st,
19 was read and approved. On motion, Senate
20 adjourned.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Without
22 objection, the Journal will stand approved as
23 read.

24 Presentation of petitions.

25 Messages from the Assembly.

1 The Secretary will read.

2 THE SECRETARY: On page 47,
3 Senator Libous moves to discharge, from the
4 Committee on Investigations and Government
5 Operations, Assembly Bill Number 3468 and
6 substitute it for the identical Senate Bill
7 Number 2181, Third Reading Calendar 750.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
9 substitution is so ordered.

10 THE SECRETARY: On page 48,
11 Senator Libous moves to discharge, from the
12 Committee on Investigations and Government
13 Operations, Assembly Bill Number 5469 and
14 substitute it for the identical Senate Bill
15 Number 3284, Third Reading Calendar 760.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
17 substitution is so ordered.

18 THE SECRETARY: On page 49,
19 Senator Seward moves to discharge, from the
20 Committee on Investigations and Government
21 Operations, Assembly Bill Number 5461 and
22 substitute it for the identical Senate Bill
23 Number 3413, Third Reading Calendar 766.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
25 substitution is so ordered.

1 Messages from the Governor.
2 Reports of standing committees.
3 Reports of select committees.
4 Reports and communications from
5 state officers.

6 Motions and resolutions.

7 Senator DeFrancisco.

8 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Could we
9 please adopt the Resolution Calendar, with the
10 exception of Resolutions 2451, 2535, and 2537.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: All in
12 favor of adopting the Resolution Calendar, with
13 the exception of Resolutions 2451, 2535, and
14 2537, signify by saying aye.

15 (Response of "Aye.")

16 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
19 Resolution Calendar is adopted as indicated.

20 Senator DeFrancisco.

21 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Could we
22 please take up Resolution Number 2451, by
23 Senator Stewart-Cousins, and read it in its
24 entirety.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The

1 Secretary will read.

2 THE SECRETARY: Legislative
3 Resolution Number 2451, by Senator
4 Stewart-Cousins, commending Jake Gallin of
5 New Rochelle, New York, upon the occasion of his
6 designation as a State Honoree in the 20th annual
7 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

8 "WHEREAS, It is the sense of this
9 Legislative Body to act, in accord with its
10 long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of
11 today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character
12 and achievements exemplify the ideals and values
13 cherished by this great state and nation; and

14 "WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is
15 justly proud to commend Jake Gallin of
16 New Rochelle, New York, upon the occasion of his
17 designation as a State Honoree in the 20th Annual
18 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program;
19 and

20 "WHEREAS, Jake Gallin has
21 distinguished himself as a young man of
22 superlative ability, establishing a high standard
23 of community service, purposefulness of life, and
24 sense of responsibility rarely achieved in
25 youthful years; and

1 "WHEREAS, The Prudential Spirit of
2 Community Awards, created in 1995 by Prudential
3 Financial, in partnership with the National
4 Association of Secondary School Principals
5 (NASSP), are designed to emphasize the importance
6 our nation places on service to others, and to
7 encourage all young Americans to contribute to
8 their communities; and

9 "WHEREAS, Jake Gallin, an esteemed
10 resident of New Rochelle, New York, and a student
11 at Albert Leonard Middle School, has achieved
12 national recognition for exemplary volunteer
13 service by receiving a 2015 Prudential Spirit of
14 Community Award; and

15 "WHEREAS, This prestigious award
16 honors young volunteers across America who have
17 demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to their
18 communities; and

19 "WHEREAS, Jake Gallin earned this
20 award by giving generously of his time and energy
21 to raising funds for the United Service
22 Organization (USO) by selling star-shaped
23 magnetic decals; and

24 "WHEREAS, Jake Gallin was inspired
25 to do something to recognize military families

1 and their sacrifices in 2011, after seeing
2 First Lady Michelle Obama and Second Lady
3 Dr. Jill Biden on a talk show when he was eight
4 years old; the First Lady said 1 percent of our
5 population is protecting 99 percent of us, and he
6 took it to heart; and

7 "WHEREAS, Jake Gallin decided to
8 create 'Stars for Cars,' recognizing the
9 sacrifices made by Blue and Gold Star families; a
10 Blue Star family has a loved one serving in the
11 military, and a Gold Star family has lost a
12 family member who was serving; and

13 "WHEREAS, This remarkable young
14 man's efforts have expanded by writing to schools
15 across the State of New York, asking them to make
16 announcements three times a year, on Veterans Day
17 (November 11th), Memorial Day (the last Monday in
18 May) and Patriot Day (September 11th) to
19 recognize Blue and Gold Star families; and

20 "WHEREAS, The success of the State
21 of New York, the strength of our communities, and
22 the vitality of American society depend, in
23 great measure, upon the dedication of young
24 people like Jake Gallin, who use their
25 considerable talents and resources to serve

1 others; and

2 "WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is
3 moved to honor Jake Gallin, commending him for
4 his outstanding record of volunteer service, peer
5 leadership, and community service, recognizing
6 the value of his labors and the promise of his
7 future; now, therefore, be it

8 "RESOLVED, That this Legislative
9 Body pause in its deliberations, with praise
10 and pride, to commend Jake Gallin for his
11 achievements and to extend to him the best
12 wishes of this Legislative Body for a future
13 of purposeful success and well-being; and be
14 it further

15 "RESOLVED, That a copy of this
16 resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to
17 Jake Gallin."

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
19 Stewart-Cousins.

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

22 I rise to introduce this young
23 national honoree to this body and to commend him
24 for what he has been doing for the last five
25 years of his life.

1 This young man watched a television
2 show, he watched "Oprah." And he was 8 years old
3 at the time, and he watched our First Lady and
4 Dr. Jill Biden speak with a local Gold Star
5 mother, Teresa Arciola from Elmsford, speaking
6 about her son's Michael's death and how much
7 needed to be done to support the families, the
8 Gold Star families and military families whose
9 service members were protecting the 99 percent of
10 us.

11 Jake, who's here with his parents,
12 Tom and Ally, was watching television because he
13 was home sick -- he doesn't usually watch TV.
14 But he was so inspired by the story of Michael, a
15 fallen hero, and by a local mother coming on to
16 talk about these things, he decided he wanted to
17 do something. He wrote to schools, he wrote to
18 his church, and he said we ought to make sure
19 we're supporting families.

20 This young child looked at magnets
21 on cars and decided that he could do something
22 like that. And so what he's developed are "Stars
23 for Cars," gold stars for your car for a
24 Gold Star family, supporting them, blue stars for
25 military families. He has been doing that for

1 the past five years and has managed to raise
2 \$20,000.

3 He also has developed a program with
4 local schools, and that's where I first met him,
5 at his middle school, Albert Leonard, where he
6 has announced, on the holidays preceding Memorial
7 Day, Veterans Day and Patriots Day, a simple
8 statement that says "We take this time to
9 remember our Blue and Gold Star military families
10 and thank them for their sacrifice and
11 generosity, and we want them to know that we are
12 part of their community." He's decided that that
13 was important enough so he's enlisted schools
14 across the county to make this simple statement.

15 His activism got him to be one of 10
16 national volunteer honorees by The Prudential
17 Foundation. He competed with 33,000 young people
18 to become one of 10 who were named, because of
19 the commitment that he's shown at such an early
20 age for developing not only a wonderful idea, but
21 supporting families of our servicemen and -women,
22 those who have fallen and those who serve us
23 today.

24 So I really wanted to take the time
25 to commend Jake, because now, at the ripe old age

1 of 13, he's a nationally recognized volunteer.
2 And I knew that it would be an inspiration for
3 all of us and a further impetus for him to carry
4 on the great work.

5 You should also know that there was
6 a monetary award with this honor, that because he
7 won on a local division, he got \$1,000. And once
8 he became a national winner, he got another
9 \$5,000. And then there was yet another \$5,000
10 that he could contribute to the organization of
11 his choice.

12 Jake and his family have decided to
13 donate all of the money. He will be giving
14 \$6,000 to the U.S.O. and \$5,000 to the volunteer
15 organization Volunteer New York, who actually
16 nominated Jake. And with that money, both
17 organizations are having matching funds again in
18 order to support the military families.

19 So we commend you, Jake, for all
20 that you've done. And again, you're an
21 inspiration to all of New York. Thank you so
22 much.

23 Thank you, Mr. President.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank
25 you, Senator Stewart-Cousins.

1 Senator Latimer.

2 SENATOR LATIMER: Mr. President,
3 Senator Stewart-Cousins has said it all.

4 But just so that Jake and his family
5 know that all of us share that tremendous respect
6 for what you've accomplished, you can talk to
7 people who are in their adult life and haven't
8 achieved as much as this young individual has at
9 this stage of his life.

10 So we thank you for coming here to
11 the New York State Senate to accept the applause
12 of a grateful Senate and a grateful state.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Jake, we
14 want to congratulate you. We also want to
15 welcome you and your family here to the Senate
16 today and to extend our best wishes for continued
17 success.

18 If you'd please stand and be
19 acknowledged.

20 (Standing ovation.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
22 question is on the resolution. All in favor
23 signify by saying aye.

24 (Response of "Aye.")

25 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
3 resolution is adopted.

4 Senator DeFrancisco.

5 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, Senator
6 Stewart-Cousins indicated that she'd be happy to
7 have everyone cosponsor. So those who do not
8 want to, please notify the desk.

9 And she also asked me to tell Jake
10 not to think about running against her yet, wait
11 a few more years, okay --

12 (Laughter.)

13 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: -- because
14 you'd be a tough one.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
16 resolution is open for cosponsorship. Should you
17 choose not to be a cosponsor, please notify the
18 desk.

19 Senator DeFrancisco.

20 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes. What
21 I'd like to do is request that you take up a
22 previously adopted resolution, 1156, by Senator
23 Murphy, read it in its entirety, and call on
24 Senator Murphy.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The

1 Secretary will read.

2 THE SECRETARY: Legislative
3 Resolution Number 1156, by Senator Murphy,
4 commending Sara Friedman of Sleepy Hollow,
5 New York, upon the occasion of her designation as
6 a Distinguished Finalist in the 20th Annual
7 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

8 "WHEREAS, It is the sense of this
9 Legislative Body to act, in accord with its
10 long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of
11 today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character
12 and achievements exemplify the ideals and values
13 cherished by this great state and nation; and

14 "WHEREAS, Sara Friedman has
15 distinguished herself as a young woman of
16 superlative ability, establishing a high standard
17 of community service, purposefulness of life, and
18 sense of responsibility rarely achieved in
19 youthful years; and

20 "WHEREAS, The Prudential Spirit of
21 Community Awards, created in 1995 by Prudential
22 Financial in partnership with the National
23 Association of Secondary School Principals
24 (NASSP), are designed to emphasize the importance
25 our nation places on service to others, and to

1 encourage all young Americans to contribute to
2 their communities; and

3 "WHEREAS, Sara Friedman, an esteemed
4 resident of Sleepy Hollow, New York, and a senior
5 at Sleepy Hollow High School, has achieved
6 national recognition for exemplary volunteer
7 service by receiving a 2015 Prudential Spirit of
8 Community Award; and

9 "WHEREAS, This prestigious award
10 honors young volunteers across America who have
11 demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to their
12 communities; and

13 "WHEREAS, Sara Friedman earned this
14 award by giving generously of her time and energy
15 to the Center for Celiac Research at
16 Massachusetts General Hospital; she donated the
17 sales from her book, The Gluten-Free Guide to
18 Washington, D.C., as a resource to help others
19 with the condition to find gluten-free
20 restaurants, bakeries and health food stores, as
21 well as support groups and healthcare
22 professionals throughout the Washington, D.C.,
23 metro area; and

24 "WHEREAS, The success of the State
25 of New York, the strength of our communities, and

1 the vitality of American society depend, in great
2 measure, upon the dedication of young people like
3 Sara Friedman, who use their considerable talents
4 and resources to serve others; and

5 "WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is
6 moved to honor Sara Friedman, commending her for
7 her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer
8 leadership, and community service, recognizing
9 the value of her labors and the promise of her
10 future; now, therefore, be it

11 "RESOLVED, That this Legislative
12 Body pause in its deliberations, with praise and
13 pride, to commend Sara Friedman for her
14 achievements and to extend to her the best wishes
15 of this Legislative Body for a future of
16 purposeful success and well-being; and be it
17 further

18 "RESOLVED, That a copy of this
19 resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to
20 Sara Friedman."

21 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
22 Murphy.

23 SENATOR MURPHY: Thank you,
24 Mr. President.

25 I rise to recognize a very, very

1 special member of my community from Sleepy
2 Hollow. Sara Friedman has been named one of the
3 top youth volunteers in New York for 2015. She
4 is a finalist in the Prudential Spirit of
5 Community Awards.

6 This is an absolutely extraordinary
7 honor for the young people across the country who
8 participate in this program, Sara. The
9 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards were
10 created in 1995 to emphasize the importance our
11 nation places on service to others and to
12 encourage all young Americans to contribute to
13 their communities like you do.

14 Sara, at age 13, has written a book,
15 The Gluten-Free Guide to Washington, D.C. Sara
16 will be graduating within the next two weeks and
17 is off to Harvard University. Sara represents
18 the best of America's youth and is a role model
19 to her peers and her community.

20 I ask my colleagues to join me in
21 congratulating Sara and welcoming her here today.

22 Sara, congratulations.

23 (Standing ovation.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO:

25 Congratulations, Sara. Welcome to the Senate

1 chamber. We wish you the best of luck as you
2 pursue your career.

3 As noted, the resolution was
4 previously adopted on March 26th of this year.

5 Senator DeFrancisco.

6 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Senator
7 Murphy also requested that if anyone wanted to
8 cosponsor, they can do so by simply not notifying
9 the desk that they do not want to.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: So noted
11 and so directed.

12 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Can we go to
13 motions and resolutions.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: We'll
15 return to motions and resolutions.

16 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO:
17 Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Amedore, I
18 move to amend Senate Bill Number 3950A by
19 striking out the amendments made on April 21 and
20 restoring it to its original print number, 3950.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: So
22 ordered.

23 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Also, on
24 behalf of Senator Seward, on page 44 I offer the
25 following amendments to Calendar Number 687,

1 Senate Print 5192, and ask that said bill retain
2 its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
4 amendments are received, and the bill shall
5 retain its place on third reading.

6 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: On behalf of
7 Senator Little, on page 33 I offer the following
8 amendments to Calendar Number 525, Senate Print
9 Number 4296A, and ask that said bill retain its
10 place on the Third Reading Calendar.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
12 amendments are received, and the bill shall
13 retain its place on third reading.

14 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I wish to
15 call up Senator Ranzenhofer's bill, Print Number
16 1292, recalled from the Assembly, which is now at
17 the desk.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
19 Secretary will read.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 533, by Senator Ranzenhofer, Senate Print 1292,
22 an act to amend the Environmental Conservation
23 Law.

24 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I now move to
25 reconsider the vote by which this bill was

1 passed.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
3 roll on reconsideration.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

6 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I now offer
7 the following amendments.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
9 amendments are received.

10 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Next, could
11 you please take up previously adopted Resolution
12 2179, by Senator Carlucci, read it in its
13 entirety, and then please call on Senator
14 Carlucci.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
16 Secretary will read.

17 THE SECRETARY: Legislative
18 Resolution Number 2179, by Senator Carlucci,
19 memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to
20 proclaim June 3, 2015, as Running Day in the
21 State of New York.

22 "WHEREAS, It is the sense of this
23 Legislative Body to acknowledge days which
24 promote healthy living and exercise; and

25 "WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern,

1 and in full accord with its long-standing
2 traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud
3 to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to
4 proclaim June 3, 2015, as Running Day in the
5 State of New York, in conjunction with the
6 observance of National Running Day; and

7 "WHEREAS, The observance of a
8 National Day for Running began on June 3, 2009;
9 since its inception, the day has been held on the
10 first Wednesday of June; and

11 "WHEREAS, National Running Day is a
12 national initiative of the major organizations
13 within the running industry to promote running as
14 a healthy, easy, and accessible form of exercise;
15 and

16 "WHEREAS, From New York to
17 San Diego, the day will celebrate the benefits
18 of running as part of a healthy and active
19 lifestyle aimed at combating some of today's most
20 pressing health issues; and

21 "WHEREAS, Individuals from the State
22 of New York can participate in Running Day by
23 simply getting out and running; whether it is
24 with a group or alone, Running Day is the perfect
25 time to start fresh with new fitness goals; and

1 "WHEREAS, It is fitting to set aside
2 days which encourage a healthy lifestyle and, in
3 doing so, enhance the health and welfare of the
4 entire State of New York; now, therefore, be "it

5 "RESOLVED, That this Legislative
6 Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize
7 Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 3,
8 2015, as Running Day in the State of New York;
9 and be it further

10 "RESOLVED, That a copy of this
11 resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to
12 the Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the
13 State of New York."

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
15 Carlucci.

16 SENATOR CARLUCCI: Thank you,
17 Mr. President.

18 And I want to thank the Senate for
19 passing this resolution to proclaim June 3rd as
20 Running Day in the State of New York.

21 And this has been a tradition that
22 started a few years ago and has really been
23 building momentum, to try to talk about the
24 importance of running, of physical activity.

25 And I want to invite everyone,

1 tomorrow, outside the LOB and between the LOB and
2 the Capitol, we're going to meet at about 7:45.
3 And at 8 a.m. promptly, we're going to do a run
4 around the plaza. And I'd like to invite
5 everybody to come -- all the staff, the Senators,
6 members of the community are welcome to join us.
7 And we're going to do it in cooperation with the
8 Assembly.

9 And if you beat the Majority Leader,
10 you'll be able to get one bill on the floor of
11 your choice -- no, I'm just kidding. Just wanted
12 to see if you're listening.

13 (Laughter.)

14 SENATOR CARLUCCI: Okay, so
15 tomorrow, 8 a.m. outside the LOB. It will be a
16 good time. Hope everyone can join, of all
17 ranges. Whether you're faster than Senator
18 Perkins or as you're as slow as Senator Squadron,
19 it doesn't matter, and you can come out and join
20 us.

21 So thank you, Mr. President.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank
23 you, Senator Carlucci.

24 As noted, the resolution was
25 previously adopted on May 19, 2015.

1 Can I have a little order in the
2 house, please.

3 Senator DeFrancisco.

4 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: The
5 resolution is open up for cosponsorship. If
6 anyone does not want to be on that resolution,
7 please notify the desk.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
9 is opened up to cosponsorship and co-running.

10 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Let's see.
11 Can we please take up another previously adopted
12 resolution, 1824, by Senator Kennedy, and read
13 the title only, please.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
15 Secretary will read.

16 THE SECRETARY: Legislative
17 Resolution Number 1824, by Senator Kennedy,
18 honoring Adam Zyglis upon the occasion of his
19 designation as recipient of the 2015 Pulitzer
20 Prize for Editorial Cartooning.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
22 Kennedy.

23 SENATOR KENNEDY: Thank you,
24 Mr. President.

25 I rise to acknowledge an outstanding

1 member of the Buffalo and Western New York
2 Community, Mr. Adam Zyglis. This past week, at a
3 ceremony held at Columbia University, he received
4 the 2015 Pulitzer Prize, journalism's top honor,
5 for editorial cartooning. I'm extremely
6 privileged to honor him here today.

7 Adam, the staff editorial cartoonist
8 for the Buffalo News, is one of Buffalo's own.
9 Raised in Alden, Adam graduated summa cum laude
10 from Canisius College and was hired immediately
11 after college, at the age of just 22, by the
12 Buffalo News to replace Tom Toles -- who, I might
13 add, is another Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial
14 cartoonist.

15 Since then, Adam's work has
16 transcended Western New York to reach audiences
17 around the world, with cartoons appearing in
18 various books, magazines and newspapers,
19 including the Washington Post, USA Today,
20 Newsweek, The New York Times and the Los Angeles
21 Times. Adam became internationally syndicated in
22 2007.

23 But those of us at home in Buffalo
24 who have viewed his editorial cartoons for over a
25 decade understand exactly why his work was chosen

1 to win a Pulitzer Prize. As the Pulitzer Prize
2 board described, Adam "used strong images to
3 connect with readers while conveying layers of
4 meaning in a few words."

5 Regardless of the subject, whether
6 it be politics, the economy or international
7 affairs, Adam has a keen ability to move the
8 reader with his carefully crafted illustrations.
9 The old saying "a picture is worth a thousand
10 words" really is true. Often more depth and
11 meaning can be conveyed in one of Adam's cartoons
12 than an entire front-page feature.

13 And as such, we are immensely
14 grateful for Adam for sharing his gifts with us,
15 congratulate him on his exceptional honor, and
16 wish him continued success well into the future
17 as he uses his extraordinary talents to tell
18 stories and ultimately change the world, one
19 cartoon at a time.

20 Congratulations to Adam Zyglis and
21 his family.

22 Thank you, Mr. President.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank
24 you, Senator Kennedy.

25 As noted, the resolution was

1 previously adopted on May 5th of this year, 2015.

2 Senator DeFrancisco.

3 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Could you now
4 take up Resolution 2537, by Senator Peralta, read
5 the title only, and recognize Senator Peralta.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
7 Secretary will read.

8 THE SECRETARY: Legislative
9 Resolution Number 2537, by Senator Peralta,
10 commemorating the 206th Independence Day in
11 Ecuador on August 10, 2015.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
13 Peralta.

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

16 This August 10th marks the 206th
17 Independence Day of Ecuador, a fight for freedom
18 that began with the so-called Primer Grito de
19 Independencia de Ecuador in 1809. It's a
20 celebration to commemorate the struggle of people
21 driven by their patriotic sentiments.

22 And like it happened here in the
23 United States, in Ecuador it was also the bravery
24 of a small band of patriots who declared
25 independence, in this case from Spain, in La

1 Batalla de Pichincha, the Battle of Pichincha.

2 It was there on the slopes of Pichincha Volcano
3 that the people of Quito claimed independence.

4 Years later, in 1824, Ecuador gained
5 full independence from Spain. Their hunger for
6 liberty and the need to liberate themselves from
7 oppression empowered them to defeat the Spanish
8 army as they were seeking freedom and liberty.

9 Today the independence of Ecuador is
10 celebrated in many parts of Ecuador, especially
11 in its capital, Quito. But festivities are not
12 limited to Ecuador, as we also celebrate their
13 heroic efforts here in our great nation and our
14 great Empire State.

15 And in Queens, in my district, we
16 also celebrate Ecuadorian Independence Day with a
17 wonderful and colorful parade along Northern
18 Boulevard. Thousands participate and enjoy
19 Ecuadorian culture, folk music, and food.

20 And Ecuadorians in our nation have
21 contributed in every aspect of life, from
22 politics and the arts to economy and culture.
23 Strong evidence of this is their presence in
24 Queens, especially in my district, where they've
25 built strong communities and brought stability to

1 our neighborhoods.

2 Thousands of Ecuadorians and
3 Ecuadorian-Americans make neighborhoods like
4 Jackson Heights, in Queens, their home as they
5 continue to strengthen our neighborhoods and
6 economy through their invaluable contributions
7 and customs. They contribute to make Queens the
8 most diverse borough in the nation, especially in
9 my district, which I call the United Nations of
10 all Senate districts.

11 By the way of this resolution, we
12 extend our best wishes to our Ecuadorian-American
13 friends and communities across the state in
14 advance of their important and joyous celebration
15 of Independence Day.

16 Thank you very much, Mr. President.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank
18 you, Senator Peralta.

19 The question is on the resolution.

20 All in favor signify by saying aye.

21 (Response of "Aye.")

22 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
25 resolution is adopted.

1 Senator DeFrancisco.

2 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, could
3 you please go to the noncontroversial reading of
4 the calendar.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
6 Secretary will read.

7 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
8 518, by Senator Young, Senate Print 3077, an act
9 to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law.

10 SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Lay the
12 bill aside.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 734, by Senator Libous, Senate Print 3468A, an
15 act to amend the Highway Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
17 last section.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
24 Gallivan to explain his vote.

25 Can I have some order in the house,

1 please.

2 Senator Gallivan.

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

5 I'm honored to rise today to speak
6 on this bill. It's sponsored by Senator Tom
7 Libous, who's not with us today. I did speak
8 with him this morning, and he had prepared a
9 statement that he asked that I read.

10 Senator Libous says: "I'm sorry I
11 couldn't be with you today to honor a dedicated
12 state trooper, a loving father, a farmer, and an
13 all-around good person, Christopher Skinner.

14 "For those of you who may not know,
15 just over a year ago Trooper Skinner was
16 senselessly and tragically hit and killed on a
17 routine traffic stop on Interstate 81. Trooper
18 Skinner was a 13-year veteran of the New York
19 State Police and served in three different
20 troops: E, G and C.

21 "Trooper Skinner was stationed in
22 the Sidney Barracks, where he worked with the
23 Traffic Incident Management Unit, the unit that
24 was created after a terrible bus accident killed
25 three construction workers in a work zone in

1 2005. Trooper Skinner was the first responder to
2 that accident, and it helped make him acutely
3 aware of the dangers of reckless driving.

4 "Trooper Skinner took highway safety
5 seriously because he took the value of human life
6 seriously. His loss left a hole in the lives of
7 so many -- his family, his friends, and all of
8 his colleagues in Troop C."

9 Senator Libous goes on to say: "I
10 ask for you to support this bill that will
11 dedicate a bridge on I-81 in Trooper Skinner's
12 honor. It will not replace the loss we've
13 suffered, but it will help us remember Trooper
14 Skinner's service and sacrifice for New York
15 State."

16 We are joined today by Trooper
17 Skinner's mother, Sharyn Skinner; Trooper
18 Skinner's fiancée, Surrena Gould; the Troop C
19 troop commander, my old classmate Major Donald
20 Faughnan, and my old roommate, Colonel George
21 Beach, who is the assistant deputy superintendent
22 of the uniform force for the State Police, as
23 well as a number of coworkers, friends and
24 colleagues of Trooper Skinner's from Troop C.

25 One of his colleagues, Trooper Matt

1 Maciak, who's here with us today, had said at the
2 time of his funeral that Trooper Skinner was a
3 hardworking, selfless, take-no-break kind of guy,
4 but he would always pause in his work to help
5 others.

6 And many other people said many
7 well-deserved, wonderful things about an
8 individual who dedicated his life to others,
9 serving as a trooper, serving as a volunteer
10 firefighter, serving as an overall good guy, an
11 upstanding member of the community, one of course
12 that family and friends are most surely proud of.

13 State Police Superintendent Joe
14 D'Amico spoke at Trooper Skinner's funeral. And
15 while of course he talked about service, honor,
16 integrity, how precious and fragile our lives
17 are, one thing I think stood out that
18 Superintendent D'Amico said that day was that
19 Chris will always be part of the State Police
20 family. And as a former trooper with a brother
21 in the State Police, a father having served, an
22 uncle having served, a Gallivan having been in
23 the State Police for over 50 years now, I can say
24 that that is true.

25 And to mom and to his fiancée, I

1 thank you for sharing him with the members of the
2 troops that he served. To his colleagues, thank
3 you for your service as well and for being part
4 of that larger extended State Police family that
5 I know will always be there for the Skinner
6 family.

7 I vote aye, and I ask all my
8 colleagues to do the same.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Announce
10 the results.

11 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: We want
13 to welcome Colonel and Major, the family of
14 Troop C, the Skinner family who is here today.
15 Mrs. Skinner, his fiancée Surrena, we appreciate
16 you being here. We express our condolences to
17 all of you.

18 And I would ask all the members of
19 the legislative body to rise in a silent tribute
20 and reflection of Trooper Christopher G. Skinner.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
24 is passed.

25 The Secretary will continue.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 750, substituted earlier by Member of the
3 Assembly Crouch, Assembly Print 3468, an act to
4 amend the Tax Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
6 last section.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
13 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
14 negative.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
16 is passed.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
18 751, by Senator Latimer, Senate Print 2322, an
19 act to amend the Tax Law.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
21 last section.

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

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
25 roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)

2 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.

3 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
4 negative.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
6 is passed.

7 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
8 752, by Senator O'Mara, Senate Print 2548, an act
9 to amend the Tax Law.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
11 last section.

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

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
15 roll.

16 (The Secretary called the roll.)

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.

18 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
19 negative.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
21 is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 753, by Senator O'Mara, Senate Print 2549, an act
24 to amend the Tax Law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the

1 last section.

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
5 roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
8 Calendar Number 753: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
9 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
10 negative.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 754, by Senator O'Mara, Senate Print 2550, an act
15 to amend the Tax Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
17 last section.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
24 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
25 negative.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 755, by Senator O'Mara, Senate Print 2551, an act
5 to amend the Tax Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
7 last section.

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

10 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
11 roll.

12 (The Secretary called the roll.)

13 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
14 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
15 negative.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
17 is passed.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
19 756, by Senator Amedore, Senate Print 3216, an
20 act to amend the Tax Law.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
22 last section.

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

25 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the

1 roll.

2 (The Secretary called the roll.)

3 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
4 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
5 negative.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
7 is passed.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 757, by Senator Seward, Senate Print 3234, an act
10 to amend the Tax Law.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
12 last section.

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

15 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
16 roll.

17 (The Secretary called the roll.)

18 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
19 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
20 negative.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
22 is passed.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
24 758, by Senator Seward, Senate Print 3235, an act
25 to amend Chapter 333 of the Laws of 2006.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
2 last section.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
9 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
10 negative.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 759, by Senator Libous, Senate Print 3283, an act
15 to amend the Tax Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
17 last section.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
24 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
25 negative.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 760, substituted earlier by Member of the
5 Assembly Lupardo, Assembly Print 5469, an act to
6 amend the Tax Law.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
8 last section.

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

11 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
12 roll.

13 (The Secretary called the roll.)

14 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
15 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
16 negative.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 763, by Senator Farley, Senate Print 3403, an act
21 to amend Chapter 489 of the Laws of 2004.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
23 last section.

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

1 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
2 roll.

3 (The Secretary called the roll.)

4 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
5 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
6 negative.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 765, by Senator Seward, Senate Print 3412, an act
11 to amend Chapter 443 of the Laws of 2007.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
13 last section.

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

16 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
17 roll.

18 (The Secretary called the roll.)

19 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
20 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
21 negative.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
23 is passed.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 766, substituted earlier by Assemblymember

1 Lifton, Assembly Print 5461, an act to amend the
2 Tax Law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
4 last section.

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

7 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
8 roll.

9 (The Secretary called the roll.)

10 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
11 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
12 negative.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
14 is passed.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 767, by Senator Farley, Senate Print 3462, an act
17 to amend the Tax Law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
19 last section.

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.

1 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
2 negative.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 768, by Senator Little, Senate Print 3522, an act
7 to amend Chapter 327 of the Laws of 2006.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
9 last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
16 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
17 negative.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 770, by Senator Farley, Senate Print 3594, an act
22 to amend the Tax Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

1 act shall take effect immediately.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
6 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
7 negative.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
11 771, by the Senate Committee on Rules, Senate
12 Print 3829, an act to amend the Tax Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
14 last section.

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

17 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
21 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
22 negative.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 773, by Senator Stewart-Cousins, Senate Print
2 3879, an act to amend the Tax Law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
4 last section.

5 THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This
6 act shall take effect immediately.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
8 roll.

9 (The Secretary called the roll.)

10 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58. Nays, 3.
11 Senators Croci, Lanza and Panepinto recorded in
12 the negative.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
14 is passed.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 774, by Senator Gallivan, Senate Print 3955, an
17 act to amend the Tax Law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
19 last section.

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.

1 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
2 negative.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 775, by Senator Little, Senate Print 3997, an act
7 to amend the Tax Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
9 last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
16 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
17 negative.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 776, by Senator O'Mara, Senate Print 4105, an act
22 to amend the Tax Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This

1 act shall take effect immediately.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
6 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
7 negative.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
11 777, by Senator Farley, Senate Print 4127, an act
12 to amend Chapter 326 of the Laws of 2006.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
14 last section.

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

17 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
21 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
22 negative.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 778, by Senator Seward, Senate Print 4143, an act
2 to amend the Tax Law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
4 last section.

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

7 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
8 roll.

9 (The Secretary called the roll.)

10 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
11 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
12 negative.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
14 is passed.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 779, by Senator Farley, Senate Print 4145, an act
17 to amend the Tax Law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
19 last section.

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.

1 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
2 negative.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 780, by Senator Stewart-Cousins, Senate Print
7 4259, an act to amend Chapter 272 of the Laws of
8 1991.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
10 last section.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
17 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
18 negative.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
20 is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 781, by Senator Little, Senate Print 4346, an act
23 to amend the Tax Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
25 last section.

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
7 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
8 negative.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 782, by Senator Ranzenhofer, Senate Print 4380,
13 an act to amend the Tax Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
15 last section.

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

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
22 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
23 negative.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 783, by Senator --

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Can we
4 have some order in the house, please.

5 The Secretary will continue.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 783, by Senator Ranzenhofer, Senate Print 4381,
8 an act to amend Chapter 579 of the Laws of 2004.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
10 last section.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
17 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
18 negative.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
20 is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 784, by Senator Valesky, Senate Print 4392, an
23 act to amend the Tax Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
25 last section.

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
7 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
8 negative.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 785, by Senator Young, Senate Print 4408, an act
13 to amend the Tax Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
15 last section.

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

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
22 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
23 negative.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 786, by Senator Young, Senate Print 4409, an act
3 to amend the Tax Law.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
5 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58. Nays, 3.
12 Senators Hamilton, Lanza and Panepinto recorded
13 in the negative.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 788, by Senator Young, Senate Print 4448, an act
18 to amend Chapter 98 of the Laws of 2009.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
20 last section.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
2 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
3 negative.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 789, by Senator Marchione, Senate Print 4493, an
8 act to amend the Tax Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
10 last section.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
17 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
18 negative.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
20 is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 792, by Senator Little, Senate Print 4675, an act
23 to amend the Tax Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
25 last section.

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
7 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
8 negative.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 794, by the Senate Committee on Rules, Senate
13 Print 4696, an act to amend the Tax Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
15 last section.

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

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
22 Squadron to explain his vote.

23 SENATOR SQUADRON: Thank you,
24 Mr. President.

25 This is one of seven bills today

1 sponsored by Senator Rules. It's the second of
2 the seven. Out of respect for the chamber and
3 other members' time, I will not speak on the
4 other six bills sponsored by Senator Rules.

5 But I would point out Senator Rules'
6 constituents have no idea how he or she feels on
7 important issues of the day. Senator Rules'
8 constituents have no ability to hold Senator
9 Rules accountable for these bills or these votes.
10 And in fact, when we're talking about these kinds
11 of local extender bills, it is very hard to know
12 who in this chamber is accountable for these
13 bills at all.

14 Senator Rules was not elected.
15 Senator Rules has no constituents. We have 63
16 members of this house, and we pass bills; one of
17 them -- or one of us -- should take
18 responsibility for it. We shouldn't be passing
19 bills sponsored by a Senator that does not exist.

20 I'll be voting yes on these bills
21 and the other six today, but I would point out
22 seven bills is a whole lot on an active list. So
23 Senator Rules, despite never having gotten a vote
24 from anybody, seems to be doing pretty well in
25 this house.

1 Thank you, Mr. President. I'll vote
2 yes.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
4 Squadron to be recorded in the affirmative.

5 Announce the results.

6 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
7 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
8 negative.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 795, by the Senate Committee on Rules, Senate
13 Print 4697, an act to amend the Tax Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
15 last section.

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

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
22 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
23 negative.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 797, by Senator Griffo, Senate Print 4818, an act
3 to amend the Tax Law.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
5 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
12 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
13 negative.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 798, by Senator Griffo, Senate Print 4819A, an
18 act to amend the Tax Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
20 last section.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
2 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
3 negative.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 800, by Senator Carlucci, Senate Print 4866, an
8 act to amend the Tax Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
10 last section.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
17 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
18 negative.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
20 is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 801, by Senator Larkin, Senate Print 4880, an act
23 to amend the Tax Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
25 last section.

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
7 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
8 negative.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 802, by the Senate Committee on Rules, Senate
13 Print 4941, an act to amend the Tax Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
15 last section.

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

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
22 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
23 negative.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 805, by Senator Gallivan, Senate Print 4984, an
3 act to amend the Tax Law.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
5 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
12 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
13 negative.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 806, by Senator Young, Senate Print 4993, an act
18 to amend Chapter 405 of the Laws of 2007.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
20 last section.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.

2 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
3 negative.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 807, by the Senate Committee on Rules, Senate
8 Print 5057, an act to amend the Tax Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
10 last section.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
17 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
18 negative.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
20 is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 808, by the Senate Committee on Rules, Senate
23 Print 5058, an act to amend the Tax Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
25 last section.

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
7 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
8 negative.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 809, by the Senate Committee on Rules, Senate
13 Print 5059, an act to amend the Tax Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
15 last section.

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

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
22 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
23 negative.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: And the
25 bill is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 812, by Senator Ritchie, Senate Print 5090, an
3 act to amend the Tax Law.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
5 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
12 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
13 negative.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 937, by Senator Amedore, Senate Print 5550, an
18 act to amend the Tax Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
20 last section.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.
2 Senators Lanza and Panepinto recorded in the
3 negative.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 954, by Senator DeFrancisco, Senate Print 31, an
8 act to amend the Social Services Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
10 last section.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
17 Krueger to explain her vote.

18 SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you,
19 Mr. President.

20 While I understand the sponsor's
21 desire to ensure that local communities can
22 collect their property taxes -- my City of
23 New York very much wants to collect its property
24 taxes -- but this bill would actually order
25 social service agencies not to be able to pay the

1 rent of low-income people on public assistance if
2 the owner of the building was behind on their tax
3 payments.

4 Now, it says in the bill -- and I
5 respect and appreciate the sponsor's attempt to
6 address the issue -- it says that the tenant can
7 use evidence of the landlord's failure to pay the
8 property tax as an argument in court to avoid
9 eviction for failure to pay their rent.

10 The dilemma is -- I think the
11 statistics throughout the state are pretty
12 consistent -- 98 percent of poor people on public
13 benefits do not have attorneys to go to court
14 with them on a housing situation. So they'll be
15 in a situation where their landlord is evicting
16 them for failure to pay because the Department of
17 Social Services is ordered not to pay.

18 The landlord is absolutely the one
19 guilty of failing to pay their property taxes,
20 but the penalty will be paid by the poor family
21 who, in their inability to understand how to
22 prove that none of this is their fault, can be
23 evicted in court very quickly from their home.

24 So I think there was a way for the
25 sponsor to write this bill to make it extremely

1 clear that a tenant could not be held responsible
2 when the Department of Social Services was
3 ordered not to pay their rent. This bill, I
4 believe, leaves the burden of proving things on
5 poor tenants who may not even be in a position to
6 be able to get the information, and certainly not
7 timely and in a court situation with lawyers
8 involved.

9 So I vote no. Thank you very much.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
11 Krueger to be recorded in the negative.

12 Senator DeFrancisco to explain his
13 vote.

14 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes.

15 Basically what this bill does is that if a
16 landlord has a piece of property and they're
17 getting paid by the Department of Social
18 Services, they can no longer, if this bill is
19 enforced, or this law would be enforced if it
20 became law, just pocket the cash from the
21 Department of Social Services and the taxpayers
22 of the State of New York and not pay taxes.

23 So they have a piece of property
24 that they're getting a windfall on, not paying
25 the taxes, and no doubt the property is probably

1 deteriorating as well. That is bad public
2 policy, in my mind.

3 The landlord is going to have the
4 same problem if they evict this person and Social
5 Services put another person in the house; he's
6 still going to have to pay taxes. So I just
7 think it's pretty commonsense.

8 And if there's relief needed by the
9 tenant, Social Services will provide that relief,
10 as they do all people that are in need of
11 housing.

12 Thank you.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
14 DeFrancisco to be recorded in the affirmative.

15 Announce the results.

16 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
17 Calendar Number 954, those recorded in the
18 negative are Senators Avella, Dilan, Espailat,
19 Hoylman, Krueger, Montgomery, Peralta, Perkins,
20 Rivera, Sanders, Serrano and Squadron. Also
21 Senator Stavisky. Also Senator Breslin. Also
22 Senator Comrie.

23 Ayes, 46. Nays, 15.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
25 is passed.

1 The Secretary will continue.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 956, by Senator LaValle, Senate Print 324, an act
4 to amend the Criminal Procedure Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
6 last section.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Announce
13 the results.

14 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
15 Calendar 956, those recorded in the negative are
16 Senators Comrie, Dilan, Hoylman, Krueger,
17 Montgomery, Perkins, Rivera, Sanders and
18 Squadron.

19 Ayes, 52. Nays, 9.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
21 is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 958, by Senator Gallivan, Senate Print 403, an
24 act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the

1 last section.

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
5 roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Announce
8 the results.

9 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
10 Calendar 958, those recorded in the negative are
11 Senators Dilan, Hoylman, Krueger, Montgomery,
12 Perkins, Rivera, Sanders and Squadron.

13 Ayes, 53. Nays, 8.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 977, by Senator Ritchie, Senate Print 2396, an
18 act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
20 last section.

21 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
22 act shall take effect on the 180th day.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
5 980, by Senator Griffo, Senate Print 2720, an act
6 to amend the Penal Law.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
8 last section.

9 THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This
10 act shall take effect immediately.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
12 roll.

13 (The Secretary called the roll.)

14 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
15 Calendar 980, those recorded in the negative are
16 Senators Comrie, Dilan, Hoylman, Krueger,
17 Montgomery, Perkins, Rivera, Sanders, Serrano and
18 Squadron.

19 Ayes, 51. Nays, 10.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
21 is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 997, by Senator Lanza, Senate Print 3852, an act
24 to amend the Penal Law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the

1 last section.

2 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This
3 act shall take effect on the 60th day.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
5 roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
8 Calendar Number 997, those recorded in the
9 negative are Senators Comrie, Dilan, Hoylman,
10 Krueger, Montgomery, Perkins, Rivera, Sanders,
11 Serrano and Squadron.

12 Ayes, 51. Nays, 10.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
14 is passed.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 998, by Senator Seward, Senate Print 4038, an act
17 to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
19 last section.

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Announce

1 the results.

2 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
3 Calendar Number 998, those recorded in the
4 negative are Senators Carlucci, Comrie,
5 Espaillat, Gianaris, Hoylman, Krueger,
6 Montgomery, Perkins, Rivera, Sanders, Serrano,
7 Squadron and Stavisky.

8 Ayes, 48. Nays, 13.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 1134, by Senator Kennedy, Senate Print 657, an
13 act to amend the Penal Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
15 last section.

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

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
23 is passed.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 1142, by Senator Kennedy, Senate Print 1417, an

1 act to amend the Penal Law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the
3 last section.

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

6 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the
7 roll.

8 (The Secretary called the roll.)

9 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill
11 is passed.

12 Senator DeFrancisco, that concludes
13 the noncontroversial reading of today's active
14 list calendar.

15 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Can we take
16 up the controversial reading and lay aside for
17 the day the one bill that's on it.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
19 Secretary will ring the bell, and the bill is
20 laid aside for the day.

21 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: We have one
22 more resolution.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: We do
24 have one more resolution before the desk, by
25 Senator Peralta.

1 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: That's 2535.
2 Please read it in its entirety.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
4 Secretary will read.

5 Can I have some order in the
6 chamber, please.

7 THE SECRETARY: Legislative
8 Resolution Number 2535, by Senator Peralta,
9 welcoming the students and faculty of the
10 Lexington School for the Deaf/Center for the Deaf
11 as they visit Albany, New York, on June 2, 2015.

12 "WHEREAS, It is the custom of this
13 Legislative Body to recognize and commend" --

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
15 Secretary will continue.

16 THE SECRETARY: "WHEREAS, It is the
17 custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and
18 commend those institutions of true purpose and
19 high achievement whose exemplary programs and
20 accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring
21 pursuit of excellence in the education of deaf
22 youth in the Empire State; and

23 "WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern,
24 and in full accord with its long-standing
25 traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud

1 to welcome the students and faculty of the
2 Lexington School for the Deaf/Center for the Deaf
3 as they visit Albany, New York, on June 2, 2015;
4 and

5 "WHEREAS, It is central to the
6 mission of the Lexington School for the
7 Deaf/Center for the Deaf to be an exemplary
8 education, service and research institution for
9 the deaf and hard of hearing in metropolitan
10 New York City and the nation; and

11 "WHEREAS, The Lexington School has
12 helped and continues to facilitate the deaf and
13 hard of hearing in overcoming great barriers to
14 learning, growing, and thriving in a complex
15 world; and

16 "WHEREAS, Lexington School for the
17 Deaf was founded in 1864 when the first class of
18 six children and an instructor convened at the
19 home of Isaac and Hannah Rosenfeld; and

20 "WHEREAS, Due to constantly
21 increasing enrollment, the school moved several
22 times until it settled in 1882 at 904 Lexington
23 Avenue with 161 students; in 1934, it officially
24 became the Lexington School for the Deaf; and

25 "WHEREAS, The Lexington School for

1 the Deaf continued to grow, and in 1968 its new
2 home was inaugurated on a seven-acre site at
3 30th Avenue and 75th Street in Jackson Heights,
4 Queens; and

5 "WHEREAS, Today, the Lexington
6 School for the Deaf is the largest school for the
7 deaf in New York State, with its student body
8 residing throughout the five boroughs of New York
9 City; and

10 "WHEREAS, In addition to its strong
11 academic program, the Lexington School for the
12 Deaf offers a broad range of physical and
13 cultural education programs, including a highly
14 regarded basketball team; and

15 "WHEREAS, In the 1980s, the
16 Lexington School for the Deaf became known as the
17 Lexington School for the Deaf/Center for the
18 Deaf, after establishing several affiliate
19 agencies to support the needs of deaf and hard of
20 hearing children and adults; this included the
21 Lexington Center for Mental Health Services, the
22 Lexington Hearing and Speech Center, and the
23 Lexington Vocational Services, a New York State
24 Education Department - Vocational Services for
25 Individuals with Disabilities-funded program; and

1 "WHEREAS, The Lexington School for
2 the Deaf/Center for the Deaf developed a new
3 approach to teaching in the mid-1990s; it became
4 the first Mediated Learning educational model in
5 a school for the deaf, which earned it the
6 federal designation of a Most Effective Practices
7 school; and

8 "WHEREAS, It is the sense of this
9 Legislative Body that those who enhance the
10 well-being and vitality of their community and
11 have shown a long and sustained commitment to
12 excellence certainly have earned our recognition
13 and applause; now, therefore, be it

14 "RESOLVED, That this Legislative
15 Body pause in its deliberations to welcome the
16 students and faculty of the Lexington School for
17 the Deaf/Center for the Deaf as they visit
18 Albany, New York, on June 2, 2015, and to wish
19 them well in all their future endeavors; and be
20 it further

21 "RESOLVED, That a copy of this
22 resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to
23 the Lexington School for the Deaf/Center for the
24 Deaf."

25 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator

1 Peralta.

2 SENATOR PERALTA: Thank you,
3 Mr. President.

4 The Lexington School for the
5 Deaf/Center for the Deaf is an institution that
6 has been serving the deaf and hard of hearing
7 communities of New York and the metropolitan area
8 for 150 years. What began with a class of six
9 children soon became a well-known school
10 operating from Lexington Avenue. Because of its
11 continuing growth, the school moved to Queens in
12 1968, inaugurating its new location at 75th
13 Street and 30th Avenue in Jackson Heights, which
14 happens to be my district.

15 I personally want to welcome the
16 Lexington School group to Albany. And among the
17 group we have here with us today, two students
18 from the school also happen to be my
19 constituents. I want to welcome to the capital
20 Joseph Pon and Adrian Rivera.

21 And I want to welcome all of the
22 students that are here today representing a
23 school that has been serving the deaf and hard of
24 hearing for many years, helping them realize
25 their full potential in both the deaf and hard of

1 hearing worlds.

2 The school also emphasizes ensuring
3 mastery of expressive and repetitive
4 communication skills by individuals at every
5 point along the spectrum of deaf to hard of
6 hearing; designing and using evolving information
7 technologies to the best advantage; and being a
8 leading advocate for the deaf and hard of hearing
9 communities.

10 The needs of Lexington students
11 reflect the challenges posed by society, with
12 many living in poverty and facing obstacles to
13 access healthcare and decent jobs. And many are
14 recent immigrants for whom the complex adjustment
15 to life in the United States is made more
16 difficult because of deafness.

17 Since its founding in 1865,
18 Lexington has evolved to offer vital services in
19 a wide range of areas. And in the 1980s, the
20 school became known as the Lexington School for
21 the Deaf/Center for the Deaf.

22 The school provides education and
23 services to more than 2,500 students annually.

24 For all the amazing work over the
25 course of all these years at the Lexington School

1 for the Deaf/Center for the Deaf, I want to
2 welcome them and sincerely thank them for the
3 extraordinary job that they've done.

4 And I know that tonight there's
5 going to be a basketball game. For all those who
6 are interested, you can go watch the game. And I
7 would wish you luck, but I know that you don't
8 need it because you're going to beat these old
9 guys.

10 (Laughter.)

11 SENATOR PERALTA: Congratulations,
12 and welcome to Albany.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
14 Gianaris.

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

17 I want to add my welcoming remarks
18 as well. The Lexington School is in Senator
19 Peralta's district, but borders mine, and I think
20 one of the students here today, Mr. Tanvir
21 Chowdhury, is from my district.

22 One of the great traditions, as
23 Senator Peralta mentioned, is that we do have fun
24 playing in a basketball game with them when they
25 come up on this trip. And so I appreciate

1 Senator Peralta's confidence in our abilities for
2 those of us going to be playing tonight, but on a
3 more optimistic note, for those of us in the
4 Assembly and Senate, I want to apologize in
5 advance for the loss you're going to take on the
6 court tonight.

7 (Laughter.)

8 SENATOR GIANARIS: And I hope you
9 enjoy your trip, and we'll see you back in
10 Queens.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
12 question is on the resolution. All in favor
13 signify by saying aye.

14 (Response of "Aye.")

15 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
18 resolution is adopted.

19 We welcome the faculty and the
20 students of the Lexington School for the Deaf.
21 We wish you well tonight. I know you can beat
22 these guys, so congratulations.

23 Please rise and be welcomed here at
24 the Senate chamber. Let's all give them a big
25 round of applause.

1 (Standing ovation.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
3 DeFrancisco, that completes the motions and
4 resolutions before the desk.

5 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Is there any
6 further business at the desk?

7 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: There is
8 no further business before the desk.

9 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: That being
10 the case, I move to adjourn until Wednesday,
11 June 3rd, at 11:00 a.m.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: On
13 motion, the Senate will stand adjourned until
14 Wednesday, June 3rd, at 11:00 a.m.

15 The Senate stands adjourned.

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

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