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FRANCIS W. PATIENCE, Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

THE PRESIDENT: The Senate will come to order.

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

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

THE PRESIDENT: The invocation today will be delivered by Father Peter Young of Mother Teresa Church in Albany.

Father Young?

REVEREND YOUNG: Thank you very much, Governor. Thank you.

Let us pray.

God, You never fail to provide our New York State citizens with dedicated Senators.

May God pour forth this blessing on your legislative effort and provide you with the courage to accept the many demands of your elected office.

As Senators, you reported on this day of the session bell to hear one another for the benefit of our New York State constituents. This invocation calls us to be true to our best

at what we might become as a legislative leader. We need to heed the call of our own hearts with compassion and equity for our dear citizens of the great Empire State.

Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, Madam President. I would request that you call for a moment of silence to recognize Assemblymember Barbara Clark, who passed away this past week.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Floor Leader.

I'll call for a moment of silence in honor of Assemblywoman Barbara Clark, who passed away this week.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

The reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Tuesday, February 23rd, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Monday, February 22nd, was read and approved. On motion, Senate adjourned.

THE PRESIDENT: Without objection, the Journal stands approved as read.

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Croci moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9173 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill Number 6420A, Third Reading Calendar 31.

And Senator Marchione moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9172 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill Number 6382A, Third Reading Calendar 13.

THE PRESIDENT: The substitutions are so ordered.

Messages from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

Reports of select committees.

Communications and reports from state officers.

Motions and resolutions.

Mr. Floor Leader.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, thank

you, Madam President. I move that the following bills be discharged from their respective committees and be recommitted with instructions to strike the enacting clause. These are all Senator Marchione's bills: 3534, 3535, 3536, and 6089A.

THE PRESIDENT: So ordered.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I now move that the following bills of Senator Boyle be discharged from their respective committees and be recommitted with instructions to strike the enacting clause: Bill Numbers 1271 and 5915.

THE PRESIDENT: So ordered.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I also move that the following bill by Senator Griffo be discharged from its respective committee and be recommitted with instructions to strike the enacting clause. That's Senate Bill Number 4323.

THE PRESIDENT: So ordered.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Similarly, I move that the following bill of Senator DeFrancisco be discharged from its respective committee and be recommitted with instructions to strike the enacting clause: Senate Number 4003.

THE PRESIDENT: So ordered.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Next, Madam President, on page number 17 I offer the following amendments to Calendar Number 96, Senate Bill Number 5951, by Senator Murphy, and ask that said bill retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

THE PRESIDENT: So ordered.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Next, on page 19 I offer the following amendments to Calendar Number 124, Senator Ritchie's bill, Senate Print Number 518, and ask that said bill retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

THE PRESIDENT: So ordered.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: And lastly, on page 20 I offer the following amendments to Calendar Number 130, Senator Funke's bill, Senate Print Number 6370, and ask that said bill retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

THE PRESIDENT: So ordered.

Floor Leader.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Madam President, if we could now take up a previously adopted resolution, Number 3102, by Senator Golden, and if you'd please read the title only.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative Resolution Number 3102, by Senator Golden, memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 2016 as Kinship Care Month in the State of New York.

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Golden.

SENATOR GOLDEN: Thank you, Madam President.

We have a number of kinship caregivers up here in our audience today. And it's estimated that 3 percent of all children in the state are being raised by a non-parent relative. In fact, 25 percent of all children in the foster care system are in kinship care.

Sometimes a parent of a minor child has voluntarily relinquished custody of the child to relatives. Sometimes the parent is just not able to care for his or her own child. Whatever the instance or reason, these relatives step up and raise their children as their own. They do the right thing.

Children need safety, stability, nurturing in their lives, so that they can grow

into productive members of the society. Allowing children to be cared for and raised by relatives who already know them, love them, and want what's best for them is in the children's best interests.

Having an opportunity to live and to be raised in a caring, loving and familiar environment helps these kids flourish, which is what we all want for all children. These selfless, dedicated caregivers and advocates are to be recognized and honored for their tireless commitment to their vulnerable children and to our valuable children.

We have one lady up there, Mrs. Fountain. She not only lost her daughter, adopted four of her kids, but two of her children died from Duchenne muscular dystrophy. She had to go through that pain, and she did it all by herself. It's a credit to what she's been able to do, and other mothers and fathers that have done the same across this great state and this great nation.

So therefore, once again I am extremely proud to carry this resolution, on behalf of all of our kinship caregivers out

there, designating September as Kinship Care Month in the State of New York. Congratulations to each and every one of them, and thank you for your dedication and for your love for your children and for the children's children.

God bless you all.

(Standing ovation.)

SENATOR GOLDEN: Thank you, Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator.

Mr. Floor Leader.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Madam President, Senator Golden would like to open up this resolution for cosponsorship. And if someone does not want to be on the resolution as cosponsor, they should notify the desk. Otherwise, we will all be on.

THE PRESIDENT: The resolution is open for cosponsorship. If you do not wish to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

Mr. Floor Leader.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Next, if we could please take up previously adopted Resolution 3562, by Senator Espaillat, read the

title only, and recognize Senator Espaillat.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative Resolution Number 3562, by Senator Espaillat, memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 2016 as Dominican Heritage Month in the State of New York.

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Espaillat.

SENATOR ESPAILLAT: Thank you, Madam President.

I rise to recognize the presence of a good delegation that's here in celebration not only of Dominican Heritage Month, as we adopted the resolution before we went on break, but also advocating for the livery industry in the State and the City of New York.

And with us we have several members that are leaders and former leaders of that industry right here in chambers, including Ms. Cira Angeles, who is a cofounder of LA Riverside Brokerage, Inc., and who has led the industry in matters of insurance, the green cards, and other important issues to that industry.

In addition, we have a former Ambassador to Japan and former leader in this industry, Mr. Jaime Vargas, who's with us today in chambers. He was a strong advocate for the industry way before I got here over two decades ago, and continues to be a strong voice for the men and women of the livery industry as well.

As well as, posthumously, we're honoring Mr. Claudio Ozoria. He was Number 22. You know, when you call a base, you ask for the number of the vehicle or they give you the number, they dispatch that number. And he was known as Mr. 22, Number 22. And he passed recently, and he's being represented by Bienvenido de Jesus, former president of Seaman Radio Dispatchers.

In addition to those three leaders from the livery industry, we have a distinguished member of the State Department of Education. Her name is Angelica Infante, and she is a deputy commissioner for the Department of Education, and one that's in charge not only of bilingual education, but of Common Core and other issues that are of great relevancy to the children in the State of New York. So we're happy to have

Ms. Infante with us here today.

And we have in the gallery a healthy delegation of the livery drivers and owners, including Mr. Damian Rodriguez, who is the executive director of the Livery Base Owners Association.

So they're here. We want you to extend them the courtesies of this house and to welcome them here to the capital city of Albany. They are the people that make New York move, to run. They drive vehicles and transport our families all over the counties across the State of New York.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator.

(Standing ovation.)

THE PRESIDENT: We welcome them to the house.

Mr. Floor Leader.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Senator Espaillat has also requested that we open this up for cosponsorship. And if you do not want to be on, notify the desk. If you do nothing, you will be on as a cosponsor to honor these fine people.

THE PRESIDENT: The resolution is

open for cosponsorship. If you do not wish to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

Mr. Floor Leader.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I would like to now call an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee, with one admonition. Please, everyone, walk from here to there without interruption so we can start as soon as we can to get back to session. I very much appreciate it.

Thank you very much.

THE PRESIDENT: Immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in Room 332 of the Capitol.

The Senate will stand at ease.

(Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease at 3:44 p.m.)

(Whereupon, the Senate reconvened at 3:59 p.m.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The Senate will come to order.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes. I understand there's a report from the Rules Committee at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Yes,

there is.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I move to accept the report of the Rules Committee.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Reports of standing committees.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Flanagan, from the Committee on Rules, reports the following bills:

Senate Print 224, by Senator LaValle, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate 627, by Senator Valesky, an act to amend the General Business Law;

Senate 965, by Senator Montgomery, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate 1796A, by Senator Ritchie, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate 3243, by Senator Savino, an act to amend the Penal Law; and

Senate 6503, by Senator Marcellino, an act to amend the Education Law.

All bills reported direct to third reading.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, I would now request the noncontroversial reading of today's calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Could we have a motion to accept it, Senator DeFrancisco?

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Oh, on the Rules Committee, yes. I move to accept the report of the Rules Committee.

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

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The report is accepted.

Mr. Floor Leader.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, now would you please do the noncontroversial reading of today's calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 6, by Senator Griffo, Senate Print 2722D, an act to

amend the Legislative Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 6, those recorded in the negative are Senators Comrie, Dilan, Espaillat, Hamilton, Hoylman, Montgomery, Perkins, Persaud, Rivera, Savino and Squadron.

Ayes, 48. Nays, 11.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 13, substituted earlier by Member of the Assembly Titone, Assembly Print 9172, an act to amend the State Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2015.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 23, by Senator Little, Senate Print 6392A, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2015.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 26, by Senator Seward, Senate Print 6395A, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2015.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57. Nays, 2. Senators Krueger and Perkins recorded in the negative.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 30, by Senator Ritchie, Senate Print 6399A, an act to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2015.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2015.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 31, substituted earlier by Member of the Assembly Kaminsky, Assembly Print 9173, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2015.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 32, by Senator Funke, Senate Print 6421A, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2015.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 34, by Senator Ranzenhofer Senate Print 6423A, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2015.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 40, by Senator Seward, Senate Print 6429A, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2015.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 45, by Senator Carlucci, Senate Print 6228, an act to amend Lauren's Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Senator Carlucci.

SENATOR CARLUCCI: Thank you, Mr. President.

Right now in New York State, over 10,000 men, women and children are currently

waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. And unfortunately, in New York State we lag behind almost every other state in the nation when it comes to the percentage of people enrolled in the organ donor registry.

Five years ago I had the good fortune of meeting Lauren Shields. Lauren Shields is with us here today. And at that time, it was just a year after she had received a heart transplant. She had spent 15 weeks on life support at the age of 9, desperately waiting for a heart transplant.

When I had the opportunity to meet her, we were talking about ways that we could make a difference, that we could turn things around here in New York State and make sure that we're giving people the opportunity that Lauren has had.

So what did we do? We looked at what were other states doing, what was going on in New York State that we had such a low percentage of people enrolled in the organ donor registry. So we created Lauren's Law, where now when you go to the Department of Motor Vehicles, when you get your driver's license, you're asked

the question: Would you like to be an organ donor, yes or not at this time? And basically mandating that people make that decision.

Since October 3rd of 2013 when this law took effect, we've had amendments to it since then. Thanks to the work of Senator Hannon, the commitment that Senator Flanagan has had towards making sure that organ donation is a priority in this chamber and in New York State, we've started to make a difference.

And in fact, we've changed the numbers. When we started this crusade, we started at 11 percent, 11 percent of the people were enrolled in the registry. We've changed that. Now we're talking about a 17 percent rate. Now, it might not sound big, but that's actually a 60 percent increase. And to put it into perspective in terms of numbers --

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Excuse me, Senator.

Can we have some order in the house, please. Thank you.

SENATOR CARLUCCI: Thank you, Mr. President.

When we look at the numbers going

from 11 percent to 17 percent, in the past three months alone we had an additional 50,000 people enrolled because of Lauren's Law.

And in fact, going forward, by extending Lauren's Law, we've done the math and we see the projections of the Department of Motor Vehicles. They're predicting that over the next four years, each year we're going to have over 2 million people visiting the DMV to enroll in the driver's license program, or renew their driver's license, giving us 2 million opportunities a year to ask that question. From doing the math with Lauren's Law, we predict that we'll be able to register another 560,000 people over the next four years.

So I want to thank Lauren Shields, because without her this law wouldn't be possible. You know, five years ago when we took on this challenge, we hit all types of resistance, all the reasons why we can't change the law. Working together with the members in this Senate and in the Assembly, we found a way forward and we're making a difference.

So I ask my colleagues to support this legislation. Let's not turn back progress.

We have an opportunity to save lives, and we're going to continue to do that. So I'll be voting in the affirmative and want to thank my colleagues for making this a reality.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Senator Carlucci, you vote in the affirmative.

Senator Flanagan.

SENATOR FLANAGAN: Thank you, Mr. President.

And thank you to Senator Carlucci.

I want to add my voice, and I'm clearly going to vote in the affirmative on this piece of legislation. I also want to thank Senator Hannon, who has been extraordinarily helpful in raising awareness on these issues.

And Lauren, it's nice to have you here today. Would you just stand up so everyone can say hello and wish you a good welcome?

(Extended standing ovation.)

SENATOR FLANAGAN: It's really, really nice to see you here.

And I got a chance to do a little reading. It's fascinating what you can learn about people. Obviously Lauren had a heart

transplant at 9; she's now a very good student at the age of 15. And you know you're doing pretty well when on your resume you can say, Yeah, I spoke at St. Patrick's Cathedral. That's got to be pretty cool. Spoke at the Columbia Leadership Summit, is involved in a wide variety of local organizations.

And ladies and gentlemen, this is absolute living proof of how you can save somebody's life. Someone was nice enough and good enough and smart enough to become an organ donor; that allows you to be here with us today.

So what I think we can do, not only in terms of the work of Senator Carlucci and Senator Hannon, is frankly just talk about this. I'm doing it almost every place I go now.

And Senator Carlucci is spot on; as progressive as we are in the State of New York, we're dead last. That's not a distinction we should have. It's bad enough if we have it on tax policy or something like that, but in an area like this, we can make a huge difference. And you can do it through the bone marrow registry as well.

So I just want to add my voice and

clearly want to always mention Assemblyman Jim Conte, who was a double kidney transplant recipient, a real strong advocate in this area.

And we all have personal stories. A gentleman who works for me, Ray Bennardo, who's my chief of staff, his sister-in-law Sue Bennardo, now 11 years, heart and double lung at the same time. She's leading a very full life.

So to my colleagues, when you can raise this issue, just raising awareness makes all the difference in the world.

Again, Senator Carlucci, congratulations. But more importantly, to Lauren, keep up the excellent work. You're doing fantastic.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Thank you, Senator Flanagan.

Senator Squadron.

SENATOR SQUADRON: Thank you.

I want to thank Senator Carlucci and Leader Flanagan for this. Lauren, I want to thank you for being here.

In the context that Senator Flanagan talked about, every donor saves lives. I had a

relative decades ago who was one of the first heart-lung transplant recipients with cystic fibrosis in this country's history. Her life was extended as a result of it -- tragically, not as long as we would have liked.

And today I have a sister living a healthy life who was in kidney failure for over a year until a donor in the State of Illinois walked into a hospital and said "I want to donate my kidney," and started off a chain -- I think there were 15 recipients around the country in that chain, and my sister was one of them.

The fact that there are people dying waiting for organs that could save their lives is a tragedy. It is solvable, as the Leader says. And every one of our stories and the millions of stories around the state -- and, Lauren, your story -- is a great inspiration and a reminder that in a very small way we can make enormous, enormous change in people's lives.

And so I thank you for being here, and Senator Carlucci, I thank you for that. As you point out, every percent is scores of lives saved.

Thank you. I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Thank you, Senator Squadron. You're voting in the affirmative.

Senator Peralta.

SENATOR PERALTA: Thank you, Mr. President.

I also want to thank the sponsor, Senator Carlucci.

This is a very important issue, as we've pointed out. I've actually gotten involved in organ donations because of the fact that I realized, when we did some research, that we are last in the state when it comes to people who are registered to give up or donate an organ.

And that's sad, especially when we talk about New York where we are progressives and we are usually the first to lead the way and we're usually ahead of the curve when it comes to issues that matter.

So it is so important for people to really participate and help others, and why not in this way. Eliminate the fears that some people may have of what it means to be an organ donor. I know some people, when I went through -- when I started this campaign, some

people approached me and they said, Well, what's going to happen if I'm laying in bed or I check off that I'm going to be an organ donor and I'm laying in bed in the hospital? Are the doctors really not going to take care of me because they want that organ?

These are all myths that are out there. And when it comes to culture as well, people are afraid, they don't want to talk about certain things that bring fear into their hearts.

But this is very important. To have an extension of an additional four years will save so many lives. So many people have approached me since I started this campaign. And I'm going to be very supportive of not only this bill but many others to come, because organ donation is a necessity in the State of New York and we need to do so much more to make sure that it becomes mainstream so that everyone talks about organ donations and it's not a myth, it's not a taboo topic that people may not want to talk about.

So thank you. I'll be voting in the affirmative.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Thank

you, Senator Peralta. You're voting in the affirmative.

Senator Marcellino.

SENATOR MARCELLINO: Thank you, Mr. President.

When we're talking about organ donation, that's an extremely important topic. But how do people know? A very simple way that you can let people know that you want to be an organ donor. We all have driver's licenses. All you have to do is when you sign up for your driver's license and when you go get it, tell them to check off the box, they'll print out a license, it'll have a little heart under the phrase "Organ Donor."

So speed is important to let them know that your organ is available if something unfortunate happens to you. But we don't want to waste time in getting the word out that there are organs available to be donated. Get a driver's license, put your heart in the right place, put your name on that list and put it here so people know right away that something is available for someone who may need that help.

You do a good thing. Thank you. I

vote aye, Mr. Chairman.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Senator Marcellino, you're voting in the affirmative.

Senator Panepinto.

SENATOR PANEPINTO: Yes, I want to thank Senator Carlucci for putting this bill forward. It's a bill that's near and dear to my heart.

A great friend of mine, Michael LoCurto, was a Delaware District councilman in the City of Buffalo, and he's with us today because he had a heart-liver transplant 20 years ago. And it's people making themselves available and giving of themselves that have given him the opportunity to be with us for the last 20 years.

And to extend this law four years on the registration will provide other people with these needed opportunities. And I want to thank the Senator and thank the young lady for putting herself out there like this.

And I'm voting in the affirmative.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Senator Panepinto, you'll be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 72, by Senator Golden, Senate Print 1074A, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 73, by Senator Marcellino, Senate Print 410, an act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58. Nays, 1. Senator Montgomery recorded in the negative.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 75, by Senator Ortt, Senate Print 3117, an act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Announce the result.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56. Nays, 3. Senators Avella, Espaillat and Hoylman recorded in the negative.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 77, by Senator Hannon, Senate Print 1641, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 120, by Senator Croci, Senate Print 6361, an act granting.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58. Nays, 1. Senator Bonacic recorded in the negative.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 146, by Senator Seward, Senate Print 6694, an act

to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

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

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

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: No further business.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: That being the case, I move to adjourn until Thursday, February 25th, at 11:00 a.m.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Thursday, February 25th, at 11:00 a.m.

(Whereupon, at 4:19 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)