1	NEW YORK STATE SENATE
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4	THE STENOGRAPHIC RECORD
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9	ALBANY, NEW YORK
10	January 23, 2017
11	4:02 p.m.
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14	REGULAR SESSION
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18	SENATOR THOMAS D. CROCI, Acting President
19	FRANCIS W. PATIENCE, Secretary
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The
3	Senate will come to order.
4	I'd ask everyone present to please
5	rise and recite with me the Pledge of
6	Allegiance.
7	(Whereupon, the assemblage recited
8	the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.)
9	ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: In the
10	absence of clergy, may we please bow our heads
11	in a moment of silence.
12	(Whereupon, the assemblage
13	respected a moment of silence.)
14	ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The
15	reading of the Journal.
16	THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Sunday,
17	January 22nd, the Senate met pursuant to
18	adjournment. The Journal of Saturday,
19	January 21st, was read and approved. On motion,
20	Senate adjourned.
21	ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Without
22	objection, the Journal stands approved as read.
23	Presentation of petitions.
24	Messages from the Assembly.
25	The Secretary will read.

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                  THE SECRETARY:
                                    On page 5, Senator
 2
     DeFrancisco moves to discharge, from the
     Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 374 and
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 4
     substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 979,
 5
     Third Reading Calendar 12.
                  On page 5, Senator Marcellino moves
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 7
     to discharge, from the Committee on Rules,
 8
     Assembly Bill Number 362 and substitute it for
 9
     the identical Senate Bill 984, Third Reading
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     Calendar 17.
                  On page 5, Senator Hannon moves to
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12
     discharge, from the Committee on Rules,
     Assembly Bill Number 378 and substitute it for
13
     the identical Senate Bill 986, Third Reading
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     Calendar 19.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
                                             The
     substitutions are so ordered.
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18
                  Messages from the Governor.
19
                  Reports of standing committees.
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                  Reports of select committees.
21
                  Communications and reports from
     state officers.
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                  Motions and resolutions.
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                  Senator DeFrancisco.
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                  SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: It's my
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1
     understanding that Senator Flanagan has made a
 2
     hand-up of the following committee assignments
 3
     for January 23, 2017, pursuant to Rule 8,
 4
     Section 1C. Do you have that hand-up?
 5
                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
                                             We do.
                  It's received and will be filed
 6
     with the Journal.
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 8
                  SENATOR DeFRANCISCO:
                                          Thank you.
 9
                  There will be an immediate meeting
     of the Rules Committee in Room 332.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
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                                             There
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     will be an immediate meeting of the
     Rules Committee in Room 332. The Senate will
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     stand at ease.
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                  (Whereupon, the Senate stood at
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     ease at 4:04 p.m.)
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                  (Whereupon, the Senate reconvened
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     at 4:17 p.m.)
                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
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                                             The
     Senate will come to order.
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                  Senator DeFrancisco.
                  SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Is there a
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     report from the Rules Committee?
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
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                  SENATOR DeFRANCISCO:
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     accept the report.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
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 3
     Secretary will read.
 4
                  THE SECRETARY: Senator Flanagan,
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     from the Committee on Rules, reports the
     following bills:
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                  Senate Print 418, by Senator Croci,
 8
     Concurrent Resolution of the Senate and Assembly;
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                  Senate 1379, by Senator Little, an
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     act to establish;
                  Senate 1606, by Senator Funke, an
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     act to amend the Tax Law;
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                  Senate 2651, by Senator Klein, an
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     act to amend the General Business Law;
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                  Senate 2652A, by Senator Klein, an
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     act to amend the Executive Law;
                  Senate 2717, by Senator Hamilton, an
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18
     act to amend the Education Law;
19
                  Senate 3142, by Senator Phillips, an
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     act to amend the Real Property Tax Law;
                  Senate 3146, by Senator Golden, an
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     act to amend the Social Services Law;
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                  And Senate 3353, by Senator
23
     DeFrancisco, an act to exclude.
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                  All bills reported direct to third
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     reading.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator
 3
     DeFrancisco.
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                  SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, can we
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     return to motions and resolutions. And if you
     could take up Resolution Number 20, by
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 7
     Senator Squadron, and read the title only,
 8
    please.
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                  Well, let me withdraw that. First
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     I'd like to move the adoption of the
     Resolution Calendar, with the exception of
11
    Number 20.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Stand by.
                  SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I want the
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     entire Resolution Committee read -- adopted. I
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    move the whole resolution. Read every single
     resolution.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: All those
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     in favor of adopting the Rules Committee report
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    please signify by saying aye.
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                  (Response of "Aye.")
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                  SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: And the Rules
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     Committee report.
                  (Laughter.)
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: All those
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     opposed, nay.
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                  (No response.)
                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The Rules
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     Committee report is adopted.
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                  SENATOR DeFRANCISCO:
                                         All right.
     Now, for the Resolution Calendar, I move the
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     adoption of it in its entirety.
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                  You don't have one?
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
                                           Senator,
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     there is one resolution at the desk. A
     previously adopted resolution.
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                  SENATOR DeFRANCISCO:
                                         Yes, please
     read just the title only.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
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     Secretary will read the title only, please.
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                  THE SECRETARY:
                                   Legislative
     Resolution Number 20, by Senator Squadron,
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     commemorating the Asian-American community's
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     celebration of the Lunar New Year, the Year of
20
     the Rooster, on January 28, 2017.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator
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     Squadron to explain his vote.
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                  SENATOR SQUADRON:
                                       Thank you,
     Mr. President, to speak on the resolution.
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                  As many in this chamber and across
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New York State know, this Saturday, January 28th, 1 rings in the Lunar New Year, the Year of the 2 Rooster, one of the 12 animals that represents 3 4 the zodiac and the cyclical order in the 5 traditional calendar. The Lunar New Year holiday is the most important cultural holiday for many 6 7 people across New York State and in my own 8 district in Chinatown. 9 People born in the Year of the 10 Rooster are characterized traditionally by their outstanding confidence to reach leadership and 11 12 success -- a quality that we've seen a lot of in public life recently -- matched, though, with 13 14 hard work, honesty, courage, and loyalty, all 15 qualities that in combination lead to strong leadership and can give us all in this chamber 16 something to aspire and work towards this year, 17 18 in the Year of the Rooster. 19 The holiday is celebrated in 20 Chinatown -- in Manhattan, in my district -- in Flushing, in Sunset Park, and across 21 22 neighborhoods in New York City and New York State with festive gatherings, lion dances, feasting. 23 And it really is an extraordinary thing to be 24 25 part of.

Working with Senator Stavisky and Senator Golden, across the aisle, together we were able to push to have New York City adopt the Lunar New Year as a school holiday, acknowledging the changing traditions of our city and the way that, as our city changes, our traditions, our cultures, our calendar changes with it.

This year, kids -- and that includes my son, who's now a kindergartner in New York
City public schools -- bad news, Lunar New Year
is Saturday, so there's no day off. But good
news for everyone who celebrates it and all the
other families and kids who maybe haven't
celebrated it in the past around New York City.
Everyone can join a Lunar New Year celebration
this Saturday, January 28th, in the city and in
the state, and I hope they do.

It really is another great
reflection of the fact that our state has
historically been the place where people come
from all over the world to start anew and to
start their lives for themselves and their
children and their grandchildren as Americans,
both very proud of the traditions of this country
and holding on to the culture and traditions of

1 the countries where they or their parents or 2 grandparents or ancestors came from. 3 It's a great moment and 4 commemoration in New York State on the 28th of 5 January. I hope many people find new roosters in their lives this year. And I hope all of us live 6 7 up to the ideals of those born in the Year of the 8 Rooster, yourself included, Mr. President. 9 Thank you. 10 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Thank you, 11 Senator Squadron. 12 Senator Stavisky on the resolution. SENATOR STAVISKY: 13 Thank you, Mr. President. 14 15 Yes, the rooster wakes people up in the morning, but it also symbolizes a reawakening 16 of so many cultural values that are important in 17 18 the Chinese and Korean and the Asian-American community. 19 Symbolically, it not only represents 20 a new beginning, but people tend to go out and 21 buy new clothing, they spend extra time cleaning 22 their homes, children walk around with little red 23 envelopes containing cash. It's a very, very --24

the most important holiday in the Asian-American

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community. Yes, the schools are closed, but the children weren't attending school anyway because they celebrated at home and in restaurants.

The rooster, being born in the Year of the Rooster is a very important sign of intelligence, honesty, ambition. And we hope that this will symbolize 2017 as the Year of the Rooster.

Now, in Flushing, which is in my
Senate district and where many, many
Asian-Americans reside, we have a parade on
Sunday, the 4th of February. A hundred thousand
people come to watch. We have 10,000 people
marching, with floats and with dragons and lion
dancing, and the streets are packed. It is a
wonderful opportunity to show your families
another culture, and I urge everybody to come to
Flushing because it is such an exciting time.

So to my Asian-American friends, those who speak Cantonese, may I say Happy New Year, Gong Hei Fat Choi. To the Mandarin speakers, we say Xin Nian Kuai Le. And to the Korean-American speakers, we wish them Saehae Bok Manhi Baduseyo.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: 1 Senator 2 Hamilton on the resolution. 3 SENATOR HAMILTON: Yes, Mr. President, I rise for this resolution also. 4 5 As far as the Chinese New Year, I represent Sunset Park, one of the most 6 7 fastest-growing Asian communities in New York City and the State of New York. To my Asian 8 brothers and sisters, I say to you all: Ni hao 9 10 ma, Ni hao. And this is the Year of the Rooster, 11 12 but not just any rooster. It's the Year of the Fire Rooster. And the fire rooster is known for 13 luck and romance. So this should be the year 14 15 that we all should have good luck and good relationships with our significant others. 16 And so every Chinese New Year, on 17 18 8th Avenue in my district in Sunset Park, is a 19 festive atmosphere. People come from all over 20 New York City. And it's just a wonderful 21 environment to see a vibrant immigrant community 22 with many business owners who open their doors to residents throughout the city. 23 And I just hope that next year, our 24 25 fastest-growing immigrant population, when there

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is a holiday and it falls on a Saturday or it
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     falls on a Sunday, you know, you either take it
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     on Monday or Friday. So even though we do have
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     the New Year, I just wish the next time we do
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     have the holiday and it falls on a weekend, they
     can get either the Friday or the Monday off.
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                  So to all my Asian brothers and
     sisters, I say: Xie xie, Xie xie.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
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                                             Thank you
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     Senator Hamilton.
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                  May we have a little order in the
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     house for our colleagues, please. Thank you.
                  Senator Golden on the resolution.
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                  SENATOR GOLDEN:
                                     Thank you,
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     Mr. President. I rise too in honor of this
     resolution.
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                  For those of you who are not from
     New York City, when immigrants moved to New York
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     City, neighborhoods were built up around and
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     shared a heritage in many cases that persists
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     today.
             Whatever country you came from -- Italy,
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     Ireland, Germany, Middle East, Africa, the
     southern tier of this great, great continent --
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     wherever you came from, you came here because you
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     wished, you hoped and you wanted to reach the
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dreams, achieve the dreams that you dreamt about. 1 And you brought those dreams to this nation. And 2 3 this nation gave you the affordability and the 4 ability to go forward and to raise your family 5 and to give you the opportunity to reach those dreams. 6 7 Well, Brooklyn is no different. Brooklyn would probably be the number-one 8 9 Chinatown, even though we are fighting with 10 San Francisco right now. But we are on our way 11 to becoming number one when it comes to the 12 Asian-American constituency, and of course the 13 largest part being Chinese-Americans. The Chinese-Americans and the 14 15 Asian-Americans are about a million people, today, strong in the City of New York, out of 16 8.5 million to almost 9 million people. That is 17 18 pretty, pretty strong, and it's growing each and every day. 19 20 So these are rights that we all achieved as we came from different nations, 21 whether it be ourselves or our fathers and 22

forefathers. This has given our

Chinese-Americans the opportunity to go forward

with their heritage and to make sure they carry

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that heritage forward for their children and
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     their children's children.
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                  Thank you for putting this forward,
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     Senators. Thank you very much.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: And the
     resolution has been previously adopted.
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                  Senator DeFrancisco.
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                  SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: If it hasn't
     been opened for cosponsorship, please do so.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
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     Squadron has graciously offered to open the
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     resolution up for cosponsorship. All those
     wishing not to be listed as a cosponsor please
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     notify the desk.
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                  Senator DeFrancisco.
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                  SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Can we now
     take up the noncontroversial reading of the
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     calendar.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
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20
     Secretary will read.
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                  THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 9,
     by Senator Ortt, Senate Print 976, an act to
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     amend the Correction Law.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Read the
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     last section.
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                  THE SECRETARY:
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     act shall take effect on the same date and in the
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     same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2016.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
                                            Call the
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     roll.
                  (The Secretary called the roll.)
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                  THE SECRETARY:
                                   Ayes, 60.
                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
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     is passed.
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                  THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 12,
     substituted earlier by Member of the Assembly
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12
     Magnarelli, Assembly Print 374, an act to amend a
     chapter of the Laws of 2016.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Read the
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     last section.
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                  THE SECRETARY:
                                   Section 2.
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     act shall take effect immediately.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Call the
     roll.
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                  (The Secretary called the roll.)
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                  THE SECRETARY:
                                   Ayes, 60.
                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
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                                            The bill
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     is passed.
                  THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 15,
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     by Senator Savino, Senate Print 982, an act to
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1
     amend the Banking Law.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Read the
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     last section.
                  THE SECRETARY: Section 2.
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     act shall take effect on the same date and in the
     same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2016.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Call the
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     roll.
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                  (The Secretary called the roll.)
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Announce
     the result.
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                  THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.
     Senator Sanders recorded in the negative.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The bill
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     is passed.
16
                  THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 17,
     substituted earlier by Member of the Assembly
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18
    Nolan, Assembly Print 362, an act to amend the
     Education Law.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Read the
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     last section.
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                  THE SECRETARY: Section 2.
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     act shall take effect on the same date and in the
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     same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2016.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
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roll.
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                  (The Secretary called the roll.)
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                  THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The bill
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     is passed.
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                  THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 19,
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     substituted earlier by Member of the Assembly
 8
    Abinanti, Assembly Print 378, an act to amend the
9
     Public Health Law.
10
                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Read the
     last section.
11
                  THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
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     act shall take effect immediately.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Call the
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15
     roll.
16
                  (The Secretary called the roll.)
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                  THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The bill
     is passed.
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                  THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 36,
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    by Senator Díaz, Senate Print 504, an act to
22
     amend the Penal Law.
23
                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Read the
     last section.
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                  THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This
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act shall take effect on the first of November.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Call the
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     roll.
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                  (The Secretary called the roll.)
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                  THE SECRETARY:
                                   Ayes, 60.
                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The bill
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     is passed.
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                  Senator DeFrancisco, that completes
 9
     the reading of the noncontroversial calendar.
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                  SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, I'd now
     like to take up two bills that are on the Senate
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     Supplemental Calendar Number 5A that were just
     reported from the Rules Committee.
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                  The first one is Calendar Number 59,
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    by Senator Hamilton.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
                                            The
     Secretary will read.
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                  THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 59,
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    by Senator Hamilton, Senate Print 2717, an act to
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     amend the Education Law.
                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Read the
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     last section.
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                  THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
     act shall take effect immediately.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
                                            Call the
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roll. 1 2 (The Secretary called the roll.) ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: 3 Senator 4 Hamilton, why do you rise? 5 SENATOR HAMILTON: Yes, this bill 6 is very, very important. Education is near and 7 dear to my heart, and right now many young parents who have their kids in pre-kindergarten 8 are not able to join the CEC. 9 10 And what this bill does is allows 11 parents to get in on the ground floor to make 12 sure their children have the best education they could possibly have and to vote on things in 13 14 early childhood and during the first through 15 fifth grade. 16 And so this bill is to make sure 17 that all parents are working together towards 18 educating their children. Because you show me a 19 child with a parent who's involved in education, 20 and I'll show you a child who's going to do 21 wonderful things in life. 22 So I just want to thank everyone in 23 support of this bill for making sure that all parents are involved with the education of their 24 25 children with the Community District Education

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Council.
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                  Thank you.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Announce
     the result.
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                  THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.
                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The bill
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 7
     is passed.
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                  SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Would you
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    please take up, from the Supplemental Calendar
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     5A, Number 60, please, by Senator Phillips.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
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12
     Secretary will read.
13
                  THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 60,
    by Senator Phillips, Senate Print 3142, an act to
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     amend the Real Property Tax Law.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Read the
     last section.
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                  THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
     act shall take effect immediately.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Call the
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     roll.
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                  (The Secretary called the roll.)
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
     Brooks to explain his vote.
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                  SENATOR BROOKS: Mr. President, I
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rise in support of this bill.
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                  The taxes in Nassau County are among
     the highest in the United States. It presents a
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     significant challenge to our seniors.
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     unfortunate that this bill was allowed to expire.
     It's critical that this bill is enacted again to
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     give some break to our seniors, to allow them to
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     remain in our community.
                  Far too many of our seniors have had
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     to move away from Long Island because of our high
     taxes, and this is a necessary step to help
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     relieve some of that tax burden.
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                  Thank you for allowing me to speak.
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     I vote aye.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
                                             Senator
     Brooks to be recorded in the affirmative.
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                  Senator Kaminsky, to explain his
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     vote.
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                  SENATOR KAMINSKY:
                                       Thank you,
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     Mr. President.
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                  First, I would like to commend
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     Senator Phillips. This is important legislation.
     It is bipartisan.
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                  At the end of the day, we in
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     Nassau County are plagued by high property
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taxes -- according to Fox Business, the fifth highest in the United States, as of 2013. About \$9,000 is the median property taxes in Nassau County.

And we have seniors living on fixed incomes who tell me, day in, day out, that they have to move -- that they built these communities, they raised their children in the communities, and yet they're going to move to a more tax-friendly place because they can't afford Nassau County.

We in the state put in a tax abatement for them that was unfortunately allowed to expire by our county government. And we here are taking the first important step to reinstate that to get tens of thousands of seniors a tax abatement that they so justly deserve.

The least we could do here in the Senate is make life more affordable for Long Islanders. I applaud my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for getting this done for Nassau County. Let's keep moving forward, let's keep reducing the incredible tax burden we have there, and let's keep growing our economy down on Long Island.

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                  Thank you. I vote in the
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     affirmative.
                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
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                                             Senator
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     Kaminsky will be recorded in the affirmative.
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                  Senator DeFrancisco, did you want to
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     go next?
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                  SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes.
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     agree, is an outstanding bill, and I really
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     commend the sponsor, Senator Phillips, for doing
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     it.
                  But I think it's worthy of note that
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     in this chambers on this day, Senator Kaminsky
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     cited Fox News as his source of information.
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                  (Laughter.)
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                  SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: There is hope
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     in the world.
                  Thank you, Mr. President.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
                                             Senator
     DeFrancisco to be recorded in the affirmative.
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                  Senator Phillips.
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                  Senator Kaminsky?
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                  SENATOR KAMINSKY: I just want to
     say that --
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
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                                             Senator,
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     you're exercising a point of personal privilege?
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                  SENATOR KAMINSKY:
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
                                             Okay.
     Senator Kaminsky is exercising his point of
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     personal privilege.
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                  Go ahead, Senator.
                  SENATOR KAMINSKY:
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                                       Senator
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     DeFrancisco, I just want to state that this
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     median tax income was not an alternative fact. I
     checked it myself --
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                  (Laughter.)
                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
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                                             Senator
     Phillips to explain her vote.
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                  SENATOR PHILLIPS:
                                       Thank you,
     Mr. President. I rise today to explain my vote.
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                  I'd like to thank all my colleagues
16
     and Senator Brooks and Senator Kaminsky for
     supporting this also.
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                  I am very proud that my first bill
     to come before the Senate builds on a theme of my
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     campaign, reducing taxes and making it more
21
     affordable to live in New York State, especially
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     for our seniors.
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                  This bill is good government at its
           This legislation will make sure that
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     nearly 44,000 eligible Nassau County seniors get
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     the tax relief that they need and, as
 2
     importantly, they deserve.
                  It is my hope that this is the first
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     of many bills that will help our seniors stay in
 5
     the communities that they helped build and that
     they raised their families in.
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                  I vote in the affirmative.
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                  (Scattered applause.)
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
                                             Senator
10
     Phillips to be recorded in the affirmative.
                  Announce the result.
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                  THE SECRETARY:
                                    Ayes, 60.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
                                             The bill
     is passed.
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                  SENATOR DeFRANCISCO:
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     noted by the applause, but I'll announce it
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     anyway, this is Senator Phillips' first bill, and
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     it's extremely --
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                  (Applause.)
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:
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     DeFrancisco.
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                  SENATOR DeFRANCISCO:
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     immediately following session today there will be
     an immediate meeting of the Codes Committee in
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     Room 124 of the Capitol.
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With that said, is there any further
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     business at the desk?
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: There is
     no further business before the desk.
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                  SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: That being
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     the case, I move to adjourn until Tuesday,
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     January 24th, at 11:00 a.m.
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                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: On motion,
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     the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday,
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     January 24th, at 11:00 a.m.
                  (Whereupon, at 4:38 p.m., the Senate
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     adjourned.)
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