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18 SENATOR THOMAS D. CROCI, Acting President

19 FRANCIS W. PATIENCE, Secretary

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

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

4 I ask everyone present to please  
5 rise and repeat 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 for 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,  
17 Wednesday, March 22nd, the Senate met pursuant  
18 to adjournment. The Journal of Tuesday,  
19 March 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 Messages from the Governor.

1 Reports of standing committees.

2 Reports of select committees.

3 Communications and reports from  
4 state officers.

5 Motions and resolutions.

6 Senator DeFrancisco.

7 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, I move  
8 to adopt the Resolution Calendar except for  
9 Resolution 1163.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: All in  
11 favor of adopting the Resolution Calendar, with  
12 the exception of Resolution 1163, please signify  
13 by saying aye.

14 (Response of "Aye.")

15 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Opposed,  
16 nay.

17 (No response.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The  
19 Resolution Calendar is adopted.

20 Senator DeFrancisco.

21 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Can we now  
22 recognize Senator Alcantara to introduce a  
23 special individual in our chambers today, the  
24 Consul General of Mexico, Ambassador Diego  
25 Gomez.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:    Senator  
2   Alcantara.

3                   SENATOR ALCANTARA:    Thank you,  
4   Senator DeFrancisco.

5                   We would like to welcome Diego  
6   Gomez Pickering, the consul general of Mexico,  
7   and also Paulina Strassburger Lona, consul of  
8   political affairs for Mexico. And welcome to  
9   the New York State Senate.

10                  The Mexican community is the second  
11   largest Latino group in New York. And a quick  
12   fact that my colleague Senator Carlucci and I  
13   learned today is that Mexico is the  
14   fifth-largest trading partner for the State of  
15   New York and the second for the United States.

16                  We would like to welcome you to the  
17   State Senate, and my colleagues and myself, we  
18   look forward to working with you in the Mexican  
19   community, as the contributions that  
20   Mexican-Americans have made to the United States  
21   have been tremendous.

22                  Mexico has been one of our biggest  
23   partners, not only economically but politically.  
24   The Mexican government has spent millions of  
25   dollars helping the United States secure the

1 southern borders and keeping terrorists out. And  
2 sometimes in this divisive climate that we are  
3 in, we don't recognize how big and what a huge  
4 trading partner Mexico is to the United States  
5 and how lucky we are to have a large population  
6 of Mexicans in the city and in the State of  
7 New York.

8                   So thank you very much for being  
9 here with us.

10                   ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:    Senator  
11 Rivera.

12                   SENATOR RIVERA:    Thank you,  
13 Mr. President.

14                   From 2000 to 2010, the Census  
15 determined that in the State of New York,  
16 generally speaking, the ethnicity that grew the  
17 most was Latino. Within that, the one that grew  
18 the most was Mexican. And by percentage, most of  
19 that population growth happened in my district,  
20 based around actually what used to be Little  
21 Italy -- which still is, our Arthur Avenue, the  
22 neighborhood of Belmont, which still has some of  
23 the best Italian restaurants in the city, as some  
24 of my Italian brethren can attest. And if not,  
25 I'll take you.

1           But the population that lives there  
2     has changed. And in this case, what you have is  
3     a large growth of the Mexican population that has  
4     happened right in the heart of my district.

5           So I am very, very proud to stand  
6     today, as I did a few days ago to talk about the  
7     diversity of my district -- then we were  
8     welcoming folks from the Garifuna community --  
9     but also Mexicans make up a large sector of the  
10    growing population in the heart of my district.

11          So I'm very happy to welcome the  
12    ambassador here. And by the way, he is not only  
13    recognized for his great skill in state matters,  
14    but as I hear, he also makes a mean margarita. I  
15    hope that I will get the chance to try that,  
16    because if you've been somewhere with cheap  
17    margarita mix, you know once you've had the real  
18    thing. So you definitely need to do that.

19          So, Mr. President, thank you so much  
20    for giving me the opportunity to speak. But  
21    thank you for visiting us in this august chamber.  
22    I hope that it is not the last time that you are  
23    here with us.

24                 Thank you, Mr. President.

25                 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:     Senator

1 Peralta.

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

4 I too want to welcome the Consul  
5 General of Mexico, Ambassador Diego Gomez, and  
6 Paulina. Thank you for being here today.

7 I've had the privilege of sitting  
8 down with the ambassador in my district office  
9 and talking to him about the issues that matter  
10 to Mexicans and Mexican-Americans in the district  
11 that I represent.

12 I represent the United Nations of  
13 all Senate districts. And one of the growing  
14 populations in that district, in my district, is  
15 the Mexican community. And you can see it all  
16 along the line of Roosevelt Avenue and Elmhurst  
17 and Corona by the businesses that they open up  
18 and the shops that they open up, and just the  
19 kids that attend the local schools.

20 I remember when I first got elected,  
21 when I was in the Assembly, I used to ask the  
22 question "How many people from the Dominican  
23 Republic?" And 80 percent of the kids would  
24 raise their hands. And now when I ask the  
25 question "How many kids from Mexico?", 80 percent

1 of the kids raise their hands.

2 And there's a different population  
3 that's coming into the district, and I am proud  
4 to represent them. And I thank the consul  
5 general for all the hard work that he does for  
6 the Mexican-American community, not only in my  
7 district but through the entire State of New  
8 York.

9 Thank you so much, and I'm looking  
10 forward to continuing our great relationship.  
11 Welcome.

12 Thank you, Mr. President.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator  
14 Díaz.

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

17 I also join Senator Marisol  
18 Alcantara in welcoming Consul General Diego Gomez  
19 and Paulina. I don't have that many Mexicans in  
20 my district, not in my district. But in the  
21 Bronx, and on behalf of my son, the Bronx borough  
22 president, Ruben Díaz, Jr., I also would like to  
23 express my appreciation to the Mexican community  
24 that resides in Bronx County and throughout the  
25 City of New York.



1           I do abrazos. I do abrazos,  
2   banquets for different communities in my district  
3   when they start growing. I'm going to start  
4   planning for the Mexican.

5           But again, I would like to welcome  
6   you. It's an honor to meet you. From this  
7   Puerto Rican, with broken English and kinky hair,  
8   welcome to this chamber.

9           Thank you very much.

10          ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:    Senator  
11   Krueger.

12          SENATOR KRUEGER:    Thank you very  
13   much, Mr. President.

14          I join my colleagues in welcoming  
15   Consul General Gomez from Mexico. I'm very proud  
16   to have the consulate in my district. I am very  
17   proud to have the United Nations in my district,  
18   so I have the opportunity to have truly the  
19   center of an international city.

20          And I am delighted that we have so  
21   many guests who come to visit us in Albany, to  
22   help us understand the uniqueness of New York  
23   State and New York City in global economics and  
24   global diplomacy. I assured the consul general  
25   when we met that despite the fact that I have

1 another constituent -- the Trump family are  
2 constituents -- that I strongly oppose the wall.  
3 There will be no wall in New York City anywhere,  
4 and I hope not anywhere, for our sakes.

5 But I am just delighted that you are  
6 here, delighted to hear from all my colleagues  
7 about experiences of the Mexican-Americans in  
8 their own communities. Because the whole history  
9 of our great State of New York was a history of  
10 immigrants coming from everywhere, open borders  
11 to everyone, and welcoming.

12 So welcome to you. Thank you.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator  
14 Hamilton.

15 SENATOR HAMILTON: Mr. President, I  
16 rise to pay tribute to the consul general from  
17 Mexico. I have a growing Mexican population in  
18 my district in Sunset Park. They're some of the  
19 hardest-working people in America. They thrive  
20 on economic development, as far as being small  
21 business owners in my district.

22 And I just want to say because of  
23 their hard work and the desire to be true  
24 Americans, we have with the IDC the sanctuary  
25 district. And my office is a sanctuary office

1 for anybody who is feeling threatened by ICE or  
2 any other agency that may try to deport them.

3 As we all know, if you go to a  
4 deportation hearing, there's a 97 percent chance  
5 you'll be deported without an attorney. So I'm  
6 glad to announce that we are providing legal  
7 services for anyone facing deportation in our  
8 great State of New York.

9 So to the consul general of Mexico,  
10 we welcome you here to the State of New York and  
11 to our chamber, and God bless you Mexico.

12 Thank you very much.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Your  
14 Excellency, we welcome you to our chamber, and  
15 the Senate extends every privilege and courtesy  
16 of the house to you and your delegation.

17 And would the members please  
18 recognize our guests from the great nation of  
19 Mexico.

20 (Standing ovation.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator  
22 DeFrancisco.

23 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, would  
24 you now recognize Senator Griffo for a very brief  
25 introduction.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:    The  
2   Senator from Rome is recognized.

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

5                   I'm honored to have with me a young  
6   talented student from Rome Free Academy who is  
7   our mentee today, Senator for a Day.  His family  
8   was successful in arranging this at a charitable  
9   event.

10                  So I want to acknowledge Mr. Ben  
11   McMonagle.  Ben is with us, he's a sophomore at  
12   Rome Free Academy.  Stand up, Ben.  And also his  
13   family, Ed, Beth and Dan.  Thank you all for  
14   being here.

15                  Thank you, Mr. Leader, and thank  
16   you, Mr. President.

17                  (Applause.)

18                  SENATOR DeFRANCISCO:    Could we now  
19   take up Resolution 1163, by Senator Alcantara,  
20   read the title only, and call on the Senator to  
21   speak.

22                  ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:    The  
23   Secretary will read.

24                  THE SECRETARY:    Legislative  
25   Resolution Number 1163, by Senator Alcantara,

1 commemorating the 106th anniversary of the  
2 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire on March 25,  
3 2017.

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:     Senator  
5 Alcantara.

6                   SENATOR ALCANTARA:     Thank you,  
7 Mr. President.

8                   On March 25, 1911, the Triangle  
9 Shirtwaist Factory Company in New York City  
10 burned to the ground, killing 145 workers. That  
11 was the deadliest industrial disaster in the  
12 history of our city.

13                   Most of the workers were Jewish and  
14 Italian immigrants, women and children. When  
15 they tried to escape, many of them jumped out of  
16 the windows because the owner of the factory had  
17 locked the doors. And the owner of the factory  
18 had locked the doors so workers were not allowed  
19 to take a break, they were not allowed to go  
20 outside. For those owners, a human life was  
21 considered less than making profit.

22                   And today, as a trade unionist, to  
23 me this is very important, because today when you  
24 talk to any brothers and sisters in the labor  
25 movement, we still hear the same stories, the

1 race to the bottom, where companies will cut  
2 whatever corners they can to make sure that the  
3 workers work more but with less benefits.

4 Today we must ensure that the  
5 memories of those women and girls that died are  
6 never forgotten, and that we can remember that  
7 there's still a time in America where we as  
8 elected officials, as trade unionists, we need to  
9 work hard to protect and make sure that every  
10 American worker has the right to unionize, paid  
11 holidays, vacations days, and benefits. And only  
12 then can we realize that Americans and our  
13 workers can move to the middle class, if we can  
14 ensure that the working conditions in our  
15 factories and places of work are nice and safe.

16 So today I would like to take the  
17 opportunity, Mr. President, for allowing me to  
18 honor the lives and memories of those workers  
19 that died on that terrible day on March 25th.

20 Thank you.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator  
22 Hoylman.

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

25 I wanted to thank my colleague for

1 sponsoring this resolution.

2           The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory  
3 disaster occurred in my district, and the  
4 building is still there. It's called the Brown  
5 Building, and it's been subsumed into NYU. It's  
6 right off of Washington Place, so you can walk  
7 by. And it's rather nondescript, a small plaque.

8           But it's really mind-boggling if you  
9 think about the fact that back in 1911, 146 women  
10 and men, young people, leapt to their deaths from  
11 the eighth and ninth floor of that building  
12 because they were locked into the work premises.

13           The owners had the idea to lock the  
14 workers in, wanted to keep them at their  
15 machines, but secondly because they didn't want  
16 them to steal.

17           And what they were making, a lot of  
18 us don't know, but they're called shirtwaists.  
19 They were basically women's dresses that had a  
20 professional look to them and were very popular  
21 at the time.

22           But the owners were concerned that  
23 the workers, most of them immigrants, would steal  
24 scraps of cloth and take them home.

25           I know I have a couple of

1 constituents here, Heidi and Sam, who live not  
2 far from there in Greenwich Village where this  
3 occurred.

4           Of course, as the sponsor said, out  
5 of this tragedy grew unionization, unionization  
6 for immigrants, which I think we can reflect on  
7 today as of great importance, as well as the  
8 cause for equal pay. You know, it's something  
9 that this chamber has addressed in the past, and  
10 I think we obviously need to continue to do more  
11 work. Because when it comes to the pay gap  
12 between men and women, to this day, women still  
13 make just an average of 78 cents for every dollar  
14 made by men. And that's 50 years after President  
15 Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act. And in  
16 New York, the difference is that women make,  
17 while better, still just 86 cents on the dollar  
18 of every man.

19           So while there is great tragedy and  
20 solace in remembering this day, I think there is  
21 also hope, hope for our immigration policies to  
22 reflect our economy, as many of us agree, and  
23 secondly, to make certain that women are treated  
24 equally in the workplace.

25           One anecdote that I'll close with is



1     that the owners were taken to court and were  
2     found not guilty, because the jury couldn't  
3     determine that they had in fact locked the doors.  
4     So 25 families filed civil suits against the  
5     owners on behalf of their lost loved ones. Well,  
6     they won. They won a payment of \$75 for each  
7     deceased member.

8                     Thank you, Mr. President.

9                     ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:     Senator  
10    Stavisky.

11                    SENATOR STAVISKY:     Thank you,  
12    Mr. President. Thank you to my colleagues.

13                    And as I sat and listened to the  
14    comments, I think we also ought to pay tribute to  
15    one of our former colleagues, Senator Serf  
16    Maltese, who used to get up on the floor each  
17    year and talk about the Triangle Shirtwaist  
18    Factory tragedy. Because if my memory is  
19    correct, he lost a grandparent.

20                    So I think that by doing this we are  
21    continuing almost an oral history of what has  
22    happened in New York State, and for that we thank  
23    everybody for their participation.

24                    Thank you, Mr. President.

25                    ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:     Senator

1 Little.

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

4 And you know, when we stop and think  
5 about the conditions these women were working  
6 in -- they were mostly women, there were some men  
7 and they were all very young -- how tragic it  
8 was, and certainly how much things have improved.

9 But it was actually the shirtwaist  
10 factory fire that got people involved and working  
11 for women's rights in the labor force -- and then  
12 their right to vote, once they realized they not  
13 only needed help in their workplace, but they  
14 needed to be able to vote for elected officials  
15 and actually to -- they could have run for  
16 office, but without the women's vote they didn't  
17 feel they could.

18 So this really led to the whole  
19 suffragette movement as well, and many of the  
20 same people that started with this movement ended  
21 up in the suffragette movement.

22 So thank you very much for this  
23 resolution.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator  
25 Savino.

1                   SENATOR SAVINO:    Thank you,  
2   Mr. President.

3                   I rise -- first I want to thank  
4   Senator Alcantara, our new Labor chair in the  
5   Senate for bringing this resolution to the next  
6   door.

7                   I have spoken on the anniversary of  
8   the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire every year  
9   since I have been in the Senate. And the  
10   Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire was without a  
11   doubt a defining moment in New York State -- not  
12   just for workers' rights and for women's rights,  
13   it was a defining moment for the State of  
14   New York. We became the first state to adopt  
15   factory safety standards as a result of that  
16   horrific tragedy.

17                  We were one of the first states to  
18   adopt labor laws that then became the model for  
19   the nation to follow. It took a few years for  
20   the federal government to finally recognize what  
21   was happening in factories all across the country  
22   and adopt standards for workers across the  
23   country. We now have a national Occupational  
24   Safety and Health Administration in Washington.

25                  And here in New York, we care about

1 workers' rights, but what's happening in  
2 Washington is something that should give us  
3 pause, because it's almost as if the pendulum has  
4 swung back. As we speak, in Washington they're  
5 contemplating slashing workers' rights and  
6 factory safety standards and protections for coal  
7 miners because they think that they're  
8 impediments to business. So perhaps we in  
9 New York need to lead the way again and remind  
10 them of what happens when you roll back worker  
11 protections -- We wind up with tragedies like the  
12 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire if we don't keep  
13 an eye on things.

14                   And ironically, a little while ago  
15 we had two representatives from Mexico here in  
16 the chamber where we recognized them. As we  
17 speak, even though New York State is probably the  
18 safest place in the country for workers'  
19 rights -- because of the laws that were enacted  
20 in this chamber over the past hundred years -- we  
21 have the greatest safety standards, we have the  
22 greatest worker protections, the greatest wage  
23 theft laws in the country -- there's still an  
24 underground economy in New York. And many of the  
25 people working in that underground economy are

1     undocumented Mexican women working in sweatshops,  
2     in factories that are underground, in places like  
3     Sunset Park and in the West Side of Manhattan,  
4     and they are operating in the shadows. A  
5     Triangle Shirtwaist Factory could happen in many  
6     of those places.

7                     So we need to make sure that our  
8     Department of Labor has the resources to keep  
9     track of that, because we know Washington is not  
10    going to pay attention to it. OSHA is not going  
11    to be there to protect workers in New York. It's  
12    going to rely on New York State to do it again.

13                    So thank you, Senator Alcantara, for  
14    reminding us of the importance of Triangle then  
15    and now.

16                    Thank you, Mr. President.

17                    ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:    Senator  
18    Díaz.

19                    SENATOR DÍAZ:    Thank you,  
20    Mr. President.

21                    I again rise to congratulate Senator  
22    Alcantara for this important moment. And it is  
23    important because we blacks and Hispanics, we  
24    complain -- we complain about discrimination, we  
25    complain about injustice, and we're right.

1                   But the importance of this  
2     resolution and this action of Senator Alcantara  
3     today is that it brings to our attention that it  
4     not only happens to us blacks and Hispanics. I  
5     heard Senator Alcantara say the majority of these  
6     146 people that died in that factory were Jews  
7     and Italians. I heard her, she's saying that.  
8     And I also heard she's saying that they was  
9     treated like slaves -- underpaid, in unsafe  
10    situations, and locked in a factory like slaves.

11                  So it is important for us to  
12    remember that it is not only happening to us  
13    blacks and Hispanics. These were women -- 123  
14    women died in this fire, and 23 men. No  
15    Hispanics, no blacks. Jewish and Italian.

16                  And this happened in 2011 {sic},  
17    recently. It didn't happen back then in those  
18    years, it happened recently. Practically, what,  
19    six years ago? 2011, how many years ago? So it  
20    happened recently, in this era, where Jewish and  
21    Italian women, the majority women, died in a fire  
22    like slaves.

23                  So thank you, Senator Alcantara and  
24    Senator Savino, for bringing this every year.  
25    And I never paid this attention, but today I paid

1 attention, I listened to this, listened when  
2 she's saying Jewish and Italian. I heard this  
3 resolution every year, every year, but I never  
4 really got to the point of keep remembering, of  
5 keep bringing this to our ears, to know that not  
6 only us Hispanics and not only us blacks have  
7 been treated like garbage sometimes.

8 So thank you, and please continue  
9 bringing this resolution every year. Don't allow  
10 this incident to be forgotten. And keep  
11 reminding us minorities that we are not the only  
12 ones that suffer and that we are not the only  
13 ones being discriminated, and we are not the only  
14 ones being underpaid and we are not the only ones  
15 being treated like slaves.

16 Thank you, Mr. President.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The  
18 question is on the resolution. All those in  
19 favor please signify by saying aye.

20 (Response of "Aye.")

21 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Opposed,  
22 nay.

23 (No response.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The  
25 resolution is adopted.

1 Senator DeFrancisco.

2 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: And the  
3 resolution is open for cosponsorship. If someone  
4 wants to cosponsor, they should notify the desk.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The  
6 resolution is open for cosponsorship. If you  
7 would like to be a sponsor, please notify the  
8 desk.

9 Senator DeFrancisco.

10 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Would you  
11 please take up the noncontroversial reading of  
12 the calendar, please.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The  
14 Secretary will read.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
16 183, by Senator Funke, Senate Print 3890, an act  
17 to amend the Parks, Recreation and Historic  
18 Preservation Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Read the  
20 last section.

21 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
22 act shall take effect on the 120th day.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Call the  
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)



1 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The bill  
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
5 260, by Senator Gallivan, Senate Print 1984, an  
6 act to amend the Penal Law.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Read the  
8 last section.

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

11 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Call the  
12 roll.

13 (The Secretary called the roll.)

14 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Announce  
15 the results.

16 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
17 Calendar 260, those recorded in the negative are  
18 Senators Alcantara, Bailey, Comrie, Hoylman,  
19 Krueger, Montgomery, Persaud, Rivera and Sanders.

20 Ayes, 50. Nays, 9.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The bill  
22 is passed.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
24 291, by Senator Peralta, Senate Print 352, an act  
25 to amend the Banking Law.

1           ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:    Read the  
2   last section.

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

5           ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:    Call the  
6   roll.

7           (The Secretary called the roll.)

8           THE SECRETARY:    Ayes, 59.

9           ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:    The bill  
10   is passed.

11          THE SECRETARY:    Calendar Number  
12   296, by Senator Bonacic, Senate Print 1031, an  
13   act to amend the Education Law.

14          ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:    Read the  
15   last section.

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

18          ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:    Call the  
19   roll.

20          (The Secretary called the roll.)

21          THE SECRETARY:    Ayes, 59.

22          ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI:    The bill  
23   is passed.

24          THE SECRETARY:    Calendar Number  
25   298, by Senator Jacobs, Senate Print 2103, an act

1 to amend the Education Law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Read the  
3 last section.

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

6 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Call the  
7 roll.

8 (The Secretary called the roll.)

9 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator  
10 Jacobs.

11 SENATOR JACOBS: Thank you. I rise  
12 in support of this bill.

13 As we talk very frequently in this  
14 body about the need to create additional jobs,  
15 new jobs in our communities, one of the glaring  
16 places we often miss is the existing jobs that  
17 remain unfilled. In my county alone, over  
18 16,000 jobs in the manufacturing, advanced  
19 manufacturing sector and other sectors remain  
20 unfilled because of a skills gap. I believe this  
21 bill will help in harnessing and aligning one of  
22 the greatest resources that we have, our  
23 community colleges, to make sure that the  
24 training, the courses and the credentialing that  
25 they offer align with the needs for the new

1 economy, the advanced manufacturing economy, and  
2 the existing manufacturing that we've always had  
3 but that is experiencing significant vacancies  
4 because of retirements.

5 I am very much in support of this  
6 and hope it continues to move forward.

7 Thank you very much.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator  
9 Jacobs to be recorded in the affirmative.

10 Announce the result.

11 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
12 Calendar 298, those recorded in the negative are  
13 Senators Akshar, Brooks, Comrie, Funke, Helming,  
14 Hoylman, Krueger, Little, O'Mara, Persaud,  
15 Stavisky and Tedisco.

16 Ayes, 47. Nays, 12.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The bill  
18 is passed.

19 Senator DeFrancisco.

20 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I would just  
21 like to note for the record that this is Senator  
22 Jacobs' first bill as a member of the New York  
23 State Senate.

24 (Applause.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator

1 DeFrancisco, that completes the reading of the  
2 noncontroversial calendar.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: There is no  
6 further business at the desk.

7 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: That being  
8 the case, I now move to adjourn until Monday,  
9 March 27th, at 3:00 p.m., intervening days being  
10 legislative days.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: On motion,  
12 the Senate stands adjourned until Monday,  
13 March 27th, at 3:00 p.m., intervening days being  
14 legislative days.

15 (Whereupon, at 12:35 p.m., the  
16 Senate adjourned.)

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