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FRANCIS W. PATIENCE, Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The Senate will come to order.

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

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

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: In the absence of clergy, may we please bow our heads in a moment of silence.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday, January 15th, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Sunday, January 14th, was read and approved. On motion, Senate adjourned.

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

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

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: Mr. 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 Young's bills: 3505, 5389, 5167, 5914, 5191, 5915, 5285, and 6387A.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: So ordered.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I'd also move that the following bill, by Senator Little, be discharged from its respective committee and be recommitted with instructions to strike the enacting clause. That's Senate Bill Number 6176.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: So ordered.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Could you now recognize Senator Valesky.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Senator Valesky.

SENATOR VALESKY: Thank you, Mr. President.

I move that the following bills be discharged from their respective committees and be recommitted with instructions to strike their enacting clauses: Senate Bills 1324A, 4480, and 5918.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: So ordered.

Mr. Floor Leader.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Mr. President, there's a privileged resolution by Senator Phillips, 3390. Could you please read it in its entirety and call on Senator Phillips to speak.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative Resolution Number 3390, by Senator Phillips, memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 13, 2018, as Korean American Day in the State of New York.

"WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to pay tribute to those who foster

ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthen the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

"WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 13, 2018, as Korean American Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Korean American Day; and

"WHEREAS, January 13th was declared Korean American Day in 2003 by the United States Congress as a day on which the contributions of Korean Americans should be recognized and celebrated; and

"WHEREAS, In December of 1902, a group of 102 Korean immigrants embarked on a dangerous cross-Pacific voyage on the S.S. Gaelic to land in Honolulu, Hawaii, on January 13, 1903; and

"WHEREAS, Over the next three years, approximately 1,000 Koreans entered the United States through San Francisco following countrymen who had established homes, educated their children, and established native language

publications; they gradually migrated to the eastern United States, where subsequent generations of Korean Americans established themselves in new communities; and

"WHEREAS, As patriotic citizens, Korean Americans served with distinction in the United States Armed Forces during World Wars I and II, the Korean conflict, the Vietnam War and in the Middle East conflicts; and

"WHEREAS, The federal Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 opened the door for new Korean immigrants who have become one of the fastest-growing groups of Asian Americans to settle in the United States; and

"WHEREAS, Since their arrival more than 100 years ago, Korean Americans have made outstanding contributions throughout American society; their rich cultural heritage and traditions have contributed greatly to the quality of life for residents of New York; and

"WHEREAS, Korean-owned businesses generate nearly $80 billion annually in the United States, with New York State having the second-largest number of Korean-owned businesses in the country; many Korean Americans live and

work in Queens; through their hard work and tenacious effort, they have helped create a thriving multicultural community; and

"WHEREAS, It is duly fitting that all New Yorkers join in these important celebrations of one of our state's most vibrant communities; this much anticipated observance and its accompanying activities will foster greater appreciation for Korean culture and serve to promote the spirit of cooperation that is characteristic of all citizens of New York State; now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim January 13, 2018, as Korean American Day in the State of New York, and to honor the contributions of Korean Americans in the United States and New York; and be it further

"RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York; the Korean American Association of New York; the Korean American Association of Queens; the Korean American Civic

Empowerment Association; Korean Community Services; and the Korean American Family Service Center."

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Senator Phillips on the resolution.

SENATOR PHILLIPS: Thank you, Mr. President.

To my colleagues here today, and our Korean guests: Annyeong hashimnikka. It is my great privilege to rise today in honor of this resolution recognizing and commemorating January 13th as Korean American Day in the State of New York.

For many of you, you know this is really a special honor for me. I have spent the last close to 22 years training in Korean martial arts, so for me to be able to honor those dignitaries and welcome the Taekwondo Demo Team is truly something special. So thank you.

And today we are honored in the chamber with some very special guests, and I'm going to ask them to stand.

The Honorable Dung Sup Lee, member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea and chairperson of the National Assembly

Taekwondo Federation. Dong-Joo Park, chairman of the Unification Advisory Council of New York. Jae Sun Myung, chairman of the board, National Assembly Taekwondo Federation. And my constituent and friend, Minsun Kim, president of the Korean American Association of Greater New York. Thank you.

We also have in the --

(Applause.)

SENATOR PHILLIPS: Yes, please, thank you.

(Standing ovation.)

SENATOR PHILLIPS: We also have in the gallery members of KAAGNY, people who have traveled with the delegation, and the Korean National Taekwondo Demo Team, who if you didn't see it, did an amazing two presentations this morning. So thank you very much. Thank you again for traveling all the way to the State Capitol.

Over the weekend, I had the honor of attending the 58th annual KAAGNY gala, which benefits the Museum of Korean American Heritage in Manhattan. This year's gala theme was "The Spirit of Korean Americans." It is that very

spirit that we are celebrating here today. With this resolution, we not only recognize the arrival of Korean immigrants to the United States well over a century ago, but we also honor the Korean Americans' immense contribution to every aspect of our society.

Through courage and determination, early Korean immigrants came to our country seeking the American dream and, in doing so, not only found a better way of life for their families, but provided a far-reaching influence to our state and to our nation.

New York is home to the second-largest Korean American population in our country, a population that is made up of political and community leaders, entrepreneurs, educators, small business owners, fashion leaders, culinary artists, and professional athletes.

Korean Americans have made a significant and positive impact on our culture and our economy and in our communities. By recognizing the Korean American immigration story and the many contributions and accomplishments since the first immigrants graced our shores

115 years ago, we are celebrating diversity and the great value added by the Korean Americans to the historical tapestry of our state and of our country.

So kamsamida.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Thank you, Senator Phillips.

Senator Stavisky.

SENATOR STAVISKY: Thank you, Mr. President.

And welcome to our colleagues from the National Assembly: Annyeong haseyo, which means "welcome."

(Applause from the gallery.)

SENATOR STAVISKY: And to the people who have joined us in the gallery, many of you live in my district, and I am so proud to be your State Senator.

As Senator Phillips said, it's been 115 years since the first immigrants came to Hawaii and then to the mainland of the United States. And it's been very difficult. They fought side by side with our soldiers and sailors in World War One, World War Two, Korea,

and Vietnam. Side by side.

And I go to many events in Queens where the veterans have come together to celebrate the unity, the friendship that exists between the United States and the Republic of Korea.

But this immigration has not been easy. It's been very difficult. True that 115 years ago the first groups arrived in the United States but shortly after that, in 1924, we had a terribly restrictive immigration policy where people were denied entrance to the United States, they were denied access. And this continued for many, many years.

And it's particularly important because during the Second World War, Korea was occupied and people in Korea suffered tremendous deprivation with the occupation, particularly women who were forced into slavery, in a sense. And this has obviously been reversed in 1964 or '65 when our immigration laws did change.

But it's the Museum of Korean American Heritage in Manhattan which recognized some of the problems facing our friends from Korea. And they to their credit erected a statue

a couple of years ago to the so-called "comfort women," the women who were enslaved -- not just Korean women, but somewhere between -- the numbers vary, somewhere between 80,000 and 200,000 people from the Asian Pacific area, the 13 countries, but primarily from Korea. And that statue, called the Statue of Peace, I think is really a testimony to the comfort women and to the problems that they have suffered.

But with the new immigration coming in the 1960s and '70s, many of them came to Queens, and we are that much richer for their choosing to come to our communities. They are small business people, they own their businesses, they work hard, they provide a tremendous cultural heritage. They work in the community.

The organizations that were mentioned in the resolution, they're wonderful organizations. They provide social services. I know each and every one of them well. I've been to their facilities, whether it be senior centers or victims of domestic violence or children, people with disabilities, they do just a wonderful, wonderful job that government cannot replicate.

And we gather here together to pay tribute to the community at large because we work together on so many issues. And one of the important issues where the American and Korean community work together was the creation of the Lunar New Year school holiday. And we could not have done it without the help of the Chinese American community, but also the Korean American community.

And as a result, as we celebrate the Lunar New Year next month -- in Flushing, the celebrations have already started -- families will not have to choose between sending their child to school and celebrating their heritage; the schools will be closed. And I think that is really a testimony to the entire community working together.

So let me summarize by saying we are a community that welcomes diversity. We welcome immigrants. We provide a shelter for people who are coming here for a better life. And I think our country and our community is so much better for it, for being a welcoming society.

And so as we celebrate the Year of the Dog that's coming up, may I wish everybody a

very happy Lunar New Year. Saehae bog manhi badeuseyo. Annyeong haseyo. Kamsamida.

(Applause from the gallery.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Thank you, Senator Stavisky.

Senator Larkin.

SENATOR LARKIN: Thank you, Mr. President.

And welcome to your new country. I had the distinct privilege to go and visit your country on the 15th of July, 1950, with the 25th Infantry Division. And as many of you heard and you've read in your own history, you know that we were punched into that little place that we called Pusan. But you didn't give up, we didn't give up, and we moved forward.

One of the things that I know today that I didn't know then -- and I was talking to your friends here -- they used to be trying to tell us, when we were in North Korea, "You're freezing. You know why you're freezing? You're not putting anything underneath here. Go get some straw." We dumb Americans were looking on putting something on top of our chests or our legs, and we're suffering for it today.

And I also heard stories about, well, when the kimchi was smelling right, we picked it up and moved. No, we didn't. We did it together.

I had a squad assigned to my company -- wonderful, people who were proud of their country. And why were they proud? Because they wanted to have something better than communist dictators over what kind of a life they would have.

My own family, we have two little children -- not little anymore -- they were born in Korea. And now I have a young Korean girl who's beautiful, and she married an Irishman from Poland. Now, you tell me how you do that. They've been back there. They talk about what part of the country it was. I haven't been back to Korea -- oh, yes, I was. I was in a hospital from February to May because of my injuries. I went back -- anybody here remember the Imjin River, where we had the tanks in the water and the bridge over it so we could go to the peace talks?

You know, your country -- you should be proud of it. Because why is it so? I have a

picture at home now, and that picture shows you a little tent. That was my tent, right outside of Seoul. And outside of Seoul today is the Marriott Hotel. I sure improved that site, didn't I?

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LARKIN: But you know, the principles that you live on -- there's a great book out now about Korea. There's a book out now that tells you from the day we started the fight when the North Koreans came down and swept across the line. But you never gave up. And that's the thing today in this world; we don't know when to move and when to shove and when to push. Korea is an example of how you can be a good democratic committee -- I don't mean that for Senators, by the way, Mike. Nobody understands that.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LARKIN: So thank you for coming to visit us here today. But remember one thing. Don't forget where you came from. But always remember the United States of America accepted you, and we're still there fighting for you. There's 29,000 U.S. troops in Korea today, and we've been there since July of 1950.

Welcome, and thank you, and God bless each and every one of you.

(Applause from the gallery.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Thank you, Senator Larkin.

Senator Flanagan.

SENATOR FLANAGAN: Mr. President, thank you.

So I'm delighted to be walking in. I want to thank Senator Phillips for her terrific continued efforts to welcome our international guests.

So this morning I got a chance to go down to an event -- Senator Tedisco was there, Senator Little, Senator Marchione. We had a number of our colleagues who attended to not only welcome your delegation, but to see your students.

So I learned that -- and thank goodness I can do this every day. I learned from my own mistakes. So I made a mistake this morning. I was speaking with reverence about our colleague Senator Phillips. But she got up and spoke and talked about her work in the area of taekwondo, and she spoke about spirituality and

respect. And I didn't think of that properly at the time.

So this morning -- our students are still here, correct? Yes. Would you do me a favor? Would all of you please stand up?

Okay. So these young men and women came in, and they gave a fabulous demonstration. You can all sit down now, it's okay, I promise.

So the point I want to make was what they did was they put their -- and I hope I'm saying it correctly -- their belts on the floor, and they were laid a very particular way. And it was, I think it was -- Elaine is going to correct me where I'm wrong, but they were laid side over side, and they gave us a demonstration about the study of taekwondo.

And you know, I'm thinking of Senator DeFrancisco, Senator Young, anyone who's been to a hearing room, especially during the budget hearings, for someone to come in and do back flips in such a small place is an achievement.

So what I wanted to do was say thank you to our young men and women in particular for their grace, their dignity, their respect. And I

also want to welcome you, because maybe at some point we'll get a trip over to Korea, but you're going to be hard-pressed to find a place that's more impressive than this legislative body right here.

To all of you young men and women, thank you. To my colleague Senator Phillips, thank you. To our delegation, who presented me, for whatever unknown reason other than just graciousness and courtesy, a plaque today, this is the kind of stuff that we should be talking about. We got a chance to listen to Colonel Larkin.

And I want to welcome all of you, and I hope that you feel that you are being accorded the greatest courtesies while you're visiting here.

And to our -- where is our consulate general? Is he -- he had to go back, okay. But he just started a couple of weeks ago.

So to all of you, please stand up again. Just I want to say thank you for being here and welcome you to our great state capital, Albany, New York. Thanks.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Thank you, Senator Flanagan.

The question is on the resolution. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The resolution is adopted.

Mr. Floor Leader.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, could you please open that up for cosponsorship.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The resolution is open for cosponsorship.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Mr. President, there's another privileged resolution by Senator Phillips, 3399. Would you please read the title only and then call on Senator Phillips to speak.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The Secretary will read the title only.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative Resolution Number 3399, by Senator Phillips, congratulating the Republic of Korea upon the

occasion of hosting the 2018 Winter Olympics, and to wish them a successful and peaceful Olympic Games.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Senator Phillips on the resolution.

SENATOR PHILLIPS: Yes, thank you again, Mr. President. I promise to be quick.

So every two years the world comes together through sports and culture at the Olympic Winter and Summer Games. And in just a few weeks -- I know I'm anticipating it, so I'm sure you all are -- all eyes will be on South Korea as it hosts the 23rd Winter Olympic Games in PyeongChang.

Just as a bit of history, during the ancient Greek Olympics, a truce period was called during the games which provided peace and allowed athletes, artists, families and pilgrims to safely participate and travel from and back to their respective countries.

In modern times, the theme of peace and harmony continues. The International Olympic Committee actively searches to find peaceful and diplomatic solutions to conflicts around the world. And the games provide a time for dialogue

and reconciliation, void of political and religious influence, a relevant and important objective in our current world.

South and North Korea senior officials recently held a summit for the purpose of holding a successful Winter Olympics. And in a promising move, North Korea agreed to participate in the games by sending a delegation of athletes, a cheering squad, and high-ranking officials. We should all congratulate North and South Korea for this successful move forward.

And I know I speak on behalf of my colleagues when I say we all hope that a peaceful PyeongChang Olympics will lead to a more peaceful Korean peninsula. And I applaud those of you working towards this goal. Thank you.

One thing I have to say. Since we have the National Assembly and the Taekwondo Demo Team as our guests today, I have to give you a little history about taekwondo and the Olympics. While taekwondo is a summer Olympic sport, the martial art made its debut as a demonstration of Olympic support at the Seoul games in 1998 and became an official medal sport at the 2000 Sydney games.

But there's something special about this, because Mrs. Kim, Minsun Kim, who is here with us today, has a very special connection to this sport. Her father-in-law, the late Dr. Un Yong Kim, and former vice president of the IOC, was the person responsible for bringing taekwondo to the Olympics. Thank you, Minsun Kim.

(Applause.)

SENATOR PHILLIPS: So I'd like to congratulate South Korea for hosting this year's Winter Olympics, and best wishes for a successful and peaceful games. Kamsamida.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Thank you, Senator Phillips.

The question is on the resolution. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The resolution is adopted.

Mr. Floor Leader.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Could you

please open it up for cosponsorship.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: That resolution is open to cosponsorship.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: And would you now recognize Senator Flanagan.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Senator Flanagan.

SENATOR FLANAGAN: Mr. President, so today is an auspicious day in so many different ways. I want to congratulate -- he's going to kill me for this, but I want to congratulate Senator Griffo on celebrating his birthday today, who happens to share a birthday with my sister Eileen. My sister, however, is much younger than Senator Griffo.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR FLANAGAN: Senator Griffo, happy birthday.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Happy birthday, Senator Griffo.

Mr. Floor Leader.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Could you now take up the noncontroversial reading of the calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 6, by Senator Akshar, Senate Print 7278, an act to amend the Highway 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 2017.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The results?

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 8, by Senator Marcellino, Senate Print 7280, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the

same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2017.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The results?

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 13, by Senator Golden, Senate Print 7285, an act to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2017.

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.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Results?

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 31, by Senator Croci, Senate Print 7303, an act to

amend a chapter of the Laws of 2017.

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: The results?

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 32, by Senator Savino, Senate Print 7304, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2017.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Results?

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 36, by Senator Funke, Senate Print 7308, an act to amend the State Technology 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 2017.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Results?

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

Floor Leader, that completes the noncontroversial reading of the calendar.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: There will be an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in Room 332 of the Capitol to deal with a couple of bills, one of which we will be coming back to vote on.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: There's an 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 3:54 p.m.)

(Whereupon, the Senate reconvened at 4:03 p.m.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The Senate will come to order.

Mr. Floor Leader.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, Mr. President, is there a Rules Committee report at the desk?

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: There is.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Please read it.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The Secretary will read.

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

Senate Print 6704, by Senator Seward, an act to amend the Insurance Law; and

Senate 7408, by Senator Hannon, an

act to amend the Public Health Law.

Both bills reported direct to third reading.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Mr. Floor Leader.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Move to accept the Rules Committee report.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: All in favor of accepting the report from 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: Mr. President, there's a Senate Supplemental Calendar at the desk, Number 3A. And there are two bills on that calendar. I'd like to just take up the first one, Calendar Number 158, by Senator Seward.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 158, by Senator Seward, Senate Print 6704, an act to amend the Insurance 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: The results?

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: The bill is passed.

Mr. Floor Leader.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: One moment, sir.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Okay.

(Pause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Floor Leader.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO:

Mr. President, could you please lay the other bill aside, Calendar 159, lay the bill aside for the day.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: Calendar Number 159 shall be laid aside for the day.

There is no further business at the desk.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: That being the case, I move to adjourn until Wednesday, January 17th, at 11:00 a.m.

ACTING PRESIDENT AKSHAR: On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Wednesday, January 17th, at 11:00 a.m.

(Whereupon, at 4:05 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)