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REGULAR SESSION

SENATOR JOSEPH GRIFFO, Acting President

FRANCIS W. PATIENCE, Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Senate will come to order.

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

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: In the absence of clergy, I ask all present to please bow their heads in a moment of silent prayer and/or reflection.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Sunday, April 22nd, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Friday, April 20th, was read and approved. On motion, Senate adjourned.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Without objection, the Journal will stand 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.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, on page 52 I offer the following amendments to Calendar 685, Senate Print 7856, by Senator Marchione, and ask that said bill retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

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

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I'd also like to call up Senator Golden's bill, Print 5593, recalled from the Assembly, which is now at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 301, by Senator Golden, Senate Print 5593, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I now move to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll on reconsideration.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 47.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I now offer the following amendments.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The amendments are received.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Would you please recognize Senator Klein.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Klein, you are recognized.

SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Brooks, on page 56 I offer the following amendments to Calendar 746, Senate Print Number 7399, and ask that said bill retain its place on Third Reading Calendar.

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

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Can we take up previously adopted Resolution 4687, by

Senator Phillips, read the title only, and call on Senator Phillips to speak.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative Resolution Number 4687, by Senator Phillips, commending Westbrook Preparatory School upon the occasion of celebrating its 7th Anniversary on February 5, 2018.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Phillips.

SENATOR PHILLIPS: Thank you, Mr. President.

So about 12 years ago, New York started a plan to bring students with special needs back into New York State who had previously been sent out of the state to get an education. And after years of planning, about seven years ago, Westbrook Preparatory School was founded.

Westbrook is in Westbury, New York, it's in my Senate district. And I'm honored today to welcome several of the students from Westbrook Preparatory School.

It is the first residential New York State Regents junior and senior high school for

students with Asperger's syndrome, high-functioning autism, and related conditions.

So thank you to all of you for your time, your dedication to these students. And thank you, students, for coming and blessing us with your presence today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank you, Senator Phillips. The --

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: One second, please.

The resolution was previously adopted on April 17th of this year.

We welcome the students and staff of Westbrook Preparatory School. We extend the privileges and courtesies of the house. We would ask that you please rise and be recognized.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Phillips has opened the resolution up for cosponsorship. If a member chooses to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, would

you take up the noncontroversial reading of the calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 237, by Senator LaValle, Senate Print 2548A, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 55.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 302, by Senator Little, Senate Print 6542B, an act to amend the Civil Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 292. this act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 55.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 525, by Senator Funke, Senate Print 4634A, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 55.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 675, by Senator Ortt, Senate Print 1480, an act authorizing.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: There is a home-rule message present at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 55.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

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

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

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

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: In that case, I move to adjourn until Tuesday, April 24th, at 10:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: On motion, the Senate will stand adjourned until Tuesday, April 24th, at 10:00 a.m.

The Senate is adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 12:41 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)