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SENATOR THOMAS D. CROCI, Acting President

FRANCIS W. PATIENCE, Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The Senate will come to order.

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

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

ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: And in the absence of clergy, may we please bow our heads in a moment of silent prayer.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The reading of the Journal.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: 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.
Senator DeFrancisco.
SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, I move to adopt the --
ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Excuse me. Could we just have a moment of order. Thank you.
Senator DeFrancisco.
SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I move to adopt the Resolution Calendar in its entirety.
ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: All in favor of adopting the Resolution Calendar please signify by saying aye.
(Response of "Aye.")
ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Those opposed, nay.
(No response.)
ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The Resolution Calendar is adopted.
Senator DeFrancisco.
SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes. I'd like to recognize Senator Robach to tell us what

he's talking about so we all can hear.

(Laughter.)

ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator Robach.

SENATOR ROBACH: It was actually Senator Lanza.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Can we now recognize Senator Boyle for an introduction.

ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator Boyle.

SENATOR BOYLE: Thank you, Mr. President.

On a day that things are a little quiet here in the Senate chamber, perhaps because of a vote going on, I'm here to commemorate a vote that took place a hundred years ago.

We had previously adopted a resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1918 Freedom Mandate, which created the first free Irish Parliament. It was a result of the 1916 April 24th uprising, Easter Rising.

And with us today we have some representatives from the New York State Ancient Order of Hibernians, who I'd like to introduce.

Joining us in the chamber we have my long-time friend and fellow member of Division 7 of the AOH, Vic Vogel, New York State president. Vic.

Martin Galvin, the chairperson of Freedom for All Ireland; Jim Burke, past state president; Pete Begley, Nassau County president; John O'Connell, the New York State publicity chair; John Manning, New York State secretary; john Holland; and Tom O'Reilly.

Gentlemen, thank you for coming.

We're also joined by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians: New York State President Jackie Klute -- Madam President, thank you for joining us -- Delores Desh, ladies chairwoman for Freedom for All Ireland; and Regina Begley, the New York State treasurer, as well as Geri Hess.

Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, thank you so much for coming. And I will see you this evening, giving the resolution.

ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator Golden.

SENATOR GOLDEN: Thank you,

Mr. President. And I thank my colleague Senator Boyle for this resolution.

And as a proud Irish-American, I am honored to rise for this resolution recognizing the auspicious occasion of the 100th anniversary of Ireland's 1918 Freedom Mandate, in remembrance of the 1916 Easter Rising, a true historic event that laid the foundation for a free and sovereign Ireland.

I'd like to thank all the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for all the work that you do for proud Irish-Americans, bringing attention to the Freedom for all Ireland movement.

It is important for Irish people across the globe to witness, finally, the unification of 32 counties independent from British rule. The IRA and the North were still fighting in the 1970s and '80s. They were still killing families and members of families. It was a struggle for many, many years.

This mandate that gave them their freedom in 1916 was a great, great day. A lot of people suffered, a lot of people died. But it gave Ireland its freedom.

And many of those people that grew up in Ireland came to this great nation. My parents came here in the 1940s. They had eight children in 10 years, they were quite busy -- no TV. But they knew, coming to this great nation, that they had the ability to raise their families and to have the economic opportunity that Ireland was not at that time affording them.

And the Irish-Americans came here, they did a great, great job. Like the Italians and the Jewish before them, they helped build this great city, the City of New York, this great nation to what it is today.

I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize my Brooklyn divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and that's Presidents Gerard McCabe, Kings County and Division 12; Bay Ridge, Joseph Glynn, Division 19, Gerritsen Beach; and Edward Velinskie, Division 35, Marine Park, for their distinguished service to the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

It is particularly fitting that the 1916 Easter Rising in Ireland and the 1918 Freedom Mandate be commemorated here in this chamber due to the indispensable part which

Ireland's exiled children in America played in these events. And New York State is home to a large population of Irish-Americans who made substantial contributions to their freedom, liberty, strength and economic success to both the State of New York and to this great nation.

They brought their Irish culture. One thing my parents -- each one of us had to be able to do was play an Irish instrument. Each one of us had to do the Irish dances. They brought their culture and they brought their God to a great nation.

Today Ireland is a strong nation because of that 1916 revolution, one of the strongest nations today in the world in its economic -- and what it's being able to produce economically.

God bless Ireland. God bless each and every one of you in the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and God bless the United States of America.

Thank you, Mr. President.

(Applause from the gallery.)

ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President.

I too want to thank Senator Boyle for bringing this resolution before the floor today.

And I also want to recognize a dear friend and a constituent, Marty Galvin, who is from the Woodlawn section of the Bronx, which I proudly represent.

Thank you for being here, Marty.

And again, I think this is certainly something that is also important to all of us. Whether or not we're Irish-Americans or not, the Easter Monday of April 24, 1916, was an important date. And as a matter of fact, a lot of what took place in making sure Ireland was free came from Americans, Irish-Americans right here in the United States.

I think it's important for all of us to remember always who we are and where we came from. And that's the important part of, I think, being an American -- still getting involved in your home country's politics, if need be, heritage, and always remembering who we are.

And I think certainly now it's more

important than ever to recognize the importance of immigrants. We all know that there was the Jews, the Germans, the Irish, the Italians before us, but we now have immigrants coming here from other places. But they come here for the same reasons, for a better life for their family, for a better life for themselves, and really to take part in the American dream.

So again, I want to thank Senator Boyle because this is an important resolution, in recognizing an important date in Ireland's history.

Thank you.

(Applause from the gallery.)

ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Thank you.

To our distinguished guests in the gallery from the Ancient Order of Hibernians, we extend to you our welcome to the New York State Senate and all of the privileges and courtesies of this house.

Would you please rise and be recognized by this body.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator DeFrancisco.

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

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

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: In that case, I move to adjourn until Wednesday, April 25th, at 11:00 a.m.

ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator --

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Excuse me. Excuse me. I understand it's been changed to 12:00 noon.

ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Yes, sir.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: So in that case, I'll move to adjourn until April 25 at 12:00 noon.

ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Wednesday, April 25th, at noon.

(Whereupon, at 10:15 a.m., the Senate adjourned.)