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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 Senate
3 will come to order.

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

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

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

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The
14 reading of the Journal.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Without
21 objection, the Journal stands approved as read.

22 Presentation of petitions.

23 Messages from the Assembly.

24 Messages from the Governor.

25 Reports of standing committees.

1 Reports of select committees.

2 Communications and reports from
3 state officers.

4 Motions and resolutions.

5 Senator DeFrancisco.

6 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, I move
7 to adopt the --

8 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Excuse me.

9 Could we just have a moment of
10 order. Thank you.

11 Senator DeFrancisco.

12 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I move to
13 adopt the Resolution Calendar in its entirety.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: All in
15 favor of adopting the Resolution Calendar please
16 signify by saying aye.

17 (Response of "Aye.")

18 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Those
19 opposed, nay.

20 (No response.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: The
22 Resolution Calendar is adopted.

23 Senator DeFrancisco.

24 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes. I'd
25 like to recognize Senator Robach to tell us what

1 he's talking about so we all can hear.

2 (Laughter.)

3 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator
4 Robach.

5 SENATOR ROBACH: It was actually
6 Senator Lanza.

7 (Laughter.)

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

10 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator
11 Boyle.

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

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

18 We had previously adopted a
19 resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of
20 the 1918 Freedom Mandate, which created the first
21 free Irish Parliament. It was a result of the
22 1916 April 24th uprising, Easter Rising.

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

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

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

11 Gentlemen, thank you for coming.

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

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator
24 Golden.

25 SENATOR GOLDEN: Thank you,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 It is particularly fitting that the
23 1916 Easter Rising in Ireland and the 1918
24 Freedom Mandate be commemorated here in this
25 chamber due to the indispensable part which

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

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

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

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

22 Thank you, Mr. President.

23 (Appause from the gallery.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator
25 Klein.

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

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

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

10 Thank you for being here, Marty.

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

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

25 And I think certainly now it's more

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

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

13 Thank you.

14 (Appause from the gallery.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Thank you.

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

21 Would you please rise and be
22 recognized by this body.

23 (Standing ovation.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator
25 DeFrancisco.

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

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

5 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: In that case,
6 I move to adjourn until Wednesday, April 25th, at
7 11:00 a.m.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Senator --

9 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Excuse me.
10 Excuse me. I understand it's been changed to
11 12:00 noon.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT CROCI: Yes, sir.

13 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: So in that
14 case, I'll move to adjourn until April 25 at
15 12:00 noon.

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

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

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