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19 SENATOR BRIAN A. BENJAMIN, Acting President

20 ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

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

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

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

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: In the  
9 absence of clergy, let us bow our heads in a  
10 moment of silent reflection or prayer.

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

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

15 THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday,  
16 January 20, 2020, the Senate met pursuant to  
17 adjournment. The Journal of Sunday, January 19,  
18 2020, was read and approved. On motion, Senate  
19 adjourned.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: 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 Gianaris.

6 SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you,  
7 Mr. President. I have several motions.

8 On behalf of Senator Hoylman, I move  
9 the following bills be discharged from their  
10 respective committees and recommitted with  
11 instructions to strike the enacting clause:  
12 Senate Bills 1451 and 1489.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: It is  
14 so ordered.

15 SENATOR GIANARIS: On behalf of  
16 Senator Biaggi, I move the following bills be  
17 discharged from their respective committees and  
18 recommitted with instructions to strike the  
19 enacting clause: Senate Bill 2036, 2037, and  
20 2492A.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: It is  
22 so ordered.

23 SENATOR GIANARIS: And I move that  
24 the following bills be discharged from their  
25 respective committees and recommitted with

1 instructions to strike the enacting clause: On  
2 behalf of Senator Mayer, Senate Bill 5576, and on  
3 behalf of Senator Carlucci, Senate Bill 6721.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: It is  
5 so ordered.

6 SENATOR GIANARIS: Please call on  
7 Senator Griffo.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
9 Griffo.

10 SENATOR GRIFFO: Thank you,  
11 Mr. President.

12 I also would move that the following  
13 bills be discharged from their respective  
14 committees and be recommitted with instructions  
15 to strike the enacting clause: Senate Bill 1897,  
16 by Senator Gallivan, and Senate Bill 3876, by  
17 Senator Little.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: It is  
19 so ordered.

20 Senator Gianaris.

21 SENATOR GIANARIS: Can you please  
22 recognize Senator Martinez for an introduction.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
24 Senator Martinez.

25 SENATOR MARTINEZ: Good afternoon,

1 Mr. President, and thank you.

2 I am please to recognize today  
3 Mr. Henry Salgado, who is the Consul General of  
4 El Salvador. He is here with us today joined by  
5 his family. He is joined by his wife Yanira, his  
6 son Bryan and daughter Ashley. He is also joined  
7 today by Miguel Bonilla, who is also the vice  
8 president of the Salvadorian American Chamber of  
9 Commerce.

10 The Honorable Mr. Salgado emigrated  
11 to the United States at the young age of 15. He  
12 came to the U.S. with the hopes of helping the  
13 Salvadorian community, and he did that through  
14 his connections and collaboration with the  
15 immigrant community when he worked as a waiter  
16 and made the decision to serve the whole  
17 Salvadorian community as a whole, now today  
18 serving as the consul.

19 He represents the ever-growing  
20 population of Salvadorians in the nation and is  
21 the diplomatic relationship between the  
22 United States and El Salvador.

23 We are honored to have him and his  
24 family here today, who took the tour of our  
25 Capitol, and I look forward to a productive and

1 meaningful relationship with our residents.

2 Mr. President, if you could please  
3 recognize the Honorable El Salvadorian Consul  
4 Mr. Henry Salgado.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: To the  
6 Honorable Henry Salgado, I welcome you on behalf  
7 of the Senate. We extend to you all of the  
8 courtesies and privileges of this house.

9 Please all rise and be recognized.

10 (Standing ovation.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
12 Gianaris.

13 SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President,  
14 there will be an immediate meeting of the  
15 Rules Committee in Room 332.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: There  
17 will be an immediate meeting of the  
18 Rules Committee in Room 332.

19 SENATOR GIANARIS: The Senate will  
20 stand at ease.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
22 Senate will stand at ease.

23 (Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease  
24 at 3:45 p.m.)

25 (Whereupon, the Senate reconvened at

1 3:54 p.m.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
3 Senate will return to order.

4 Senator Gianaris.

5 SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President,  
6 can we return to reports of standing committees.

7 Is there a Rules report at the desk?

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: There  
9 is a report of the Rules Committee at the desk.

10 The Secretary will read.

11 THE SECRETARY: Senator  
12 Stewart-Cousins, from the Committee on Rules,  
13 reports the following bills:

14 Senate Print 7063, by Senator  
15 Little, an act to amend the Real Property Law;

16 Senate Print 7306, by Senator  
17 Savino, an act to amend the Labor Law;

18 Senate Print 7307, by Senator  
19 Savino, an act to amend the Labor Law;

20 Senate Print 7308, by  
21 Senator Sanders, an act to amend the Labor Law;

22 Senate Print 7309, by Senator Myrie,  
23 an act to amend the Election Law;

24 Senate Print 7310, by  
25 Senator Kennedy, an act to amend the Labor Law;

1                   Senate Print 7311, by  
2   Senator Kennedy, an act to amend the Labor Law;  
3                   Senate Print 7312, by  
4   Senator Brooks, an act to repeal a chapter of the  
5   Laws of 2019;  
6                   Senate Print 7313, by  
7   Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the  
8   Election Law;  
9                   Senate Print 7314, by Senator Lanza,  
10   an act to amend the Navigation Law;  
11                  Senate Print 7315, by  
12   Senator LaValle, an act to amend the  
13   Environmental Conservation Law; and  
14                  Senate Print 7321, by  
15   Senator Thomas, an act to repeal a chapter of the  
16   Laws of 2019.  
17                  All bills reported direct to third  
18   reading.  
19                  SENATOR GIANARIS:   Move to accept  
20   the report of the Rules Committee.  
21                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:   All in  
22   favor of accepting the report of the Rules  
23   Committee signify by saying aye.  
24                  (Response of "Aye.")  
25                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:



1 Opposed, nay.

2 (No response.)

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
4 Rules Committee report is accepted.

5 Senator Gianaris.

6 SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now take  
7 up the reading of the calendar.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
9 Secretary will read.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 12,  
11 Senate Print 6933, by Senator Martinez, an act to  
12 amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
14 the last section.

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

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
18 the roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
21 Announce the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
23 Calendar Number 12, those Senators voting in the  
24 negative are Senators Akshar, Amedore, Gallivan,  
25 Griffo, Helming, Jacobs, Jordan, Little, O'Mara,

1 Ortt, Ranzenhofer, Ritchie, Seward and Tedisco.

2 Also Senator Robach.

3 Ayes, 46. Nays, 15.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
5 bill is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 20,  
7 Senate Print 6941, by Senator Rivera, an act to  
8 amend the Public Health Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
10 the last section.

11 THE SECRETARY: Section 11. This  
12 act shall take effect immediately.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
14 the roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
17 Announce the results.

18 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
19 Calendar Number 20, voting in the negative:  
20 Senator Lanza.

21 Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
23 bill is passed.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 29,  
25 Senate Print 6950, by Senator Gounardes, an act

1 to amend the Civil Service Law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
3 the last section.

4 THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This  
5 act shall take effect on the same date and in the  
6 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2019.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
8 the roll.

9 (The Secretary called the roll.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
11 Announce the results.

12 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
14 bill is passed.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 35,  
16 Senate Print 6956, by Senator Salazar, an act to  
17 amend the Public Health Law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
19 the last section.

20 THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This  
21 act shall take effect on the same date and in the  
22 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2019.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
24 the roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

2   Announce the results.

3                   THE SECRETARY:    Ayes, 61.

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    The  
5   bill is passed.

6                   THE SECRETARY:    Calendar Number 39,  
7   Senate Print 6960, by Senator Kaminsky, an act to  
8   amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

9                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    Read  
10   the last section.

11                   THE SECRETARY:    Section 2.  This  
12   act shall take effect on the same date and in the  
13   same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2019.

14                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    Call  
15   the roll.

16                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

17                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
18   Announce the results.

19                   THE SECRETARY:    In relation to  
20   Calendar Number 39, those Senators voting in the  
21   negative are Senators Akshar, Amedore, Jacobs,  
22   Lanza and Serino.

23                   Ayes, 56.  Nays, 5.

24                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    The  
25   bill is passed.

1           THE SECRETARY:    Calendar Number 44,  
2   Senate Print 6965, by Senator Salazar, an act to  
3   amend the Public Health Law.

4           ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    Read  
5   the last section.

6           THE SECRETARY:    Section 4.  This  
7   act shall take effect on the same date and in the  
8   same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2019.

9           ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    Call  
10   the roll.

11                           (The Secretary called the roll.)

12           ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
13   Announce the results.

14           THE SECRETARY:    In relation to  
15   Calendar Number 44, voting in the negative:  
16   Senator Akshar.

17                           Ayes, 60.  Nays, 1.

18           ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    The  
19   bill is passed.

20                           There is a substitution at the desk.

21                           The Secretary will read.

22           THE SECRETARY:    Senator Metzger  
23   moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules,  
24   Assembly Bill Number 8977 and substitute it for  
25   the identical Senate Bill 6968, Third Reading

1 Calendar 47.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
3 substitution is so ordered.

4 The Secretary will read.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 47,  
6 Assembly Print Number 8977, by Assemblymember  
7 Lupardo, an act to amend the Agriculture and  
8 Markets Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
10 the last section.

11 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
12 act shall take effect immediately.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
14 the roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
17 Senator Metzger to explain her vote.

18 SENATOR METZGER: Thank you,  
19 Mr. President.

20 The passage of this legislation is  
21 hugely important for our farmers, for New York's  
22 economy. It is really creating a nation-leading  
23 framework for growing, processing and selling  
24 hemp and hemp-related products in New York.

25 And, you know, it's very rare that a

1 new -- it almost never happens that a new,  
2 high-value commodity comes along like this. It's  
3 an enormous opportunity for our farmers to  
4 diversify and New York businesses up the value  
5 chain.

6 And I also, on -- there's, you know,  
7 the economic benefits, but also on the consumer  
8 side this legislation creates the important  
9 protections we need for consumers. Right now  
10 there are no protections. People can buy  
11 products with CBD in it and have no idea what's  
12 actually in it, whether there's even any CBD in  
13 it.

14 So this is very significant  
15 legislation, and I'm proud to be a sponsor and  
16 vote aye.

17 Thank you very much.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

19 Senator Metzger to be recorded in the  
20 affirmative.

21 Announce the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
24 bill is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 49,

1 Senate Print 4034, by Senator Skoufis, an act to  
2 amend the General Municipal Law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
4 the last section.

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

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
8 the roll.

9 (The Secretary called the roll.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
11 Announce the results.

12 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
13 Calendar Number 49, voting in the negative:  
14 Senator LaValle.

15 Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
17 bill is passed.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 70,  
19 Senate Print 643, by Senator Breslin, an act to  
20 amend the Insurance Law and the Vehicle and  
21 Traffic Law.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
23 the last section.

24 THE SECRETARY: Section 9. This  
25 act shall take effect on the 270th day after it



1 shall have become a law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
3 the roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
6 Announce the results.

7 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
9 bill is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 90,  
11 Senate Print 7166, by Senator Sanders, an act to  
12 amend the Tax Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
14 the last section.

15 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This  
16 act shall take effect on the same date and in the  
17 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2019.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
19 the roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
22 Announce the results.

23 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
25 bill is passed.

1           Senator Gianaris, that completes the  
2 reading of today's calendar.

3           SENATOR GIANARIS:   Mr. President,  
4 we will now take up two bills from the  
5 supplemental calendar. Please take up Calendar  
6 Numbers 204 and 208.

7           ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:   The  
8 Secretary will read.

9           THE SECRETARY:   Calendar Number  
10 204, Senate Print 7312, by Senator Brooks, an act  
11 to repeal a chapter of the Laws of 2019.

12          ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:   Read  
13 the last section.

14          THE SECRETARY:   Section 13. This  
15 act shall take effect immediately.

16          ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:   Call  
17 the roll.

18                 (The Secretary called the roll.)

19          ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:   Senator  
20 Brooks to explain his vote.

21          SENATOR BROOKS:   Thank you,  
22 Mr. President.

23                 This, for us in that community, is a  
24 very critical bill. It provides to a school  
25 district that has significant financial

1 challenges and significant growth in the student  
2 population -- in fact, it's the fastest-growing  
3 school district in the State of New York -- it  
4 provides assistance to help the district manage  
5 their expense program by appointing a monitor,  
6 who will be working both with the community and  
7 the school district, the State Education  
8 Department, to put together long-term financial  
9 plans to get this school district back on the  
10 right financial footing.

11 I appreciate the support. This is a  
12 district that is the poorest school district in  
13 Suffolk County. They right now have a deficit in  
14 that district of close to \$4 million. This is  
15 the leadership they're going to need to get this  
16 district back in the right position.

17 So I will be voting aye.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
19 Brooks to be recorded in the affirmative.

20 Senator Mayer to explain her vote.

21 SENATOR MAYER: Thank you,  
22 Mr. President.

23 Today I'm proud to stand up and  
24 support the passage of this bill, S7312, by  
25 Senator Brooks, and a bill that I hope we pass

1       thereafter, by Senator Thomas.

2               Both of these bills are  
3       unprecedented legislation which will strengthen  
4       oversight of two struggling school districts,  
5       Wyandanch and Hempstead. These measures lead to  
6       improved academic programs for students and  
7       greater fiscal accountability for parents and  
8       communities, while maintaining partnership with  
9       school boards and local school officials.

10              Monitors will be appointed by and  
11       accountable to the State Commissioner of  
12       Education as they work with local educators.  
13       Parents and other stakeholders will have an  
14       opportunity to have their voices heard in the  
15       process. And monitors will have clear lines of  
16       authority, involvement in planning and  
17       budget making, and will work with the local board  
18       of education to establish a positive path forward  
19       for each district.

20              The students in these districts have  
21       unfortunately waited too long for New York State  
22       to intervene. Programs have been reduced, and  
23       opportunities for children have been lost. These  
24       measures are the right balance of oversight,  
25       intervention and hope for the children that we

1 are obligated to serve and to educate.

2 I want to congratulate the sponsors  
3 of these bills, their Assembly counterparts, and  
4 the Governor's office for working together for  
5 the benefit of the children of these districts.  
6 That is our utmost responsibility.

7 And I proudly vote aye.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
9 Mayer to be recorded in the affirmative.

10 Senator Funke to explain his vote.

11 SENATOR FUNKE: Thank you,  
12 Mr. President.

13 I'm going to vote for this  
14 legislation, and I would like to also advise this  
15 body that the City of Rochester is facing  
16 something similar. We're facing a \$34 million  
17 deficit now that's going to grow to \$60 million.

18 This is not the fault of students,  
19 this is not the fault of teachers, this is not  
20 the fault of parents. This is the fault of the  
21 City School Board and its malfeasance in the City  
22 of Rochester. It is the fault of the previous  
23 administration of this school district.

24 So what do we do about it now? I  
25 have legislation also to create a fiscal and an

1 academic monitor in the City of Rochester.  
2 Senator Robach does as well. I am hopeful that  
3 as we move through this session that we will be  
4 reminded of the fact that we are voting for  
5 Hempstead and Wyandanch here, and that you will  
6 support the City of Rochester as well. They are  
7 struggling, they are suffering right now, and we  
8 need to fix that problem.

9 I vote aye, Mr. President. Thank  
10 you.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
12 Funke to be recorded in the affirmative.

13 Senator Boyle to explain his vote.

14 SENATOR BOYLE: Mr. President, to  
15 explain my vote.

16 I'd first like to thank my colleague  
17 Senator Brooks for his leadership and hard work  
18 on this piece of legislation for the Wyandanch  
19 School District, and also Assemblywoman Kimberly  
20 Jean-Pierre, who did such great work in the  
21 Assembly. It's long overdue for the students of  
22 Wyandanch to have a turnaround, and this is the  
23 beginning of it, I believe.

24 Importantly, we just saw the  
25 Governor give his budget presentation. He talked

1 about driving money to high-needs school  
2 districts. Well, we need to remember it's not  
3 just where the money goes, it's how it's spent,  
4 and we've got to keep our eye on the ball.

5 I vote in favor.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
7 Boyle to be recorded in the affirmative.

8 Senator Jackson to explain his vote.

9 SENATOR JACKSON: Thank you,  
10 Mr. President and my colleagues.

11 I rise in order to speak about these  
12 particular bills, about Senator Brooks. I heard  
13 what he had to say in our conference, and I  
14 support that wholeheartedly. Because when it  
15 comes to our children's education, we want to  
16 make sure that the elected or appointed school  
17 boards are doing the right thing.

18 And where the Senator, both either  
19 Senator Brooks or Senator Thomas from Hempstead,  
20 are alleging that things need to be looked at  
21 from a monitor's point of view, I wholeheartedly  
22 support that, especially when my colleagues are  
23 saying that the graduation rate is 31 percent or  
24 around that, which is totally unacceptable to me  
25 as someone that has been involved in education,

1 as the father of three girls.

2 And, more specifically, last year in  
3 the budgetary process I went to Rochester, I went  
4 to Schenectady, I went to Long Island, and I know  
5 what the conditions are. I do know this, that  
6 the State of New York owes our children statewide  
7 \$4 billion. In Rochester, New York, it was  
8 almost \$3,000 per student that the State of  
9 New York owed under the lawsuit and under the  
10 Campaign for Fiscal Equity, with the Foundation  
11 Aid formula.

12 Now, can you imagine -- I don't have  
13 a calculator on me -- 3,000 times 28,000? That's  
14 how much money Rochester is owed.

15 And so, Senator, I stand with you,  
16 with the people of Rochester, in supporting  
17 whatever has to be done to ensure that Rochester  
18 gets the money they rightfully deserve and that  
19 it's spent correctly. So when that  
20 legislation -- if it's already out, I will sign  
21 on to that and support you and the people of  
22 Rochester, just like I support my colleague  
23 Senator Brooks and my colleague Senator Thomas in  
24 their efforts to ensure that our children receive  
25 a good education.



1 I vote aye.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
3 Jackson to be recorded in the affirmative.

4 Announce the results.

5 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
6 Calendar Number 204, those Senators voting in the  
7 negative are Senators Amedore, Borrello,  
8 Flanagan, Gallivan --

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
10 Announce the results.

11 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
12 Calendar 204, those Senators voting in the  
13 negative are Senators Amedore, Borrello,  
14 Flanagan, Gallivan, Griffio, Jacobs, Jordan,  
15 O'Mara, Ortt, Serino and Tedisco.

16 Ayes, 50. Nays, 11.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
18 bill is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
20 208, Senate Print 7321, by Senator Thomas, an act  
21 to repeal a chapter of the Laws of 2019.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
23 the last section.

24 THE SECRETARY: Section 12. This  
25 act shall take effect immediately.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    Call  
2   the roll.

3                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    Senator  
5   Thomas to explain his vote.

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

8                   This is a very important bill to my  
9   are district. For far too long, the students in  
10   Hempstead were suffering. And now with this  
11   bill, with this chapter amendment, there will be  
12   more equity in education in Hempstead.

13                  The Hempstead School District  
14   educates a large minority population. These  
15   children deserve high-quality education in order  
16   for them to have upward mobility and to obtain  
17   their American dream.

18                  This is exactly why I introduced the  
19   Hempstead school monitor bill. The monitor will  
20   guide the school district on education and fiscal  
21   matters. The monitor will hold public hearings,  
22   and recommendations from the public hearings will  
23   have to be followed by the school district.

24                  The Hempstead School District has  
25   been struggling, but they are showing that their

1 graduation rates are going up. This monitor will  
2 ensure the district succeeds.

3 I want to thank the Governor,  
4 because he had an opportunity to shed light on  
5 this district and the inequity in education, and  
6 he took it.

7 This will ensure children have a  
8 right to a sound education. Equity in education  
9 will go a very long way in having these young  
10 members of our society obtain their American  
11 dream.

12 I vote yes.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
14 Thomas to be recorded in the affirmative.

15 Announce the results.

16 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
17 Calendar 208, those Senators voting in the  
18 negative are Senators Amedore, Borrello,  
19 Flanagan, Gallivan, Griffio, Jacobs, Jordan,  
20 O'Mara, Ortt, Ranzenhofer and Serino. Also  
21 Senator Tedisco.

22 Ayes, 49. Nays, 12.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
24 bill is passed.

25 Senator Gianaris, that completes the

1 reading of today's supplemental calendar.

2 SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President,  
3 there will be now be an immediate meeting of the  
4 Crime Victims, Crime and Corrections Committee in  
5 Room 124 of the Capitol.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: There  
7 will be an immediate meeting of the Crime  
8 Victims, Crime and Corrections Committee  
9 following session in Room 124 of the Capitol.

10 SENATOR GIANARIS: Is there any  
11 further business at the desk?

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: There  
13 is no further business at the desk.

14 SENATOR GIANARIS: I move that we  
15 adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 22nd,  
16 at 3:00 p.m.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: On  
18 motion, the Senate stands adjourned until  
19 Wednesday, January 22nd, at 3:00 p.m.

20 (Whereupon, at 4:13 p.m., the Senate  
21 adjourned.)

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