NEW YORK STATE SENATE

THE STENOGRAPHIC RECORD

ALBANY, NEW YORK

February 11, 2020

3:31 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

SENATOR BRIAN A. BENJAMIN, Acting President

ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The Senate will come to order.

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

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Today we have with us Pastor Yvons Louis, from First Timothy Christian Church in Spring Valley, New York, to deliver today's invocation.

PASTOR LOUIS: Good afternoon, everybody.

My name is Pastor Yvons Louis. I would like to take this time to thank all the Senators for giving me the opportunity to open this afternoon's session prayer.

Please bow your head.

O Lord, we thank You for this time which You have given us to gather here at the Senate floor.

Uplift us with Your name, with Your spirit, and guide us, which is You give the Senators heart and courage to be here today for this meeting.

We ask You for peace and let them do whatever they have to do for the people who vote them into office. We do this prayer in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

May God bless everybody.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday, February 10, 2020, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Sunday, February 9, 2020, was read and approved. On motion, Senate adjourned.

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

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Lanza moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 8949 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7314, Third Reading Calendar 206.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The substitution is so ordered.

THE SECRETARY: Senator LaValle

moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 8961 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7315, Third Reading Calendar 207.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The substitution is so ordered.

Messages from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

Reports of select committees.

Communications and reports from state officers.

Motions and resolutions.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, can you please recognize Senator Borrello for an introduction.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Borrello for an introduction.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise to honor a distinguished group of people here from a legendary university in my district, St. Bonaventure. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the delegation here from the university.

Founded in 1858, St. Bonaventure is the nation's first Franciscan university. It's a nationally recognized institution of higher learning that boasts nearly 50 majors and 20 graduate programs. SBU has over 32,000 distinguished alumni worldwide, including six Pulitzer Prize winners. SBU ranks number two in New York and number three in the North on U.S. News & World Report's 2020 list of best value universities.

I commend the people that are here today for their tremendous commitment that they've shown by traveling here to advocate on behalf of the valuable financial aid programs such HEOP and TAP.

They shared some truly inspiring stories with me today which underscored how important these programs are, giving young people in the community the opportunity to attend college. And they have personally touched me with their stories of those folk that are here today that otherwise would not be attending college were it not for the programs that are supported by this state government.

St. Bonaventure's motto is "Becoming

Extraordinary." And the students I met today are well on their way to achieving that goal,

Thank you, Mr. President, and I appreciate you extending the courtesies of this house to them.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: To our guests from St. Bonaventure, I welcome you here on behalf of the Senate. We extend --

Sorry. Senator LaValle.

SENATOR LaVALLE: Yes, I would like to follow Senator Borrello on our guests from St. Bonaventure.

I had the great pleasure of attending St. Bonaventure for a year. I probably would have attended for longer but, you know, being a Long Island boy, no one told me the number of feet of snow you would get.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LaVALLE: And so it's a wonderful institution with great traditions, and you're lucky to be going to that institution. And I'm sure you'll all make the school proud when you graduate.

Thank you for coming.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: To our

guests from St. Bonaventure, I welcome you on behalf of the Senate. We extend to you all of the courtesies and privileges of this house.

Please be recognized at this time.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: At this time I move to adopt the Resolution Calendar, with the exception of Resolution 2772.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: All in favor of adopting the Resolution Calendar, with the exception of Resolution 2772, please signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The Resolution Calendar is adopted.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now take up Resolution 2772, by Senator Sanders, read its title only, and recognize Senator Sanders.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The

Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution 2772, by Senator Sanders, commemorating the 30th anniversary of the release of Nelson Mandela from Victor Verster Prison on February 11, 1990.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Sanders on the resolution.

SENATOR SANDERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

I know where I was 30 years ago. This was one of the moments where we all would look back. You would know where you were at the terrible assassinations of different presidents, but here you had something amazing happen in the world. You had the release, after 30 years or more in prison, of Nelson Mandela.

I had been an advocate for the end of the crime against humanity of apartheid, and the freeing of Nelson Mandela, for many years, but to actually turn on your television set and to see him come out was an amazing thing. The grace and dignity that he embodied as he walked down the streets -- I admit that I could not do this.

But he didn't just stop there, he

carried on his life as president of the new South Africa in the same fashion and set a standard of leadership so high, a standard which we can sorely use right around now. He did some amazing things.

Now, I can see that the struggle of the South African people is not over, that they're not yet at the freedom that they sought. But I also can see that the world has moved forward on this issue. We have named many buildings after him, many awards after him. And I think that it is something that we can all point to and say to our children, This is a manner of leadership that we should aspire to.

So I just wanted to stop and mark that occasion, and I'm very grateful that this great body took it upon itself to say, You know what, something happened and he's not simply the president or was the president of South Africa, he was part of the world, and we claim him too.

Thank you very much, Mr. President, and I thank my leader for allowing this to happen.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Boyle on the resolution.

SENATOR BOYLE: Thank you, Mr. President, on the resolution.

First I'd like to thank Senator Sanders for bringing this resolution to the floor.

Nelson Mandela spent 27 years in prison based on his faith and ideology and commitment. And for those of you who are not old enough to remember, he could have got out years before. The African government at the time, the apartheid government, was very clear that he just had to denounce the struggle and he could get out. And yet he stayed in prison for 27 years.

I know where I was 30 years ago today as well. I didn't know it was 30 years ago, but -- I was living in northern Virginia -- I'm going to tell a story, I hope it's not too immodest -- watching CNN, watching Nelson Mandela and Winnie walk out of that prison. I'd been a fan of Nelson Mandela for years, and a thought popped into my mind. Wouldn't it be a great message to the people of South Africa, the people of America, and the people of the world if Nelson Mandela was invited to come and speak before the United States House of Representatives in a joint

session of Congress.

It was a Sunday. Monday morning I walked into my boss's office, Congressman Frank Horton, a Rochester Republican. I said, "You know, you saw Nelson Mandela was let out of prison yesterday? Why don't we try and get him invited to speak in front of a joint session of Congress?" He said, "Phil, that's a great idea."

So right away I got on the computer, sent a "Dear Colleague" letter to all the members of the House of Representatives. Hours later got a call from the majority leader of the United States Congress, Dick Gephardt, saying: Great idea, we'd like to do a joint "Dear Colleague" letter with you, written to the speaker, inviting Nelson Mandela to come to speak.

We had hundreds of people calling to agree, Congresspeople signing on, United States Senators signing on. And then Speaker Tom Foley said "That's a great idea."

So they invited Nelson Mandela to come speak in front of a joint session of Congress. He was only the second person in American history who was a foreign-born person, not the president or prime minister of their

country, to come and speak in front of a joint session of Congress. I'll let you Google who the other guy was.

When he came, I had the honor of meeting Mr. Mandela at a reception. And because it was my idea, they let me watch the speech from the chamber. It was a great honor. And I knew I only had a few seconds to talk to him, but I welcomed him to Washington, told him how happy I was that he was let out of prison and his leadership in turning around South Africa, and I said I would hope that he would become president of South Africa. He made a great politician; he said hello, but he didn't comment, he just smiled when I mentioned the president. But in that message I kind of took he was saying to me, Phil, you and I both know I'm going to be president of South Africa -- which he did become four years later.

My only regret is this was years before cellphones, otherwise I would have had a great selfie --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR BOYLE: -- but I have great memories.

I vote in favor. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The question is on the resolution. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Opposed?

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The resolution is adopted.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: At the request of Senator Sanders, that resolution is open for cosponsorship.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The resolution is open for cosponsorship. Should you choose not to be a cosponsor of the resolution, please notify the desk.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Now let's please take up the reading of the calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 53, Senate Print 1913, by Senator Gaughran, an act to

amend the Real Property Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 53, voting in the negative: Senator Little.

Ayes, 61. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 55, Senate Print 3685B, by Senator Brooks, an act to amend the General Municipal Law and the Town Law.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for the day.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill will be laid aside for the day.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 206, Assembly Print Number 8949, substituted

earlier by Assemblymember Cusick, an act to amend the Navigation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: 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 2019.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 207, Assembly Print Number 8961, substituted earlier by Assemblymember Englebright, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: 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 2019.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call

the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 222, Senate Print 5443, by Senator Persaud, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 238, Senate Print 854, by Senator Montgomery, an

act to amend the Executive Law and the State Finance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside temporarily.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill will be laid aside temporarily.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 257, Senate Print 5188, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the Election Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 272, Senate Print 781, by Senator Breslin, an act

to amend the General Municipal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 273, Senate Print 3443A, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2022.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 273, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Akshar, Amedore, Borrello, Boyle, Funke, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Jacobs, Jordan, Lanza, Ortt, Ranzenhofer, Ritchie, Robach, Serino, Seward and Tedisco.

Ayes, 44. Nays, 18.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 274, Senate Print 3679A, by Senator Harckham, an agent relating to establishing the Real Property Tax Exemption Task Force.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Borrello to explain his vote.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you, Mr. President.

Once again, as a representative of local government for many years, this is just another situation where we're taking away the authority of our local governments to make decisions that impact them directly.

We've had Article X, we've had many other opportunities where our state government has tried to usurp the sovereignty, if you will, of our local governments. And this is another one of those situations. We're creating an unelected task force that's going to make decisions that should be in the hands of local elected officials, and I am strongly no on this.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Borrello to be recorded in the negative.

Senator Harckham to explain his vote.

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just a quick point of clarification.

This bill is a result of complaints from local government about too much property coming off the tax rolls for organizations, some of them quite large, massive research hospitals that are nonprofits who pay their CEOs millions

of dollars a year and pay no property tax to a municipality. So this legislation was a result of requests by local officials.

I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Harckham to be recorded in the affirmative.

Senator Metzger to explain her vote.

SENATOR METZGER: Thank you, Mr. President.

As someone who came from local government, spent 12 years in local government, I am very pleased that Senator Harckham has introduced this bill. My constituents are being crushed under the weight of their property taxes, and it's our responsibility to make sure -- get to the bottom of it, find out what the facts are, and make sure the system is fair.

So I appreciate it, and I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 274, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Boyle, Flanagan, Funke, Griffo, Jacobs, Jordan, Lanza, LaValle, Little, O'Mara, Ortt, Ranzenhofer,

Ritchie, Robach, Serino, Seward and Tedisco.

Ayes, 43. Nays, 19.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 275, Senate Print 3994, by Senator Gaughran, an act to amend the Village Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 275, voting in the negative: Senator Ranzenhofer.

Ayes, 61. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 277, Senate Print 4907, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the General Municipal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 277, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Akshar, Amedore, Borrello, Boyle, Flanagan, Funke, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Little, O'Mara, Ortt, Ranzenhofer, Ritchie, Robach, Serino, Seward and Tedisco.

Ayes, 43. Nays, 19.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 320, Senate Print 5312A, by Senator Harckham, an act in relation to directing the State Board of Real Property Tax Services to conduct a study on real property tax saturation.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 320, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Akshar, Flanagan and Little.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 3.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 328, Senate Print 6326, by Senator Parker, an act to amend the Public Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 332, Senate Print 5122A, by Senator Gaughran, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect on the 30th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 332, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Funke and Ritchie. Also Senator Kaplan. Also Senators Ortt and O'Mara.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 5.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The

bill is passed.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now remove the temporary lay-aside on Calendar 238, please.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 238, Senate Print 854, by Senator Montgomery, an act to amend the Executive Law and the State Finance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Montgomery to explain her vote.

SENATOR MONTGOMERY: Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

The purpose of this bill is to require that an annual report from the Division of the Budget be made to the State Legislature

that relates to the distribution of funds and grants to community-based organizations, and that report would be made based on grants made by zip code. I call it the Zip Code Bill.

It is a transparency bill, and the purpose is to allow citizens as well as members of the Legislature the ability to track the allocations that we make of funds to community-based organizations to determine the exact localities throughout our state that are receiving the funds, the types of services that are being provided, and what in fact are the outcomes of the funding being made.

So I'm happy that this bill has come to the floor. Thank you, Mr. President. And I appreciate that my colleagues will be voting yes on this. We passed this bill last session, it passed both houses. The Governor vetoed the bill. We have addressed the issues that he raised. And so I'm looking forward to this bill becoming law this time.

Thank you. I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Montgomery to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

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

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, at this time there will be an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in Room 124.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: There will be an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in Room 124.

SENATOR GIANARIS: The Senate stands at ease.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The Senate stands at ease.

(Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease at 3:56 p.m.)

(Whereupon, the Senate reconvened at 4:13 p.m.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The Senate will return to order.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we please return to reports of standing committees.

Is there a report of the Rules Committee at the desk?

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

The Secretary will read.

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

Senate Print 1714, by Senator Brooks, an act to amend the Executive Law;

Senate Print 1726A, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law;

Senate Print 2813A, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the Executive Law;

Senate Print 3320, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law;

Senate Print 4938, by Senator Carlucci, an act to amend the Executive Law;

Senate Print 7287A, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Executive Law;

Senate Print 7288A, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the Executive Law;

Senate Print 7291A, by

Senator Persaud, an act to amend the Executive Law;

Senate Print 7292A, by Senator May, an act to amend the Executive Law;

Senate Print 7300A, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Executive Law;

And Senate Print 7301, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Executive Law.

All bills reported direct to third reading.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to accept the report of the Rules Committee.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: All those in favor of accepting the report of the Rules Committee signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The report of the Rules Committee is accepted.

Senator Gianaris.

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

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

SENATOR GIANARIS: I move to adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 12th, at 3:00 p.m.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Wednesday, February 12th, at 3:00 p.m.

(Whereupon, at 4:15 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)