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SENATOR JAMAAL T. BAILEY, Acting President

ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

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

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday, March 8, 2021, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Sunday, March 7, 2021, was read and approved. On motion, Senate adjourned.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: 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 Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, I offer amendments to the following Third Reading Calendar bills:

Sponsored by Senator Gianaris, page 10, Calendar 186, Senate Print 166;

And by Senator Kaplan, page 27, Calendar 473, Senate 4704.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The amendments are received, and the bills shall retain their place on the Third Reading Calendar.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we take up the calendar at this time.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 198, Senate Print 1633, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 198, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Boyle, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Lanza, Martucci, Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath, Ritchie, Serino, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

Ayes, 43. Nays, 20.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 199, Senate Print 2884, by Senator May, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect on the 120th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 199, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Boyle, Felder, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Lanza, Martucci, Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath, Ritchie, Serino, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

Ayes, 42. Nays, 21.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 223, Senate Print 1187, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2023.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 308, Senate Print 2115, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Penal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 361, Senate Print 2623, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Labor Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 361, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Boyle, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Lanza, Martucci, Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath, Ritchie, Serino, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

Ayes, 43. Nays, 20.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 362, Senate Print 2928A, by Senator Addabbo, an act to amend the Workers' Compensation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 362, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Boyle, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Lanza, Martucci, Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath, Ritchie, Serino, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

Ayes, 43. Nays, 20.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 429, Senate Print 33, by Senator Kaplan, an act to amend the State Administrative Procedure Act.

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Lay the bill aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 479, Senate Print 3563, by Senator Breslin, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 497, Senate Print 4844A, by Senator Biaggi, an act to amend the Labor Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 497, voting in the negative: Senator Helming.

Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 500, Senate Print 1364, by Senator Serrano, an act to amend the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

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

SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you, Mr. President. Let's move on to the controversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The

Secretary will ring the bell.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 429, Senate Print 33, by Senator Kaplan, an act to amend the State Administrative Procedure Act.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Lanza, why do you rise?

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, I believe there's an amendment at the desk. I waive the reading of that amendment and ask that you recognize Senator Oberacker to be heard.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Lanza.

Upon review of the amendment, in accordance with Rule 6, Section 4B, I rule it nongermane and out of order at this time.

SENATOR LANZA: Accordingly, Mr. President, I appeal the ruling of the chair and ask that Senator Oberacker be recognized.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The appeal has been made and recognized, and Senator Oberacker may be heard.

SENATOR OBERACKER: Thank you, Mr. President.

I would argue this amendment is

germane because the bill-in-chief relates to the small business liaisons.

By the way, it's a good bill that would help our businesses across the state, and I'm planning on supporting it. But it would be a great bill with this amendment.

Over the last year the Governor has issued directives and mandates directly impacting our small businesses, many with no scientific reasoning. This legislation is a true repeal. In contrast, the bill passed last week is not a clean repeal but rather an extension of the Governor's emergency powers.

My colleagues and I continue to bring this amendment because it is the right thing and would fully restore this Legislature as a coequal branch of government.

You know, I've heard this argument from my friends across the aisle, that the action last week is enough. But for the people of New York, it is greatly lacking. Small landlords continue to call my office because renters are claiming they don't have to pay the rent. So the Governor says so.

Tourism-related businesses

throughout my district still need to know how to plan for the upcoming summer season. My answer today is same as it was last week: It's up to the Governor.

Forget the window dressing and the small print, we need a true repeal of the Governor's overreaching powers. That what this amendment will accomplish.

We are duly elected members of this Legislature, sent here on behalf of our constituents to be their voice, not stand by while one man makes all the decisions.

Our state is at a difficult crossroads. The pandemic has left us facing a number of social and economic issues. We have a looming deficit that only has been exacerbated by the pandemic, and we are now just over three weeks away from the budget deadline. We need to bring this Legislature back to the table and get to work on the serious issues facing this state. We cannot do that with an embattled Governor calling all the shots.

For these reasons, we will continue to bring this amendment. And I urge all of my Senate colleagues to join in doing the right

thing. Support this critical amendment, and get back to the people's business.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Oberacker.

I want to remind the house that the vote is on the procedures of the house and the ruling of the chair.

Those in favor of overruling the chair signify by saying aye.

SENATOR LANZA: Request a show of hands.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, we've agreed to waive the showing of hands and record each member of the Minority in the affirmative.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Without objection, so ordered.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 20.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The ruling of the chair stands, and the bill-in-chief is before the house.

Are there any other Senators wishing to be heard?

Seeing and hearing none, debate is now closed. The Secretary will ring the bell.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

Senator Gianaris, that completes the reading of the controversial calendar.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you, Mr. President.

If we can now return to motions and resolutions, I move to adopt the Resolution Calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: All in favor of adopting the Resolution Calendar please signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Opposed,

nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Resolution Calendar is adopted.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you, Mr. President.

At this time can we take up previously adopted Resolution 403, by Leader Stewart-Cousins, read that resolution in its entirety, and recognize Senator Salazar on the resolution.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution 403, by Senator Stewart-Cousins, memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2021 as Women's History Month in the State of New York.

"WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month; and

"WHEREAS, March 8th is International Women's Day; and

"WHEREAS, Each year New York State officially sets aside time to recognize the

unique contributions that New York women have made to New York State and beyond; and

"WHEREAS, New York State has a distinguished history of monumental achievements in the area of women's rights; and

"WHEREAS, In 1826, New York State opened one of the first public high schools for girls, resulting in a future for women in which they were no longer confined to the home, a future in which they were educated and able to use this education to better their social and economic status; and

"WHEREAS, In 1848 in New York, the first women's rights convention was held at Seneca Falls to secure for all women the right to vote; and

"WHEREAS, In 1903, The Women's Trade Union League of New York was formed to represent working women, later becoming the nucleus for the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union; and

"WHEREAS, In 1917, New York guaranteed women the right to vote in all elections, and in the following year the first two women, Ida Sammis and Mary Lilly, were elected to the New York State Legislature and

became the first women to then serve in 1919; and

"WHEREAS, In 1955, Bessie Buchanan was the first African-American woman to serve in the New York State Legislature; and

"WHEREAS, In 1967, Muriel Siebert became the first woman to own a seat on the New York Stock Exchange, opening the door for women to gain positions of greater economic power; and

"WHEREAS, In 1968, New York State Assemblywoman Shirley Chisholm became the first black woman elected to Congress and in 1972, she ran for President of the United States, another first for black women; and

"WHEREAS, In 1970, New York City was the site of the first Women's Strike for Equality, in which 50,000 people marched for equal rights; and

"WHEREAS, In 1978, Olga Mendez became the first Latina woman to serve in the New York State Legislature; and

"WHEREAS, In 1983, New York State women legislators established the Legislative Women's Caucus to improve the participation of women in all areas of government, support issues

that benefit women, and provide a network of support for women in the State Legislature; and

"WHEREAS, In 2007, Ellen Young was the first Asian-American woman to serve in the New York State Legislature; and

"WHEREAS, In 2009, New Yorker Sonia Sotomayor became the first Hispanic Justice appointed to the United States Supreme Court; and

"WHEREAS, In 2015, New Yorker Loretta Elizabeth Lynch was appointed as Attorney General of the United States, becoming the first African-American woman to serve in this esteemed position; and

"WHEREAS, New York has been the home of many extraordinary women who have led society to a better future: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony led the campaign for women's suffrage; Sojourner Truth spoke out for the abolition of slavery and for suffrage for all women; and

"WHEREAS, Carrie Chapman Catt became the first president of the League of Women Voters; Emma Willard opened the first endowed institution for the education of women; Civil War surgeon Dr. Mary E. Walker was the only woman

ever awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor; Harriet Tubman was an abolitionist who led slaves to freedom by way of the Underground Railroad in the 19th century; and

"WHEREAS, Elizabeth Blackwell and Belva Lockwood were the first women in the fields of medicine and law; pioneer birth control educator and advocate Margaret Sanger established a research center in New York City; and

"WHEREAS, Emma Goldman founded the Free Speech League, which led to the American Civil Liberties Union; humanitarian Eleanor Roosevelt served as United States Delegate to the United Nations; and

"WHEREAS, New Yorker Edith Windsor fought to expand marriage equality in the United States prior to the Marriage Equality Act of New York, which became law in 2011; and

"WHEREAS, Civil rights lawyer and New York State Senator Constance Baker Motley became the first black woman to sit on the U.S. District Court in New York, and there have been so many more known and unknown women who championed rights and opportunity for all; and

"WHEREAS, New York State has hosted

many conventions, campaigns and events of the Women's Rights Movement, from the 1848 convention at Seneca Falls to the 1999 Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, which was held to improve the status of women in history and in the historical professions; and

"WHEREAS, 50 percent of statewide elected officials are women and, for the first time, a woman has been elected Attorney General in the State of New York; and

"WHEREAS, 2021 marks the 101st anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which guaranteed women the right to vote in the United States; and

"WHEREAS, Today, 73 women serve in the New York State Legislature, making up 34 percent of the seats, holding leadership positions in both houses and bringing the diverse experiences of women into law and public policy; now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2021 as Women's History Month in the State of New York; and be it further

"RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, and the Legislative Women's Caucus of New York State."

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Salazar on the resolution.

SENATOR SALAZAR: Thank you, Madam President.

We began this week with people all around the world recognizing International Women's Day, as well as the month of March as Women's History Month.

While International Women's Day is observed across the globe, its roots are traced back to New York. The very first National Women's Day commemorated the direct action taken by workers in 1908 when 15,000 women marched through New York City demanding shorter work hours, better pay, and voting rights.

This resolution today to recognize Women's History Month, introduced by Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, is a reminder to me as a young woman, a Latina woman serving in the State Senate, of the women who came before

us. We honor the women who made it possible for women like myself to be legislators today.

It was a collective of Black feminists, the Combahee River Collective, who wisely stated: "The major source of difficulty in our political work is that we are not only fighting oppression on one front or even two, but instead to address a whole range of oppressions."

These words remain true in our world today and underscore why it is remarkable that in the Senate we have the privilege of witnessing the leadership every day of not only the first woman, but the first Black woman to serve as the Senate Majority Leader in the history of our state.

The struggle for truly complete gender equity will only succeed if it is an intersectional struggle to overcome the oppressions recognized by the Combahee River Collective.

As legislators, we can understand this Women's History Month resolution as a call to action in our daily lives and in our work together.

Facing this public health crisis for

a full year has demanded that we recognize the profound value of reproductive labor, the unpaid or underpaid work of caring for our families that sustains our economy and our society -- work that is done mostly by women of color, by new Americans, by women who immigrated and are undocumented.

This is a moment to ask ourselves, does our public policy honor these women too? Does the law in our state honor the most vulnerable women among us? Does it include our trans neighbors as well?

Women's History Month is an opportunity to celebrate the tremendous progress that has empowered many of us as women. And it's also an opportunity to ask ourselves, how will I, how will we use our position in our state to help forge a world with complete gender equality?

Thank you, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Bailey on the resolution.

SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you, Madam President.

It is fitting to see you presiding as we converse about this resolution.

Thank you to Senator Salazar for her incredible words, and thank you to Leader Stewart-Cousins for being consistent in sponsoring this necessary resolution.

And so when you think about the amazing accomplishments of women -- not just women that we serve with, but the women who run the Senate -- and not just our Majority Leader, who is a history maker, who runs the Senate -- the Secretary of the Senate is a woman, Alejandra Paulino. If you think about the Majority's chief of staff and lead counsel, she is a woman, Shontell Smith.

So quite frankly, the Senate is being run by women. And it can be attributed to such -- to the greatness that we've been having over the last few years.

I want to make sure that -- I would be remiss if I didn't recognize the great Senator Velmanette Montgomery, who I didn't get a chance to speak about her when she came up. But I wanted to make sure that she knew that we all follow in her footsteps, and she inspires so many women, she inspires young men like me. So I wanted to make sure that I -- we continue to give

Senator Montgomery her flowers while we can.

And I was thinking about what I was going to speak about today, and I'm always inspired by the amazing women in my life: My amazing wife, my daughters, my mother, my grandmothers, my aunts, my adopted aunts, my play cousins, everybody.

But I was reading something this morning, it was by a British sprinter by the name of Dina Asher-Smith. It was in The Players' Tribune, and it was called "Who We Elevate."

And those of you who know me know I am a huge sports fan. And sometimes, in sports, women are overlooked for no good reason. And if we think about what women have done in sports that have gone recognized and unrecognized, I want to illustrate some of that.

So we talk about social justice movements, and we don't hear much about the women who lead the social justice movements as we do the men. But I want to tell you about when the protests were happening over this summer, with the Black Lives Matter protests, the NBA players got a lot of credit -- but the WNBA players were first. And quite frankly, the WNBA players went

out on a limb.

The Atlanta Dream -- amazing women in the WNBA. They were -- their team was owned by an individual who decried the notion of Black Lives Matter. Not only did they oppose that, they showed up with shirts that said Black Lives Matter.

And it turns out that after that took place, and after Kelly Loeffler lost the seat, the Atlanta Dream were pivotal in making sure there was recognition about the Senate race with Senator Warnock.

Not only did that take place, now Renee Montgomery, a former WNBA player, world champion and All Star, is now the owner of the Atlanta Dream. This is the power of women.

Maya Moore, one of the greatest basketball players of all time, in the midst of a Hall of Fame basketball career, she stopped. The reason why she stopped was because she wanted to pursue justice, the exoneration of Jonathan Irons. Maya Moore -- again, one of the greats, one of my favorites -- stopped a Hall of Fame career to pursue justice. Amazing women.

We know about the 2019 World Cup,

Megan Rapinoe and so many women on that team showed young women what it was like.

But I refer back to this "Who We Elevate" article by Dina Asher-Smith. And she said something that was incredibly poignant, and I want to make sure I get it word for word. I quote:

"I wanted to write this for all of the 8-year-old girls who are thinking about getting into sport but have doubts, fears and questions. And for all the young women who might be thinking about giving up sport.

"Why don't we see more of their stories, more of their images? Why have they not been elevated to cross over, to transcend our sporting world?

"Why aren't their achievements and legacies familiar to more of us, like those of Messi, Ronaldo, Tiger Woods, Michael Phelps, Usain Bolt and all the other amazing sportsmen?

"To be clear, I don't need this stuff to feel whole. We don't need it.

"We want to win. We want to be our best, to be the best.

"But we can see the double standard.

"And while we see it, the 8-year-old girl can't."

I think about when we have the conversation about the GOAT, about the greatest of all time. If you're not saying Serena followed by Williams, I'm not sure who is the greatest athlete of all time aside from Serena Williams, who made it to the final of a major while 7 months pregnant. Aside from that, she is the greatest athlete irrespective of that. But that is something that we don't recognize in her true greatness.

I think about Becky Hammon, somebody who -- a woman who should be a head coach in the NBA. I think about how excited I was when the Liberty drafted Sabrina Ionescu, who was one of the greatest college basketball players of all time but quite frankly didn't get the same credit that male college basketball players get. But if you look at her stats, she was completely dominant at the University of Oregon.

I think about Michele Roberts, a Bronxite, Madam President, the first woman to lead a professional sports union. She's the head of the NBA Players Association. So she's from

the Bronx, and she's a woman? Sounds like a winner to me, Madam President.

And I think about the up and coming stars like Naomi Osaka, who is a legend in the making.

But I think about Allyson Felix, one of the sprinters that we know from the Olympics. And one of the things that she did is she spoke up about Nike not offering support to -- for women with pregnancy complications.

I think that we have to make sure that we recognize the role that women are consistently playing in our lives in the world of sports. I think about great sports journalists like Kimberley Martin and Taylor Rooks and Cari Champion and so many other amazing women who break barriers every single day with reporting on the news.

And I think about the GOAT -- in my opinion, the GOATs. You might not have heard about them yet. Their names are Giada and Carina Bailey. Those are my daughters. And I was thinking about -- when I was thinking about what to say with the sports, I was putting it together.

This past summer I set up a couple of Fischer Price hoops in my yard. And my daughters like to play basketball. Right? And my daughter, one -- she made a basket and she said something that was so poignant, something that was so incredible, and something that I kind of live by every day. She said, "If you can't win, you win. If you don't win, you still win. If you believe in your heart and your strength, this is what you got."

That's my 6-year-old daughter who inspires me every single day. That is the reason why we need to make sure we recognize the accomplishments of women.

And I don't know if either Giada or Carina will ever play professional sports. I don't know if they'll play sports beyond the yard. But the most important thing, like Dina Asher-Smith said about "who we elevate," they need to know that not only can they play, they can play just as well as men, if not better.

So, Madam President, I thank you for the opportunity to speak on this resolution, and I thank the leader for introducing it.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The

resolution was previously adopted on March 2nd.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you, Madam President.

Leader Stewart-Cousins would like to open this resolution for cosponsorship.

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

Senator Gianaris.

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

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

SENATOR GIANARIS: I move to adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 10th, at 3:00 p.m.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Wednesday, March 10th, at 3:00 p.m.

(Whereupon, at 3:38 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)