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SENATOR ROXANNE J. PERSAUD, Acting President

ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: 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 PERSAUD: 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 PERSAUD: Reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday, February 28, 2022, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Sunday, February 27, 2022, was read and approved. On motion, the Senate adjourned.

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

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Sanders

moves to discharge, from the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Assembly Bill Number 7686 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7144, Third Reading Calendar 246.

Senator Gounardes moves to discharge, from the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, Assembly Bill Number 2483B and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 3395A, Third Reading Calendar 386.

Senator Breslin moves to discharge, from the Committee on Insurance, Assembly Bill Number 7786 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 3577, Third Reading Calendar 489.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Substitutions 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: Madam President, I move to adopt the Resolution Calendar.

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

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Resolution Calendar is adopted.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: There's also a privileged resolution at the desk.

Can we please take that up, read its title, and recognize Senator Mayer.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: There is a substitution at the desk. Substitution so ordered.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senators Mayer and Stavisky move to substitute Assembly Concurrent Resolution Number 584, by Assemblymembers Benedetto and Glick, and substitute it for the identical Senate Concurrent Resolution Number 1957.

Assembly Resolution 584, Concurrent

Resolution of the Senate and Assembly providing for the election of three Regents of the University of the State of New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Mayer on the resolution.

SENATOR MAYER: Thank you, Madam President.

It's really an honor to get up and speak in support of this resolution appointing three members to the Board of Regents, two reappointments and one new appointment. And it's an honor to submit the names of Susan Mittler for the 6th District and Ruth Turner for the 7th District, as reappointments.

I also, along with many of my colleagues -- Senator Stavisky, members of the Assembly, members of the Minority Conference -- all listened to a number of people who expressed an interest in serving on this very important institution that helps determine the education policy of our state.

And I'm proud to say that we currently have a very constructive relationship with the Board of Regents. They actually listen to the suggestions of our Legislature. And we

look forward to working closely with them with the reappointment of these two existing Regents.

I'm also particularly pleased that we are appointing Shino Tanikawa to the 1st District, representing Manhattan, to the Board of Regents.

Senator Liu and I, along with many of our colleagues during the height of COVID, dealt with parents and activists throughout the New York City public school system, with their frustrations and concerns on behalf of their children, and Shino Tanikawa was one of those voices -- a reasonable, thoughtful but advocacy person who really spoke on behalf of family members. And even though her children are older, she has a long and very admirable history as an advocate on behalf of our children throughout the City of New York.

She currently sits on the Citywide Council on High Schools, is a founding member of the Education Council Consortium, which is a large group, was a member of the Community Education Council for District 2, and has a long history in the Parent Teacher Association and all of the activities that very active parents engage

in on behalf of their children.

So it's really a pleasure that she will be joining the Board of Regents, being a voice for parents, a thoughtful voice, a big-picture person who recognizes the role of the Board of Regents and the opportunities we have to continue to fight for quality education for every student in New York.

So I'm very pleased to have these three very fine, distinguished people. And I move their recommendations and appointment.

Thank you, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Krueger on the resolution.

SENATOR KRUEGER: Oh, thank you. Thank you so much, Madam President. It's so nice to see you up there.

I'm here in this room with other people, it's very exciting. And no mask, it's very exciting.

But I'm here to just talk briefly on the Regent from Manhattan that has been moved through, and her name is Shino Tanikawa. And she's not my constituent, she actually is farther south in Manhattan, but she was the chair of our

CEC for my school district and involved with endless other responsibilities relating to schools in New York City. And she's truly an extraordinary woman.

And we all know what it means to work in public service, all of us here on this floor, because that's what we have chosen to do. But we actually get a paycheck for it. And Shino is one of those people who, though she doesn't get a paycheck for any of the work she's been doing for years and years, has been an extraordinary contributor to the public education system in New York, as well as, more recently, very, very involved in environmental and climate change issues.

And so she has participated with the Citywide Council on High Schools, the Educational Council Consortium. Again, as I said, she was on the CEC for School District 2 for Manhattan, was the president of the board, and is just one of those super-smart people that you know you want doing things in the public good, because she's always going to look out for the interests of the children and the families and the schools.

And so I couldn't be happier to

stand here as a, I guess, confirmee of her qualifications to be the next Manhattan Regent.

And thank you very much, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Jackson on the resolution.

SENATOR JACKSON: Thank you, Madam -- Madam Leader.

I rise in support of Shino for the State Board of Regents from the 1st District. I've known her as an education advocate in New York City. But not only that, but the process that was used with Deborah Glick, the Assemblymember chairing the New York City people, it was very diplomatic, it was very transparent.

And also I say to you that my first -- there were two people that I was supporting as far as my initial vote, but in order to reach a consensus sometimes people have to give. And when I saw the handwriting on the wall, I said that Shino is my choice all things considered. All things considered. When you bake a cake, you're putting all of the ingredients in there to make sure that the cake rises up and when you eat it, it tastes good.

So I do believe that she's going to represent all of the people of the City of New York and the State of New York as a member of the State Board of Regents. So I say aye for Shino.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The question is on the resolution.

The Secretary will call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Those Senators voting in the negative on the resolution 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 PERSAUD: The resolution is adopted.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President, moving back to motions for a second, amendments are offered to the following Third Reading Calendar bills:

By Senator Thomas, page 12, Calendar Number 132, Senate Print 5924A;

Senator Kennedy, page 16, Calendar Number 263, Senate Print 5236A;

Senator Salazar, page 16, Calendar Number 268, Senate Print 6777;

And Senator Sepúlveda, page 21, Calendar Number 370, Senate Print 2855.

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

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Let's take up the reading of the calendar now, please.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 102, Senate Print 738, by Senator Biaggi, an act to amend the General Obligations Laws.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 102, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Lanza and O'Mara.

Ayes, 61. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 103, Senate Print 766, by Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the General Obligations Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: 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 PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Gounardes to explain his vote.

SENATOR GOUNARDES: Thank you, Madam President.

I rise today in proud support of

this legislation, which would ban no-rehire clauses in settlement agreements between a victim of sexual harassment and an accused employer.

All too often we have learned by hearing from the voices of victims and people who have been abused and harassed that when they try to settle their cases to be able to get recourse for what happened to them, they are told that they can never apply for a job at that company ever again.

Now, that might make sense if you worked at a place with one employee and one employer. But for the world that we're living in today, with multinational corporations, with businesses that span the globe -- imagine being told that after you were the victim of sexual harassment in your workplace by someone touching you, making comments to you, making you feel uncomfortable, that you will never have a chance to work in the industry or for that company ever again. It's used as a tactic to intimidate and to silence victims.

And by passing this legislation today, which the Senate has done multiple times in the past, we are sending an affirmative

statement that we want to empower the voices of victims and not allow the law to be used as a weapon against them to force their silence and to force their acquiescence when they have been abused at the hands of harassers.

I proudly support this bill, and I thank all my colleagues who have supported this bill as well. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Gounardes to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 103, 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 PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 109, Senate Print 6824, by Senator Persaud, an act to amend the Family Court Act.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 215, Senate Print 25C, by Senator Kaplan, an act in relation to requiring the Empire State Development Corporation to study the economic impact of optimizing kitchen incubators in New York State.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 215, voting in the negative: Senator Akshar.

Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 246, Assembly Print Number 7686, by Assemblymember Frontus, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

Calendar Number 268 is high and will

be laid aside for the day.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 361, Senate Print 7399, by Senator Gaughran, an act to amend the General Municipal Law.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for the day.

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

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 380, Senate Print 566A, by Senator Hoylman, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

381, Senate Print 812A, by Senator Biaggi, an act to amend the Executive Law.

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Lay it aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 382, Senate Print 936, by Senator Krueger, an act to amend the Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 382, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Gallivan, Griffo, Jordan, Lanza, Martucci, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath and Tedisco.

Ayes, 51. Nays, 12.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 386, Assembly Print Number 2483B, by Assemblymember Niou, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Gounardes to explain his vote.

SENATOR GOUNARDES: Thank you, Madam President. Three years ago this body took a momentous step forward in reforming our state's sexual harassment laws and bringing the law into the 21st century by saying that no longer did someone have to prove that they were subject to severe or pervasive behavior as they were being harassed or abused.

But as that bill made its way to the floor, inexplicably we carved out people who work in the legislative body, in the executive body, who work for the judiciary, people who work for

town councils and local governments and county governments. The very people who work in the halls of power who are often subject to the most obscene and abusive forms of harassment were carved out of the very protections of the state's sexual harassment law that we were trying to boldly take forward.

But today, three years later, I am so incredibly proud that we are taking steps to finally close the license to harass loophole and we are saying unequivocally, with one voice, that all employees of this state, regardless of who you work for, whether it's in the public sector or the private sector, are subject to the same protections of the state's Human Rights Law. And that everyone deserves a workplace that is free from intimidation, discrimination and harassment.

This bill, in closing this loophole, is a long time coming. I'm so glad that after we pass this bill in this chamber today, it will go to the Governor's desk for her signature and finally we can right the wrong that we left unattended to several years ago.

I proudly vote aye. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator

Gounardes to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 386, those Senators voting in the negative are Senator Lanza, Oberacker and Ortt. Also Senator O'Mara.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 4.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 389, Senate Print 5870, by Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Gounardes to explain his vote.

SENATOR GOUNARDES: Thank you, Madam President.

This bill is another one of the package, another bill in this really landmark

package of bills to really help dismantle the harassment machine that was allowed to exist in our laws for far too long.

We are taking an affirmative step today to extend the statute of limitations for victims of sexual harassment or workplace discrimination from three years to six years. And why is that important? Because when you spend any time talking to victims, people who have endured this form of behavior, you know that artificially capping the time by which they can come forward to tell their stories, share their pain and then file for their legal recourse in the courts, you cannot put a time limit on that. Three years is simply not enough time for individuals to be able to share their stories and share their pain.

By extending the statute of limitations, by making it six years, we are empowering the victims of harassment and discrimination to be able to tell their stories when they feel ready to and to tell them that the courts will be there to hear their claim and to hear their story and to vindicate their rights once and for all.

I proudly vote aye. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Gounardes to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 428, Senate Print 5628, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 428, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Lanza, Martucci, O'Mara, Palumbo, Serino, Stec and Tedisco.

Ayes, 51. Nays, 12.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 433, Senate Print 849A, by Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: 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 PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 433, voting in the negative: Senator Lanza.

Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 441, Senate Print 6239, by Senator Thomas, an act to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for the day.

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

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 445, Senate Print 5487, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 485, Senate Print 7864, by Senator Brooks, an act to amend the General Municipal Law and the Public Authorities Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 489, Assembly Print Number 7786, by Assemblymember Cahill, an act in relation to requiring the Department of Financial Services to conduct a study regarding insurance or other risk mitigation tools.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 489, voting in the negative: Senator Akshar.

Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 503, Senate Print 1057, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 523, Senate Print 7027, by Senator Parker, an act in relation to maintaining the continued

viability of the state's existing large-scale, renewable energy resources.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 523, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello and Ortt.

Ayes, 60. Nays, 3.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

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

SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now move to the controversial calendar, please.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will ring the bell.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

381, Senate Print 812A, by Senator Biaggi, an act to amend the Executive Law.

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

SENATOR LANZA: Madam President, I believe there's an amendment at the desk. I waive the reading of that amendment and ask that Senator Serino be recognized and heard.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: 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, Madam President, I appeal the ruling of the chair and ask that Senator Serino be recognized.

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

SENATOR SERINO: Thank you, Madam President.

This bill is germane because both aim to empower victims of sexual harassment to report abuse. While I support the intent of this bill before us today, which would create a

confidential legal hotline to provide pro bono advice to victims, once again I think we're still failing to get to the heart of the issue to actually prevent sexual harassment here in state government.

The problem is lack of effective enforcement of the laws we already have on the books. What's missing is a process that victims can actually trust to hold their perpetrators accountable. Look at what's happening today with Governor Andrew Cuomo. Here we are passing the same old package of bills we passed last year on a day when the disgraced governor is launching a media blitz to discredit the voices of his victims and sway public opinion to his favor.

This is the kind of behavior that discourages victims from speaking out against abusers, who clearly hold all the power here. And nothing we're passing today would prevent this from happening again in the future.

The amendment I'm presenting now is a bill that I sponsor that would create a totally independent commission to collect reports of sexual harassment, substantiate them, and truly hold perpetrators accountable.

Creating a hotline might be a step in the right direction, but this bill doesn't even have a companion bill in the Assembly.

Once again, the Majority is passing a package of bills to score a headline, not to make a real difference. We could pass my amendment today and make New York a safer place to work for all of our valued government employees.

Once again, this is a moment to set politics aside and work together to ensure that our state is a place where survivors are heard, perpetrators are held accountable, and all New Yorkers feel safe from harassment of any kind. I urge my colleagues to vote aye.

Thank you, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank you, Senator.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Without objection, so ordered.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 20.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: 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 closed. The Secretary will ring the bell.

Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the 120th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

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

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

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

SENATOR GIANARIS: Before we adjourn, Madam President, let me wish you a happy birthday today.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank you.

(Sustained applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: It's quite a season, Senator.

SENATOR GIANARIS: It's the most applause we've had in the chamber in two years.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GIANARIS: Also, can I announce there will be a virtual meeting of the Senate Democratic Conference immediately following session.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: There will be a virtual meeting of the Senate

Democratic Conference immediately following session.

SENATOR GIANARIS: And now I move to adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 2nd, at 3:00 p.m.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Wednesday, March 2nd, at 3:00 p.m.

(Whereupon, at 4:48 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)