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18 SENATOR ROXANNE J. PERSAUD, Acting President

19 ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

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

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: 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 PERSAUD: 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 PERSAUD: The
14 reading of the Journal.

15 THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday,
16 February 6, 2023, the Senate met pursuant to
17 adjournment. The Journal of Friday, February 3,
18 2023, was read and approved. On motion, the
19 Senate adjourned.

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

22 Presentation of petitions.

23 Messages from the Assembly.

24 The Secretary will read.

25 THE SECRETARY: Senator Cleare

1 moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules,
2 Assembly Bill Number 997 and substitute it for
3 the identical Senate Bill 1342, Third Reading
4 Calendar 110.

5 Senator Martinez moves to discharge,
6 from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill
7 Number 975 and substitute it for the identical
8 Senate Bill 2221, Third Reading Calendar 158.

9 Senator Webb moves to discharge,
10 from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill
11 Number 976 and substitute it for the identical
12 Senate Bill 2226, Third Reading Calendar 163.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: So
14 ordered.

15 Messages from the Governor.

16 Reports of standing committees.

17 Reports of select committees.

18 Communications and reports from
19 state officers.

20 Motions and resolutions.

21 Senator Gianaris.

22 SENATOR GIANARIS: Good afternoon,
23 Madam President.

24 I move to adopt the
25 Resolution Calendar, with the exception of

1 Resolutions 321 and 386.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: All
3 those in favor of adopting the Resolution
4 Calendar, with the exceptions of Resolutions 321
5 and 386, please signify by saying aye.

6 (Delayed response of "Aye.")

7 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Opposed,
8 nay.

9 (No response.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
11 Resolution Calendar is adopted.

12 Senator Gianaris.

13 SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we begin
14 with Resolution 386, by Senator Fernandez, read
15 its title only, and recognize Senator Fernandez.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
17 Secretary will read.

18 THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution
19 386, by Senator Fernandez, memorializing
20 Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 2023
21 as Recovery Month in the State of New York.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
23 Fernandez on the resolution.

24 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

1 There are over 260,000 New Yorkers
2 who identify with the recovery community and
3 recovery movement. At this very moment, millions
4 of New Yorkers are suffering from substance abuse
5 addiction.

6 I thank Dr. Angelia Smith-Wilson and
7 Friends of Recovery New York for bringing these
8 voices to Albany today in our State Capitol for
9 Recovery Day.

10 It is my honor to chair the
11 committee that I chair, Alcoholism & Substance
12 Abuse. But more importantly, it's to use my
13 position of power to fight for those struggling
14 with addiction. The numbers of overdoses are
15 soaring at an alarming rate. Every 90 seconds a
16 New Yorker dies from a overdose. That is more
17 than car accidents, suicide and homicides
18 combined.

19 When dealing with addiction,
20 historically the road to recovery has never been
21 easy. And to make matters worse, addiction is
22 repeatedly met with denial, misunderstandings and
23 stigma.

24 Of course one of our main goals is
25 to combat drug addiction and prevent overdoses.

1 But what about those living on a daily basis with
2 substance abuse issues? Our mission is also
3 about meeting people where they are and treating
4 them with dignity and respect and offering a path
5 to recovery through community resources, because
6 they are part of our community.

7 The services and support we see
8 today were hard-fought, but without a doubt there
9 is so much more to be done. There is not one
10 single solution to end addiction. And our loved
11 ones in the recovery community know that
12 compassionate care is multifaceted, taking a
13 great deal of research, investment and love.

14 This resolution recognizes the
15 journey this community has endured on the road to
16 recovery. The path to healing has needed
17 understanding, courage and a will to end the
18 crisis that continues to plague our communities.
19 This resolution honors all the brave individuals
20 who took the first step on the road to recovery.

21 But the road to recovery is not one
22 you take alone. Recovery day belongs to the
23 entire recovery community: Treatment providers,
24 medical professionals, sponsors, friends, family
25 members and loved ones who give so much of their

1 lives to helping those find that first step to
2 recovery and to stay on it.

3 I feel fortunate to be with you all
4 today and on behalf of the recovery community in
5 the State of New York, throughout the country,
6 and around the world. I am honored to submit
7 this resolution on the Senate floor for the
8 Governor of New York to sign into law, honoring
9 this Recovery Day and proclaiming September to be
10 officially Recovery Month in the State of
11 New York.

12 Thank you.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
14 question is on the resolution. All in favor
15 signify by saying aye.

16 (Response of "Aye.")

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Opposed,
18 nay.

19 (No response.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
21 resolution is adopted.

22 Senator Gianaris.

23 SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now move
24 to Resolution 321, by Senator Hinchey, read it in
25 its entirety, and recognize Senator Hinchey.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
2 Secretary will read.

3 THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution
4 321, by Senator Hinchey, memorializing
5 Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 18-25,
6 2023, as National FFA Organization Week in the
7 State of New York.

8 "WHEREAS, It is the sense of this
9 Legislative Body to support and promote the
10 historic and significant observance of National
11 FFA Organization, formerly know as Future Farmers
12 of America (FFA), Week in the State of New York;
13 and

14 "WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern,
15 and in full accord with its long-standing
16 traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud
17 to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim
18 February 18-25, 2023, as National FFA
19 Organization Week in the State of New York; and

20 "WHEREAS, The National FFA
21 Organization motto: 'Learning to Do, Doing to
22 Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve,' gives
23 direction and purpose to those students who take
24 an active role in succeeding in agricultural
25 education and leadership; and

1 "WHEREAS, The National FFA
2 Organization develops members' potential and
3 helps them to discover their talent through
4 hands-on experiences, giving the tools to achieve
5 real-world success; these members are future
6 chemists, veterinarians, government officials,
7 entrepreneurs, bankers, international business
8 leaders, teachers and premier professionals in
9 many career fields; and

10 "WHEREAS, New York FFA has 161
11 chapters across New York and over 9,000 active
12 students involved; and

13 "WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of
14 Education provides leadership and helps set
15 direction for the National FFA Organization as a
16 service to state and local agricultural education
17 programs; and

18 "WHEREAS, In accomplishing its
19 mission, National FFA Organization has made a
20 positive difference in the lives of students by
21 developing their potential for premier
22 leadership, personal growth and career success
23 through agricultural education, promoting
24 citizenship, volunteerism, patriotism and
25 cooperation; and

1 "WHEREAS, Agricultural education and
2 National FFA Organization ensure a steady supply
3 of young professionals to meet the growing needs
4 in the science, business and technology of
5 agriculture; and

6 "WHEREAS, Agricultural education in
7 New York affects and instructs students in all
8 parts of the state, and through their efforts,
9 the officers and members of New York FFA are
10 achieving increased levels of national
11 recognition for themselves, and their schools and
12 communities, as well as New York agriculture; and

13 "WHEREAS, It is the custom of this
14 Legislative Body to recognize and applaud the
15 leaders of commerce and industry whose
16 accomplishments contribute to the economic health
17 and prosperity of the communities of the State of
18 New York and to the quality of life of its
19 people; now, therefore, be it

20 "RESOLVED, That this Legislative
21 Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize
22 Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 18-25,
23 2023, as National FFA Organization Week in the
24 State of New York; and be it further

25 "RESOLVED, That a copy of this

1 resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted
2 to the Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the
3 State of New York."

4 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
5 Hinchey on the resolution.

6 SENATOR HINCHEY: Thank you,
7 Madam President.

8 I rise today in support of my
9 resolution proclaiming February 18th through 25th
10 National FFA Organization Week here in the State
11 of New York.

12 Representing a rural district has a
13 lot of incredible opportunities, but one that I
14 am the most proud of is seeing our young people
15 step up and step into a life of protecting our
16 resources and protecting our agricultural lands
17 and continuing the tradition that we have here in
18 New York to make sure that we have a local food
19 supply.

20 In their motto "Living to serve" is
21 a phrase that I believe everybody in this body
22 lives by as well. And so to see an organization
23 filled with incredible, inspiring young people,
24 starting out with that motto, dedicated to their
25 communities, dedicated to the future of our

1 communities, is incredibly important and
2 inspiring to me personally.

3 I want to welcome members of our FFA
4 chapters here in New York specifically with a
5 special shout out to two in my district,
6 Greenville and Pine Plains, and recognize that
7 there are over 9,000 students participating in
8 161 chapters of FFA across our state. And in
9 just the last five years, 70 new FFA chapters
10 have started.

11 This is an incredible tradition and
12 something that we need to make sure we are
13 supporting here in New York. Because as we see
14 the future of the climate crisis and we see
15 what's happening across our country, here in the
16 State of New York we are going to be the bread
17 basket of our country once again. And making
18 sure that we have young people who understand the
19 importance of agriculture, who are stepping in to
20 make sure we have that next generation protecting
21 our food supply, supporting our animals, and
22 really working to protect our environment through
23 regenerative agriculture and climate-resilient
24 farming, that is the way that we survive -- not
25 just here in New York but we support our entire

1 country. And that's the work that members of the
2 FFA are doing across our state every day.

3 And so I rise to say thank you to
4 the teachers who support our students in this
5 incredible, important work, and thank you to our
6 students for your leadership in this incredibly
7 important space.

8 With that, Madam President, I vote
9 aye.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank
11 you, Senator Hinchey.

12 Senator Walczyk on the resolution.

13 SENATOR WALCZYK: Thank you,
14 Madam President.

15 The FFA was founded almost a hundred
16 years ago, and since then generations of young
17 leaders have utilized FFA to not only become
18 agriculturalists and environmentalists, but
19 leaders of all sorts. They're much more than
20 future farmers of America. They are future
21 biologists and future chemists, future
22 veterinarians, future engineers, future
23 entrepreneurs in America. There's 140 chapters
24 here in New York State with over 7,000 active
25 members.

1 FFA's motto is "Learning to Do,
2 Doing to learn, Earning to Live, and Living to
3 Serve."

4 It is because of students like them
5 in the gallery -- Sarah Downey, Luke Peck, their
6 advisor from Carthage, Jen Phelps, and the
7 advisor from Beaver River, Jarret Jacobs, along
8 with Sutton Barrett and Hanna Lighthall -- that
9 we should have hope for our future.

10 I am blessed to represent these
11 future leaders and so proud to support this
12 resolution for the Future Farmers of America.

13 I vote aye.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank
15 you, Senator.

16 Senator Helming on the resolution.

17 SENATOR HELMING: Thank you,
18 Madam President.

19 I really appreciate the opportunity
20 to welcome our FFA student ambassadors to the
21 State Capitol. I'd like to take a moment and
22 extend a special welcome to the FFA members of
23 the Marion, Marcus Whitman, Southern Cayuga and
24 Tully school districts. I really and truly
25 enjoyed our meeting and our conversation this

1 morning.

2 This is one of those very special
3 days for me. I look forward to it every year.
4 Hearing from our FFA members always fills me with
5 great hope and optimism for our future.

6 Many people are very familiar with
7 FFA as an organization with a focus on
8 agriculture, as a workforce development pipeline
9 for farmers, and an entry into ag careers. What
10 many don't realize is FFA members are interested
11 in a variety of career paths. Former FFA
12 students that I've had the privilege of working
13 with are now pursuing careers as teachers,
14 doctors, scientists, business owners, and some
15 are even proudly serving as members of the
16 United States armed forces.

17 I want to take a moment to applaud
18 the FFA organization for including encouraging
19 the personal growth and success of individual
20 members through ag education. I also want to
21 take a moment to thank the wonderful teachers and
22 mentors for their dedication and hard work
23 helping our next generation rise up and develop
24 their own unique talents.

25 To all of our FFA visitors, thank

1 you again for taking the time to visit with
2 individual legislators and sharing your views on
3 important issues.

4 Madam President, I am proud to
5 support this resolution. Thank you.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank
7 you, Senator.

8 To our guests, FFA members, I
9 welcome you on behalf of the Senate. We extend
10 to you the privileges and courtesies of this
11 house. Please rise and be recognized.

12 (Standing ovation.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
14 question is on the resolution. All in favor of
15 the resolution signify by saying aye.

16 (Response of "Aye.")

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Opposed,
18 nay.

19 (No response.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
21 resolution is adopted.

22 Senator Gianaris.

23 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,
24 Senators Fernandez and Hinchey would like to open
25 today's resolutions for cosponsorship.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
2 resolutions are open for cosponsorship. Should
3 you choose not to be a cosponsor of the
4 resolutions, please notify the desk.

5 Senator Gianaris.

6 SENATOR GIANARIS: At this time can
7 you please recognize Senator Sanders for an
8 introduction.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
10 Sanders for an introduction.

11 SENATOR SANDERS: Thank you,
12 Madam President.

13 I want to congratulate the FFA
14 students here, but I also want to speak to all of
15 us and to a wider group in whole. I want to
16 speak about an introduction that needs no
17 introduction.

18 I want to speak of -- when we think
19 of great names that have come against the issue
20 of the oppression of humanity, several names
21 quickly come to mind: Lech Walesa in Poland,
22 Martin Luther King in America, Gandhi in India.

23 But we are blessed to have lived in
24 the time of Mandela. We are blessed to have been
25 born and raised in a time when we had a hero who

1 we could look up to.

2 You know the story. Imprisoned for
3 27 years for struggling for what people in
4 America take for granted, the question of
5 freedom. That struggle did not break him.
6 Indeed, he broke the oppressive system by his
7 struggle.

8 We live in a time when we were able
9 to look up and say, You know what? Martin Luther
10 King was right, nobody can ride your back if you
11 stand up straight. Nobody can do these things.
12 And we had a living example of this in
13 South Africa.

14 So I am very honored today to have
15 the grandson of the great leader in our presence.
16 And not only is he in our presence, but he
17 carries on the tradition. He is an activist and
18 a writer. He understands that freedom is not
19 free, that the struggle in South Africa is by no
20 means over. And he has taken that message around
21 the world.

22 Madam President, I'm asking if we
23 can give the courtesy of the Senate to our hero,
24 the grandson of a great hero, Mr. Mandela, who is
25 in our midst this afternoon. With your

1 permission, Madam President.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank
3 you, Senator.

4 To our guest Mr. Mandela, I welcome
5 you on behalf of the Senate. We extend to you
6 the privileges and courtesies of this house.

7 Please rise and be recognized.

8 (Standing ovation.)

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
10 Gianaris.

11 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,
12 there will be an immediate meeting of the
13 Rules Committee in Room 332.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: There
15 will be an immediate meeting of the
16 Rules Committee in Room 332.

17 The Senate will stand at ease.

18 (Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease
19 at 4:05 p.m.)

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
23 Senate will come to order.

24 Senator Gianaris.

25 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,

1 there's a report of the Rules Committee at the
2 desk. Can we take that up, please.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
4 Secretary will read.

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

8 Senate Print 1032, by
9 Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Arts and
10 Cultural Affairs Law;

11 Senate Print 1192, by
12 Senator Persaud, an act to amend the
13 Education Law;

14 Senate Print 1988, by
15 Senator Jackson, an act to amend the
16 Education Law;

17 Senate Print 2140, by Senator Liu,
18 an act to amend the Education Law;

19 Senate Print 2235, by Senator Mayer,
20 an act to amend the Civil Rights Law;

21 Senate Print 2621, by
22 Senator Krueger, an act to amend the
23 State Finance Law;

24 Senate Print 2622, by
25 Senator Rhoads, an act to amend a chapter of the

1 Laws of 2022;

2 Senate Print 3385A, by
3 Senator Brisport, an act to establish a task
4 force on educator diversity in New York State;

5 Senate Print 3408, by
6 Senator Parker, an act to amend the
7 Education Law.

8 All bills reported direct to third
9 reading.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: All
13 those in favor of accepting the Rules Committee
14 report signify by saying aye.

15 (Response of "Aye.")

16 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Opposed,
17 nay.

18 (No response.)

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
20 report is adopted.

21 Senator Gianaris.

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

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
25 Secretary will read.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 99,
2 Senate Print 1331, by Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an
3 act to amend the Social Services Law.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
5 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 110, Assembly Print 997, by Assemblymember
18 Forrest, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
20 last section.

21 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
22 act shall take effect on the same date and in the
23 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2022.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
25 roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
3 the results.

4 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
6 is passed.

7 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
8 158, Assembly Print 975, by Assemblymember
9 Buttenschon, an act to amend the Penal Law.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
11 last section.

12 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This
13 act shall take effect on the same date and in the
14 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2022.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
16 roll.

17 (The Secretary called the roll.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
19 Scarcella-Spanton to explain her vote.

20 SENATOR SCARCELLA-SPANTON: Thank
21 you, Madam President.

22 For over a decade my predecessor,
23 Senator Savino, worked on this legislation with a
24 constituent of ours, Marty Wimmer, to make it a
25 felony for cops, firefighters and EMTs to post

1 victim photos on the internet. It took almost a
2 decade to get this passed and to make sure that
3 this would never happen to anybody else.

4 This legislation rights the wrong
5 done to Marty's daughter Caroline and ensures
6 that victims of crime are treated with the
7 respect they deserve. The bill, known as
8 Caroline's Law, will keep her memory alive and
9 protect the dignity of anybody who unfortunately
10 faces this tragedy.

11 I'm so proud to stand here to vote
12 in support of this today and finally see the
13 dignity given to Caroline. And I am so proud of
14 the work that Marty Wimmer, our wonderful
15 constituent -- who became like family to us
16 through this process -- it's great to see it
17 finally get done.

18 So thank you.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
20 Scarcella-Spanton to be recorded in the
21 affirmative.

22 Announce the results.

23 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 163, Assembly Print 976, by Assemblymember
3 Paulin, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
5 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
12 Webb to explain her vote.

13 SENATOR WEBB: Thank you,
14 Madam President.

15 I rise today to explain my vote. As
16 the chair of the Senate Women's Issues Committee,
17 I am proud that my first bill passed in the
18 Senate will move forward with the implementation
19 of the statewide electronic tracking system for
20 evidence collection kits, more commonly known as
21 rape kits.

22 I vote aye, and I encourage my
23 colleagues to do the same.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
25 Webb to be recorded in the affirmative.

1 Announce the results.

2 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
3 Calendar Number 163, voting in the negative:
4 Senator Walczyk.

5 Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
7 is passed.

8 Senator Gianaris.

9 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,
10 that was Senator Webb's first bill to pass the
11 Senate.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:
13 Congratulations, Senator.

14 (Standing ovation.)

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 166, Senate Print 2229, by Senator Sanders, an
17 act to amend the Banking Law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
19 last section.

20 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This
21 act shall take effect on the same date and in the
22 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2022.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
2 the results.

3 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 179, Senate Print 1419, by Senator Comrie, an act
8 to amend the Executive Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
10 last section.

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

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
15 roll.

16 (The Secretary called the roll.)

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
18 the results.

19 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
20 Calendar Number 179, voting in the negative:
21 Senator O'Mara.

22 Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 180, Senate Print 1424, by Senator Bailey, an act
2 to amend the Executive Law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
4 last section.

5 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
6 act shall take effect on the 90th day after it
7 shall have become a law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
14 Calendar Number 180, those Senators voting in the
15 negative are Senators Borrello, Griffo, Helming,
16 Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt and Walczyk.

17 Ayes, 52. Nays, 8.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 181, Senate Print 1873, by Senator Webb, an act
22 to amend the Executive Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

1 act shall take effect immediately.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
6 Webb to explain her vote.

7 SENATOR WEBB: Back again.

8 I rise -- and thank you,
9 Madam President. I am proud to stand today to
10 speak in favor of my bill which will make it very
11 easy for -- well, easier, rather, for minority-
12 and women-owned businesses in New York State to
13 access critical resources during a state disaster
14 emergency.

15 New York is a leader in the nation
16 in terms of providing economic empowerment and
17 opportunities for MWBEs. And because we
18 understand that supporting our MWBEs not only
19 ensures that we have a vibrant and diverse small
20 business community, but by creating opportunity
21 we also strengthen our economy.

22 Madam President, I am very proud to
23 tell you that we have continued to enact strong
24 support and lift up MWBEs despite disruptions
25 from the pandemic.

1 This legislation will ensure that
2 our MWBEs are able to access the support they
3 need in the event of a state disaster emergency,
4 so that they can continue to thrive, promote
5 economic development and opportunity, and
6 enabling them to grow and sustain our economy.

7 Thank you, Madam President, and
8 thank you to all my colleagues. I proudly vote
9 aye.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
11 Webb to be recorded in the affirmative.

12 Announce the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
14 Calendar Number 181, voting in the negative:
15 Senator Walczyk.

16 Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 187, Senate Print 702, by Senator Comrie, an act
21 to amend the New York State Urban Development
22 Corporation Act.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

1 act shall take effect on the 90th day after it
2 shall have become a law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
7 the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 192, Senate Print 1862, by Senator Ryan, an act
13 to amend the Urban Development Corporation Act.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
15 last section.

16 THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This
17 act shall take effect on the 180th day after it
18 shall have become a law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
23 Ryan to explain his vote.

24 SENATOR RYAN: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

1 As we're coming out of the pandemic
2 and negotiating this era, we need to make sure
3 that our small businesses are strong. And today
4 there's a package of bills that really reaffirms
5 our commitment to finding creative new ways to
6 support our small businesses and grow our
7 economy.

8 Working to increase MWBE
9 participation in New York has the obvious benefit
10 of making a more equitable economy. But it's
11 also a key strategy to ensure the continued
12 growth of our economy. An economy can only work
13 if the economy is open to everyone in the state.
14 And I thank my colleagues for putting forward
15 these important pieces of legislation to promote
16 the MWBE and the economic growth.

17 Other bills in this package today
18 include bills that assist businesses receiving
19 grants from the federal government. The federal
20 government will do the work to vet the companies,
21 to make sure that they have the most promising
22 chances of growing, and the state will come in,
23 they'll leverage that federal money with some
24 state money. So there's two bills on that.

25 The other one is the New York State

1 Innovation Voucher Program. Often there's a
2 mismatch between the technology coming out of our
3 universities and small businesses who are trying
4 to apply that technology. The research
5 facilities have the capability to help the small
6 businesses, but there's just no way for them to
7 interface. This program will solve those
8 problems by helping to invest in projects that
9 will bring both groups closer together.

10 What all these bills have in common
11 is they're proven methods to spur innovation and
12 economic growth while growing local small
13 businesses, help create jobs throughout the
14 state, and the jobs will be open to every
15 New Yorker.

16 I'm thrilled to have the opportunity
17 to bring these programs to New York, and I vote
18 in the affirmative.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
20 Ryan to be recorded in the affirmative.

21 Announce the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
23 Calendar Number 192, voting in the negative:
24 Senator Skoufis.

25 Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 210, Senate Print 1824, by Senator Ryan, an act
5 to amend the Economic Development Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
7 last section.

8 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
9 act shall take effect one year after it shall
10 have become a law.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
12 roll.

13 (The Secretary called the roll.)

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
15 the results.

16 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
17 Calendar Number 210, voting in the negative:
18 Senator Skoufis.

19 Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
21 is passed.

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

24 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,
25 if we could return to motions for a moment, on

1 behalf of Senator Liu I offer the following
2 amendments to Calendar 287, Senate Print 2140,
3 and ask that said bill retain its place on Third
4 Reading Calendar.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
6 amendments are received, and the bill will retain
7 its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

8 Senator Gianaris.

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

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

13 SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to adjourn
14 until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 8th, at
15 11:00 a.m.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: On
17 motion, the Senate stands adjourned until
18 Wednesday, February 8th, at 11:00 a.m.

19 (Whereupon, at 4:24 p.m., the Senate
20 adjourned.)

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