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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: The reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday, February 6, 2023, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Friday, February 3, 2023, 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 Cleare

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

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

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: 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: Good afternoon, Madam President.

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

Resolutions 321 and 386.

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

(Delayed response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Resolution Calendar is adopted.

Senator Gianaris.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will read.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Fernandez on the resolution.

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Madam President.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you.

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

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The resolution is adopted.

Senator Gianaris.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will read.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"RESOLVED, That a copy of this

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Hinchey on the resolution.

SENATOR HINCHEY: Thank you, Madam President.

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

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

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

communities, is incredibly important and inspiring to me personally.

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

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

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

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

With that, Madam President, I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank you, Senator Hinchey.

Senator Walczyk on the resolution.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Thank you, Madam President.

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

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

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

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

I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank you, Senator.

Senator Helming on the resolution.

SENATOR HELMING: Thank you, Madam President.

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

morning.

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

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

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

To all of our FFA visitors, thank

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

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank you, Senator.

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

(Standing ovation.)

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

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The resolution is adopted.

Senator Gianaris.

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

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

Senator Gianaris.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Sanders for an introduction.

SENATOR SANDERS: Thank you, Madam President.

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

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

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

we could look up to.

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

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

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

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

permission, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank you, Senator.

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

Please rise and be recognized.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Gianaris.

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

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

The Senate will stand at ease.

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

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Senate will come to order.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will read.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Laws of 2022;

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

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

All bills reported direct to third reading.

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

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

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The report is adopted.

Senator Gianaris.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will read.

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

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: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: 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 2022.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: 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 2022.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

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

SENATOR SCARCELLA-SPANTON: Thank you, Madam President.

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

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

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

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

So thank you.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 163, Assembly Print 976, by Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the Public Health 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 Webb to explain her vote.

SENATOR WEBB: Thank you, Madam President.

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

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

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

Announce the results.

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

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

Senator Gianaris.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Congratulations, Senator.

(Standing ovation.)

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: 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 2022.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 179, Senate Print 1419, by Senator Comrie, 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: In relation to Calendar Number 179, voting in the negative: Senator O'Mara.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. 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: In relation to Calendar Number 180, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Griffo, Helming, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt and Walczyk.

Ayes, 52. Nays, 8.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 181, Senate Print 1873, by Senator Webb, 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 Webb to explain her vote.

SENATOR WEBB: Back again.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Announce the results.

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

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

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

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, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Ryan to explain his vote.

SENATOR RYAN: Thank you, Madam President.

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

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

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

The other one is the New York State

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

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

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

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

Announce the results.

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

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect one year 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 210, voting in the negative: Senator Skoufis.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

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

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

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

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

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: Move to adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 8th, at 11:00 a.m.

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

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