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REGULAR SESSION

SENATOR ROXANNE J. PERSAUD, Acting President

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 to please rise and  
5 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: Reading  
14 of the Journal.

15 THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Sunday,  
16 April 7, 2024, the Senate met pursuant to  
17 adjournment. The Journal of Saturday, April 6,  
18 2024, 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 Krueger

1 moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules,  
2 Assembly Bill Number --

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator  
4 Gianaris.

5 Messages from the Governor.

6 Reports of standing committees.

7 Reports of select committees.

8 Communications and reports from  
9 state officers.

10 Motions and resolutions.

11 Senator Gianaris.

12 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,  
13 let's immediately call a meeting of the  
14 Rules Committee in Room 332 and stand at ease,  
15 please.

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

19 The Senate will stand at ease.

20 (Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease  
21 at 11:33 a.m.)

22 (Whereupon, the Senate reconvened at  
23 11:36 a.m.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The  
25 Senate will return to order.

1 Senator Gianaris.

2 SENATOR GIANARIS: There's a report  
3 of the Rules Committee at the desk.

4 Can we take that up at this time.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The  
6 Secretary will read.

7 THE SECRETARY: Senator  
8 Stewart-Cousins, from the Committee on Rules,  
9 reports the following bill:

10 Senate Print 8986, by  
11 Senator Krueger, an act making appropriations for  
12 the support of government.

13 The bill reports direct to third  
14 reading.

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

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

20 (Response of "Aye.")

21 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Opposed,  
22 nay.

23 (No response.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The  
25 Rules Committee report is accepted.

1 Senator Gianaris.

2 SENATOR GIANARIS: Please take up  
3 the supplemental calendar.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: There's  
5 a substitution at the desk.

6 The Secretary will read.

7 THE SECRETARY: Senator Krueger  
8 moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules,  
9 Assembly Bill Number 9771 and substitute it for  
10 the identical Senate Bill 8986, Third Reading  
11 Calendar 771.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The  
13 substitution is so ordered.

14 Senator Gianaris.

15 SENATOR GIANARIS: Is there a  
16 message of necessity and appropriation at the  
17 desk?

18 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: There is  
19 a message at the desk.

20 SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to accept  
21 the message.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: All  
23 those in favor of accepting the message of  
24 necessity signify by saying aye.

25 (Response of "Aye.")

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    Opposed,  
2    nay.

3                   (No response.)

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The  
5    message is accepted.

6                   Senator Gianaris.

7                   SENATOR LANZA:    Lay it aside.

8                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    Lay it  
9    aside.

10                  Senator Gianaris.

11                  SENATOR GIANARIS:    Can we take up  
12    the controversial calendar, please.

13                  ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The  
14    Secretary will ring the bell.

15                  The Secretary will read.

16                  THE SECRETARY:    Calendar Number  
17    771, Assembly Bill Number 9771, by  
18    Assemblymember Weinstein, an act making  
19    appropriations for the support of government.

20                  ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    Senator  
21    O'Mara, why do you rise?

22                  SENATOR O'MARA:    Madam President,  
23    if Senator Krueger or whoever she designates  
24    would answer a few questions on this extender.

25                  ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:

1 Senator Krueger, do you yield?

2 SENATOR KRUEGER: I do. And  
3 designate myself, yes.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The  
5 Senator yields.

6 SENATOR O'MARA: Thank you.

7 Senator, here we are officially one  
8 week late on the budget now. We're doing a third  
9 extender bill at this point, and this bill gets  
10 us through the end of Thursday, is my reading of  
11 it.

12 Can you let us know at what point --  
13 if the budget isn't put together by the end of  
14 Thursday, what's the next step for another  
15 extender on this? When will that have to be  
16 enacted? And how long would that extender last  
17 for?

18 SENATOR KRUEGER: Madam President,  
19 through you. This extender technically goes  
20 through Thursday. And -- but it actually covers  
21 payroll for state workers through next Tuesday.  
22 So it's sort of a two-parter.

23 But the assumption is that we would  
24 need to do another extender Thursday or Friday,  
25 because there are other sections in this that --

1 no. Let me rephrase that. There are other  
2 things that may be sunseting in the State Budget  
3 that we might need to address before next week.

4 So we're still seeing when the next  
5 extender might be given to us by the Governor and  
6 how long that will go. So it's possible there  
7 will be a new extender Thursday. It's possible  
8 it might not get voted on till Friday. It's even  
9 possible we will be told that we're okay till  
10 next Monday.

11 So we're waiting to see. It does  
12 seem a little confusing. But we are getting  
13 closer to the possibility of budget bills. I  
14 know I've said that before, but I feel like we  
15 are getting closer.

16 Our leader has a way of describing  
17 things as we're close to the middle, we're at the  
18 beginning of the beginning. I think if she was  
19 on the floor now she might say we're towards the  
20 end, heading towards the end.

21 So it's possible that there will be  
22 one more extender. And it's even possible -- no,  
23 I'd say there's -- it's very likely we have at  
24 least one more extender.

25 SENATOR O'MARA: Thank you,

1 Senator.

2 Madam President, if Senator Krueger  
3 will continue to yield.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Does the  
5 Senator yield?

6 SENATOR KRUEGER: Yes.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The  
8 Senator yields.

9 SENATOR O'MARA: So whether we're  
10 at the end of the middle or the beginning of the  
11 end, we do have an eclipse this afternoon. And I  
12 don't think that's the end. But we're certainly  
13 used to doing things in the dark around here, so,  
14 you know, we could work through it.

15 But can you just give us maybe,  
16 since we're getting toward the end, what the  
17 hang-ups are, I guess? What are the major issues  
18 that are out there that are really subject to  
19 final negotiation amongst the leaders?

20 SENATOR KRUEGER: So I think  
21 they're some of the biggest issues that there  
22 still needs to be resolution on. And those are  
23 the issues we talk about every year in the  
24 budget. They're the biggest budget items.  
25 They're education, they're housing, they're

1 healthcare.

2           So we're moving forward, but we're  
3 not there yet. I believe that there will be an  
4 opportunity for the tables to start working again  
5 soon, which I know people have also been asking  
6 about.

7           And yet just for the record here in  
8 the State of New York and the Senate, the  
9 extenders we are doing guarantee us that the  
10 money needed by every program we run, every local  
11 community that counts on state money, that  
12 expects money to be flowing through the  
13 Comptroller's office, all continues to happen.

14           Right now the only thing that's  
15 happening, because we are delayed in completing  
16 our budget, is the payroll of the 63 members of  
17 the Senate and the 150 members of the Assembly.

18           Everyone else is getting paid. All  
19 the other bills are getting paid. We finished  
20 the debt bill, so we are paying our debts. And  
21 government continues to function as it should be  
22 every day that we still have not yet completed  
23 the new budget.

24           SENATOR O'MARA: Thank you.

25           Madam President, if Senator Krueger

1 would continue to yield.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Does the  
3 Senator yield?

4 SENATOR KRUEGER: Yes.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The  
6 Senator yields.

7 SENATOR O'MARA: Senator, you  
8 mentioned healthcare as one of the major issues.  
9 There was a report in Newsday over the weekend, I  
10 believe, that the Medicaid managed care proposal  
11 of seeking an extra \$4 billion in federal funding  
12 towards that, that that was dead. Is that the  
13 case? Or is there still negotiations on that?

14 SENATOR KRUEGER: I do not  
15 believe that is a correct analysis.

16 SENATOR O'MARA: Through you,  
17 Madam President, if the Senator will continue to  
18 yield.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Does the  
20 Senator yield?

21 SENATOR KRUEGER: Yes.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The  
23 Senator yields.

24 SENATOR O'MARA: And housing has  
25 certainly been a major topic in this year's

1 budget, as it was last year, and nothing got  
2 achieved last year.

3 I've heard general reports that  
4 there's general understandings on housing. Can  
5 you tell us more specifically what the hang-ups  
6 are on the housing issues?

7 SENATOR KRUEGER: No, unfortunately  
8 that is beyond my role here on the floor today.

9 I think we all agree that we have  
10 serious issues with the shortage of affordable  
11 housing throughout the State of New York. We are  
12 trying to come to an agreement on what to be  
13 doing about that. I think many of us agree there  
14 are serious issues for protections of tenants in  
15 their homes. We're trying to come to an  
16 agreement on that.

17 There are many discussions about how  
18 to protect existing housing stock that may be  
19 getting older and need assistance, as well as the  
20 development of new housing. And there are very  
21 different needs in upstate New York and urban  
22 versus rural versus suburban New York.

23 So there is no one answer, and  
24 there's certainly no one magic bullet out there.  
25 But we are actually trying to take into

1 consideration all these different issues and  
2 produce a package that both houses and the  
3 Governor can agree upon, vote upon, and get  
4 moving on.

5 SENATOR O'MARA: Thank you,  
6 Senator.

7 Thank you, Madam President. That's  
8 all I have.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank  
10 you, Senator.

11 Senator Rolison.

12 SENATOR ROLISON: On the bill,  
13 Madam President.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator  
15 Rolison on the bill.

16 SENATOR ROLISON: I see in the  
17 extender there's \$51 million dedicated to the  
18 Mass Transportation Trust Fund. And I want to  
19 just expand a little bit upon that as it relates  
20 to the Hudson Valley and my district.

21 We have the worst conditions of  
22 roads and bridges in the state. This has taken  
23 place over a period of about 10 years of just  
24 systematic disinvestment in our region.

25 And in 2022 the DOT reported that

1 only 43 percent of Hudson Valley roads were rated  
2 good or excellent. The statewide average is  
3 58 percent. So that's a big difference between  
4 what's happening elsewhere and what's happening  
5 in the Hudson Valley.

6 The Hudson Valley also has the most  
7 lane miles and bridges of any DOT region in the  
8 state, yet gets approximately, on average, the  
9 third-highest amount in the state. This is  
10 endangering drivers who use our state highways  
11 every single day.

12 You know, if you ask anybody in my  
13 district about Route 211 in Orange County or  
14 Route 9, which runs essentially from the top of  
15 Dutchess County all the way down to New York  
16 City, or you talk about Route 22 on the east end,  
17 a very similar state highway -- you know, we just  
18 had an earthquake that many of us obviously in  
19 this chamber felt. But I would daresay that most  
20 people who are driving these highways are less  
21 worried about the aftershocks -- other than the  
22 potholes and the craters that are causing  
23 blowouts and alignment problems that can cost  
24 thousands of dollars.

25 And I know that earlier in March the

1 legislative leadership and the Executive found  
2 about 1.35 billion extra to spend within the  
3 budget in the context of negotiations. So I'm  
4 hoping that we're going to be dedicating the  
5 appropriate funding in this budget to address  
6 these inadequacies in our state highway system.  
7 Because I know everyone in this chamber has  
8 similar issues and potholes and craters and  
9 issues with the -- you know, the safety of our  
10 state highways isn't partisan. It's really just  
11 about fixing the roads, getting it done, and  
12 hopefully getting them done in this budget.

13 But Madam President, I will be  
14 voting aye on the extender.

15 Thank you.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator  
17 Harckham.

18 SENATOR HARCKHAM: Thank you very  
19 much, Madam President.

20 I rise to first of all agree with my  
21 colleague on the conditions of roads in the  
22 Lower Hudson Valley.

23 I would also just say that in our  
24 one-house budget we advocated for \$400 million  
25 extra in the DOT capital plan that is being

1 negotiated right now. We also in our one-house  
2 budget put in an extra 100 million for Region 8,  
3 which is the region that we've just heard  
4 described. And for the record, I would like to  
5 say we got no votes from the other side on that.

6 So I'll be voting aye. Thank you,  
7 Madam President.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Are  
9 there any other Senators wishing to be heard?

10 Seeing and hearing none, the debate  
11 is closed.

12 The Secretary will ring the bell.

13 Senator Gianaris.

14 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,  
15 we've agreed to restore this bill to the  
16 noncontroversial calendar.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill  
18 will be restored to the noncontroversial  
19 calendar.

20 Read the last section.

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

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, 50.

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The bill  
5   is passed.

6                   Senator Gianaris.

7                   SENATOR GIANARIS:    Returning now to  
8   motions and resolutions, on behalf of  
9   Senator Parker, on page 10, I offer the following  
10   amendments to Calendar 292, Senate Print 1203A,  
11   and ask that said bill retain its place on the  
12   Third Reading Calendar.

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

16                   Senator Gianaris.

17                   SENATOR GIANARIS:    On behalf of  
18   you, Madam President, I wish to call up  
19   Senate Print 2376A, recalled from the Assembly,  
20   which is now at the desk.

21                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The  
22   Secretary will read.

23                   THE SECRETARY:    Calendar Number  
24   731, Senate Print 2376A, by Senator Persaud, an  
25   act to amend the Penal Law.

1                   SENATOR GIANARIS:    I move to  
2 reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

3                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The  
4 Secretary will call the roll on reconsideration.

5                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

6                   THE SECRETARY:    Ayes, 50.

7                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The bill  
8 is restored to its place on the Third Reading  
9 Calendar.

10                  SENATOR GIANARIS:    I offer the  
11 following amendments.

12                  ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The  
13 amendments are received.

14                  SENATOR GIANARIS:    Can we now take  
15 up previously adopted Resolution 1732, by  
16 Senator Chu, read that resolution's title, and  
17 recognize Senator Chu.

18                  ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The  
19 Secretary will read.

20                  THE SECRETARY:    Resolution 1732, by  
21 Senator Chu, memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul  
22 to proclaim April 7-13, 2024, as Library Week in  
23 the State of New York.

24                  ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    Senator  
25 Chu on the resolution.

1                   SENATOR CHU:    Thank you,  
2    Madam President, for allowing me to speak on this  
3    important resolution.

4                   As the chair for the Libraries  
5    Committee, this week -- I'm happy to announce  
6    this week marks the start of National Library  
7    Week, which recognizes and celebrates the work  
8    our libraries and librarians provide our  
9    constituents every day.

10                  Libraries are a treasured part of  
11    our society that provide valuable and free  
12    resources which benefit everyone, and especially  
13    for those most vulnerable populations throughout  
14    New York State, including our students, immigrant  
15    communities, families, and our aging adults.

16                  This year the theme is "Ready, Set,  
17    Library," which promotes online connections with  
18    others through your local library.

19                  It is important to recognize the  
20    extraordinary efforts of our libraries, which  
21    provide a multitude of educational services  
22    beyond checking out books.

23                  I'm proud of the work this body has  
24    done to ensure libraries are provided with the  
25    essential materials they need to be a successful

1 resource to New York's communities.

2           However, it is still far from  
3 enough. As we enter the final days of our budget  
4 process, I will continue to advocate for our  
5 libraries to be fully funded, to ensure they are  
6 able to provide our communities with the  
7 necessary services our constituents deserve.

8           I encourage all my colleagues to  
9 support this resolution and continue to advocate  
10 for your local libraries. And Happy National  
11 Library Week.

12           I vote aye. Thank you,  
13 Madam President.

14           ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank  
15 you Senator.

16           Senator Murray on the resolution.

17           SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you,  
18 Madam President.

19           I'd like to thank Senator Chu for  
20 bringing this resolution forward.

21           As she stated, libraries are so much  
22 more than buildings with books. They are truly a  
23 community resource, a community hub, a place for  
24 everyone to come together, join together.

25           In fact, all of the libraries across

1 the state have joined together to do a social  
2 media campaign called "How Libraries Changed My  
3 Life." And you should take a minute to listen to  
4 some of these stories. Some of them are  
5 absolutely incredible.

6 Whether it's through their maker  
7 labs, where some folks have learned how to create  
8 certain things and actually turned that into a  
9 business, or whether it's some of the services or  
10 programs that the libraries provide, we truly do  
11 change lives through our libraries.

12 In fact, this past weekend I was in  
13 two of the libraries in my district -- the  
14 Bayport Blue Point Library and the Patchogue  
15 Medford Library -- as I teamed up with local  
16 legislators and the sheriff's department for the  
17 "Shed the Meds" campaign to get medicine -- old,  
18 unused, expired medicine out of the medicine  
19 cabinets, out of circulation and get those  
20 incinerated to again help fight the opioid  
21 epidemic we're having here.

22 So in so many ways the libraries are  
23 there for us. So I'll add, as Senator Chu said,  
24 when we get down to the negotiations on the  
25 budget, I hope we will remember how important our

1 libraries are and make sure they are fully  
2 funded.

3 I vote aye on this resolution.

4 Thank you.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank  
6 you, Senator.

7 Senator Helming on the resolution.

8 SENATOR HELMING: Thank you,  
9 Madam President.

10 I rise in support of this  
11 resolution, and in support of our amazing  
12 libraries. I also want to thank our librarians  
13 and their associates, especially those in the  
14 54th Senate District in Wayne, Ontario,  
15 Livingston, and Monroe counties.

16 Libraries provide so many countless  
17 opportunities for all people. They improve the  
18 lives of so many New Yorkers. And I'm hopeful,  
19 as already has been said, as we work towards the  
20 final budget that we extend funding -- we expand  
21 funding for Library Construction Aid, for  
22 Library Operating Aid, and for Library Materials  
23 Aid.

24 Thank you, Madam President. I'm  
25 proud to support this resolution and our

1 libraries.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank  
3 you, Senator.

4 Senator Hoylman-Sigal on the  
5 resolution.

6 SENATOR HOYLMAN-SIGAL: Thank you,  
7 Madam President.

8 I wanted to thank Senator Chu for  
9 this resolution and just point out the dire  
10 straits that many of our libraries, both in  
11 New York and across the country, are in. From  
12 book bannings to budget cuts, libraries and  
13 reading are in danger.

14 This year, the City of New York has  
15 already axed Sunday library days in New York. No  
16 libraries are open on Sunday. Now there's a  
17 threat to close those libraries for an additional  
18 day on Saturday. That's going to have enormous  
19 consequences for members of our various  
20 communities.

21 So I hope, as we study and fight for  
22 budget allocation, we will take to heart  
23 Senator Chu's words and support our libraries.

24 Thank you. I vote aye.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank

1 you, Senator.

2 Senator Rolison on the resolution.

3 SENATOR ROLISON: Thank you,  
4 Madam President.

5 I want to thank Senator Chu for the  
6 resolution.

7 And, you know, I will fully admit  
8 that I was not the best of students growing up,  
9 and just talking to Senator Mayer about that.  
10 I've spent more time now in libraries throughout  
11 the district than I probably spent in my career,  
12 especially in high school.

13 And we hold our mobile office hours  
14 throughout the three counties in libraries, and  
15 I've really gotten to see firsthand what they do.  
16 And obviously the other members have spoken about  
17 what they do for communities.

18 You know, when I was growing up, a  
19 library was about books. And there was -- at  
20 some point in time libraries became about  
21 community, about people. I've seen it firsthand.  
22 They hold such a critical place in so many  
23 communities through this state that I have a  
24 great appreciation for libraries.

25 And I will be the first one to admit

1 I probably missed the boat back in the day, but I  
2 am certainly not missing it now. And I proudly  
3 vote aye.

4 Thank you, Madam President.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank  
6 you, Senator.

7 The resolution was adopted on  
8 January 30th.

9 Senator Gianaris.

10 SENATOR GIANARIS: Now let's take  
11 up previously adopted Resolution 2058, by  
12 Senator Scarcella-Spanton, read its title, and  
13 recognize Senator Scarcella-Spanton.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The  
15 Secretary will read.

16 THE SECRETARY: Resolution 2058, by  
17 Senator Scarcella-Spanton, memorializing  
18 Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 2024 as  
19 the Month of the Military Child in the State of  
20 New York.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator  
22 Scarcella-Spanton on the resolution.

23 SENATOR SCARCELLA-SPANTON: Thank  
24 you, Madam President.

25 And thank you to all of my

1 colleagues for helping to memorialize this April  
2 as the Month of the Military Child in the State  
3 of New York.

4 Our military families and their  
5 children make countless sacrifices to serve our  
6 nation and keep us safe, and it is so important  
7 that we take the time to acknowledge their  
8 contributions to our country. Military children  
9 face many unique challenges. Whether they are  
10 navigating frequent moves or the deployment of a  
11 parent, they often take on the stress of having a  
12 parent in harm's way at a very young age.

13 There are more than 1.6 million  
14 military children in our country, and they move,  
15 on average, every two to three years. As the  
16 mother of two military children, I know firsthand  
17 that this is a life filled with constant change.  
18 Our daughter Emily was just 10 days old when her  
19 dad deployed to Afghanistan for the second time.

20 Dandelions act as the symbol for  
21 military children because they put down roots  
22 almost anywhere and are impossible to destroy,  
23 which is very emblematic of both Emily and Jack,  
24 my two military kids.

25 I am so proud to be an advocate for

1 my children and all the other military children  
2 in New York State, to help honor their courage,  
3 strength and sacrifice. On behalf of my family  
4 and the millions of American armed forces  
5 families around the world, I am honored to pass  
6 this resolution today.

7 Thank you.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank  
9 you, Senator.

10 Senator Ashby on the resolution.

11 SENATOR ASHBY: Thank you,  
12 Madam President.

13 I want to thank Senator  
14 Scarcella-Spanton for bringing this resolution to  
15 the floor and for her contributions outside of  
16 this chamber as the spouse of a combat veteran  
17 and a mother of two military children.

18 I think it's important for us to  
19 remember that some of the roles that the military  
20 children take on while their parent is deployed  
21 continue throughout their life. It's not  
22 something that occurs necessarily for a short  
23 period of time and then when they come back, the  
24 roles change. The dynamics are constantly in  
25 flux, and it's something that they have to deal

1 with and live with for the duration of their  
2 life, along with their parents.

3           Sometimes when both of them serve,  
4 they have to take on these roles and demonstrate  
5 a resilience that I don't think we see often  
6 anymore. And it's inspiring. I know many people  
7 in this room may have fallen into this category  
8 over the course of their life, having parents who  
9 served.

10           And so it's an honor to be with you  
11 all today to celebrate the Month of the  
12 Military Child. Again, I want to thank  
13 Senator Scarcella-Spanton for her commitment in  
14 the committee and outside of it as well.

15           I proudly vote aye. Thank you.

16           ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank  
17 you, Senator.

18           The resolution was adopted on  
19 April 3rd.

20           Senator Gianaris.

21           SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,  
22 at the request of the sponsors of the two  
23 resolutions we took up, they are open for  
24 cosponsorship.

25           ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The

1 resolutions are open for cosponsorship. Should  
2 you choose not to be a cosponsor, please notify  
3 the desk.

4 Senator Gianaris.

5 SENATOR GIANARIS: I want to remind  
6 my colleagues that there will be a meeting of the  
7 Transportation Committee in Room 708 of the LOB  
8 immediately following session.

9 And with that, is there any further  
10 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, Tuesday, April 9th, at 11:00 a.m.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: There  
16 will be an immediate meeting of the  
17 Transportation Committee in Room 708 in the LOB,  
18 immediately following session.

19 On motion, the Senate stands  
20 adjourned until Tuesday, April 9th, at 11:00 a.m.

21 (Whereupon, at 11:59 a.m., the  
22 Senate adjourned.)

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