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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, Monday,  
16 January 20, 2025, the Senate met pursuant to  
17 adjournment. The Journal of Friday, January 17,  
18 2025, 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 Messages from the Governor.

25 Reports of standing committees.

1 Reports of select committees.

2 Communications and reports from  
3 state officers.

4 Motions and resolutions.

5 Senator Gianaris.

6 SENATOR GIANARIS: Good afternoon,  
7 Madam President.

8 There's a privileged resolution at  
9 the desk by Leader Stewart-Cousins. Please take  
10 it up, read it in its entirety, and call on our  
11 Majority Leader to speak on the resolution.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: There's  
13 a privileged resolution at the desk.

14 The Secretary will read.

15 THE SECRETARY: Legislative  
16 Resolution 250, by Senator Stewart-Cousins,  
17 commemorating the observance of the 40th Annual  
18 Luther King, Jr., Day in the State of New York,  
19 on January 20, 2025.

20 "WHEREAS, From time to time we take  
21 note of certain individuals whom we wish to  
22 recognize for their valued contributions and to  
23 publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have  
24 enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

25 "WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern,

1 and in full accord with its long-standing  
2 traditions, it is the custom of this Legislative  
3 Body to join the people of this great  
4 Empire State in proudly observing the 40th Annual  
5 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the State of  
6 New York, on January 20, 2025, taking note of his  
7 many accomplishments and contributions to  
8 mankind; and

9 "WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King,  
10 Jr., was born the grandson of a slave into a  
11 segregated society in Atlanta, Georgia, on  
12 January 15, 1929, and was instrumental in  
13 formulating a policy which ultimately destroyed  
14 legal apartheid across the United States; and

15 "WHEREAS, In February of 1968,  
16 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke about the  
17 inevitability of his death and hoped that when we  
18 spoke of his life, we would not concentrate on  
19 his academic achievements: That he graduated  
20 from Morehouse College, that he attended the  
21 Crozer Theological Seminary and Boston  
22 University, where he earned a doctorate in  
23 systematic theology; and

24 "WHEREAS, After returning from  
25 Crozer, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered

1 his first sermon at Ebenezer Baptist Church in  
2 Atlanta and became the church's co-pastor with  
3 his father; and

4 "WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King,  
5 Jr., a truly humble man, also did not find it  
6 important that we mention that he won the  
7 Nobel Peace Prize and over 300 other awards; and

8 "WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King,  
9 Jr.'s finest legacy of greater social justice for  
10 all Americans was truly reflected in his devotion  
11 to serve and respect others, and in his steadfast  
12 love for all humanity; and

13 "WHEREAS, Standing in a long line of  
14 great American Black leaders, Dr. Martin Luther  
15 King, Jr., represents the historical culmination  
16 and the living embodiment of a spirit of united  
17 purpose rooted in Black African culture and the  
18 American dream; and

19 "WHEREAS, An apostle of peace,  
20 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., fought unrelentingly  
21 for the civil rights of all Americans and taught  
22 us that, through nonviolence, courage displaces  
23 fear, love transforms hate, acceptance dissipates  
24 prejudice, and mutual regard cancels enmity; and

25 "WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King,

1 Jr., manifestly contributed to the cause of  
2 America's freedom, and his commitment to human  
3 dignity is visibly mirrored in the spiritual,  
4 economic and political dimensions of the civil  
5 rights movement; and

6 "WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Martin  
7 Luther King, Jr.'s life was devoted to the  
8 liberation of his people and his courage  
9 transcended the advocates of mindless  
10 retrenchment; and

11 "WHEREAS, During this momentous  
12 social movement, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was  
13 assassinated on April 4, 1968; despite this  
14 immense loss, the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther  
15 King, Jr., continues to endure decades later,  
16 inspiring ongoing movements for racial justice  
17 and equality; Dr. King's legacy and his dream  
18 continue to be a guiding light for generations,  
19 reminding us that an 'injustice anywhere is a  
20 threat to justice everywhere'; and

21 "WHEREAS, It is the sense of this  
22 Legislative Body that the common and shared  
23 responsibility of governance demands an  
24 irrevocable commitment to the preservation and  
25 enhancement of human dignity as exemplified by

1 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

2 "WHEREAS, Upon the occasion of the  
3 celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther  
4 King, Jr., it is the practice of this Legislative  
5 Body to commemorate the heroic efforts of  
6 Dr. King, who loved and served humanity, and who  
7 was a drum major for peace, justice and  
8 righteousness; and

9 "WHEREAS, The 2025 Dr. Martin Luther  
10 King, Jr., holiday observance marks the  
11 96th anniversary of his birth, and the  
12 40th annual holiday celebrated in the State of  
13 New York in his honor; now, therefore, be it

14 "RESOLVED, That this Legislative  
15 Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize  
16 and pay tribute to the legendary life and  
17 achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., upon  
18 the occasion of the anniversary of his birth and  
19 the celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day  
20 in the State of New York and throughout the  
21 nation; and be it further

22 "RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
23 resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to  
24 the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian  
25 Legislative Caucus."

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    Leader  
2   Stewart-Cousins on the resolution.

3                   SENATOR STEWART-COUSINS:    Thank you  
4   so much, Madam President.

5                   I always love to speak on this  
6   resolution because it's the beginning of our  
7   year.  And for me, it's kind of a touchstone.  
8   It's a re-identifying why what we do here is so  
9   important, and understanding that there are a lot  
10  of different ways to achieve what we as a nation  
11  want to achieve.

12                  But as Dr. King demonstrated time  
13  and time again, you do it with collaboration, you  
14  do it with respect, you do it with, ultimately,  
15  love.

16                  This holiday is a holiday also of  
17  enduring hope.  One of the principles that  
18  Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., put into practice  
19  throughout his life is the belief that the true  
20  character of a person is revealed not during easy  
21  times, not during times of comfort and  
22  convenience, but during times of challenge and  
23  controversy -- such a time as this.

24                  That's why we lean on these words  
25  during times of unrest and political

1 polarization, that we could continue to hold on  
2 to our deeply held beliefs for equality and for  
3 justice. And, yes, for peace.

4           Even the fight to recognize  
5 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day serves as an  
6 important reminder that change never comes easily  
7 and that even progress is contested. It took  
8 more than a decade after his death, and we all  
9 remember -- I know so many members will speak of,  
10 you know, the realities of what happened during  
11 Dr. King's life, where he was certainly demonized  
12 and not heralded as someone who was iconic and  
13 ultimately a figure that we all quote and try to  
14 emulate, most of us, today.

15           But a decade after his death in  
16 1968, it took that long for people to appreciate  
17 his life, for him to be recognized. And then it  
18 took until the year 2000 for all 50 states to  
19 actually celebrate MLK Day together.

20           And although we've made tremendous  
21 gains in the fight that Dr. King championed, we  
22 must also remember that immortal saying: The  
23 past is never dead; it isn't even past.

24           So as we honor his life, we continue  
25 to reckon, here in this chamber and beyond, with

1 the systemic hardships and deeply rooted  
2 injustices that still impact Americans throughout  
3 our state and our nation. I mean, yesterday we  
4 saw, just after the inauguration, sweeping orders  
5 that threaten to tear away decades of progress  
6 and acceptance in this nation -- even nullify  
7 parts of the Constitution.

8 I'd like to end by sharing a  
9 powerful quote that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
10 spoke, and it really -- I was asked to give a  
11 quote for a montage that they were doing, and  
12 this was the one I chose because it has so much  
13 to do with the work that we do in this chamber.

14 He said: "It may be true that the  
15 law cannot change the heart, but it can restrain  
16 the heartless. It may be true that the law can't  
17 make a man love me, but it can restrain him from  
18 lynching me, and I think that's pretty important  
19 also. So while the law may not change the hearts  
20 of men, it does change the habits of men. And  
21 when you change the habits of men, pretty soon  
22 the attitudes and the hearts will be changed."

23 In this chamber I hope we'll remain  
24 committed -- we certainly will -- to advancing  
25 legislation that helps every individual gain a

1 foot on the ladder while recognizing and undoing  
2 policies which kept their feet off the ladder in  
3 the first place. We'll model grace and integrity  
4 from our positions, and bear in mind that the  
5 good fight is a difficult one.

6           You know, I think that there's so  
7 much that we can offer the nation in terms of our  
8 understanding of not only Kingian philosophy but  
9 finding ways in order to create the kind of world  
10 that that Dr. King envisioned. He wasn't a  
11 dreamer, as you know; he was an actor, he was a  
12 doer. And yes, he was a visionary.

13           And I will conclude by saying I had  
14 real hope when my 3-year-old grandson, who is  
15 learning about all kinds of things, but certainly  
16 his teachers took the time to talk about Dr. King  
17 and to teach a little song. And when he came  
18 home, he asked his mother, like, Why -- why --  
19 why can't -- why can't we be friendly? Why --  
20 why -- why was he hurt? And having those kinds  
21 of conversations with a 3-year-old can be  
22 difficult, but sometimes I think we would all do  
23 well if we had that innocence of a 3-year-old,  
24 asked ourselves those questions, and really  
25 modeled the correct answer.

1                   Happy Dr. King Day. And let's not  
2 visit it once a year. Let's visit it all the  
3 time, because I think now we need it more than  
4 ever.

5                   Thank you, Madam President.

6                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank  
7 you, Madam Leader.

8                   Senator Cooney on the resolution.

9                   SENATOR COONEY: Thank you,  
10 Madam President.

11                   And thank you to our leader,  
12 Andrea Stewart-Cousins, for bringing this  
13 important resolution honoring Dr. King to the  
14 floor.

15                   As the chair of Transportation, I  
16 would be remiss not to mention the ways Dr. King  
17 used public transit as a great equalizer to bring  
18 equity across our nation. Dr. King once said:  
19 "Public transportation -- buses, subways, trains  
20 and more -- are a genuine civil rights issue."

21                   He went on to say: "If  
22 transportation systems in American cities could  
23 be laid out so to provide an opportunity for poor  
24 people to get meaningful employment, then they  
25 could begin to move into the mainstream of

1 American life."

2 More importantly, Dr. King put those  
3 words into action, leading the Montgomery,  
4 Alabama, bus boycott in 1955 following the arrest  
5 of Rosa Parks.

6 Dr. King recognized that equity in  
7 the way of how we get from Point A to Point B  
8 would lead to equity in other aspects of our  
9 community. It is a fight that we must continue  
10 today. Marginalized and underrepresented  
11 communities are less likely to own a car,  
12 creating barriers to employment, new employment  
13 opportunities that are coming across our state  
14 today.

15 And only by following the legacy of  
16 Dr. King and bringing equity to public transit  
17 can we continue to uplift all communities across  
18 our great state.

19 Thank you, Madam President.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank  
21 you, Senator.

22 Senator Bailey on the resolution.

23 SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you,  
24 Madam President.

25 It's always an auspicious occasion

1 to be able to speak on this resolution. As I've  
2 said time and time again, it is the anniversary  
3 of the first time that I spoke on the floor of  
4 the Senate. It was via this resolution. And I  
5 think about what I said -- you know, at the time  
6 I only had daughters, so I said: "Waiting for  
7 the Lord to rise/I look into my daughter's  
8 eyes/and realize that I'ma learn through her/the  
9 Messiah, might even return through her/if I'ma do  
10 it, I gotta change the world through her."

11 But now I have a nine-month-old son.  
12 So now I think about that on this King Day, where  
13 he would have been 96, and I think about the  
14 father-son relationship and the relationship that  
15 Dr. King had with his father, and the  
16 relationship that Dr. King had with his children.

17 And as we heard in the "Letter from  
18 a Birmingham Jail": "when you suddenly find your  
19 tongue twisted and your speech stammering as you  
20 seek to explain to your six-year-old daughter why  
21 she can't go to the public amusement park that  
22 has just been advertised on television, and see  
23 tears welling up in her eyes when she is told  
24 that Funtown is closed to colored children, and  
25 see ominous clouds of inferiority beginning to

1 form in her little mental sky, and see her  
2 beginning to distort her personality by  
3 developing an unconscious bitterness toward white  
4 people; when you have to concoct an answer for a  
5 five-year-old son who is asking, 'Daddy, why do  
6 white people treat colored people so mean?'; when  
7 you take a cross-county drive and find it  
8 necessary to sleep night after night in the  
9 uncomfortable corners of your automobile because  
10 no motel will accept you."

11           There's more. And there's a line  
12 that always sticks out to me, Madam President:  
13 "When you are harried by day and haunted by  
14 night." What does this -- what does this -- what  
15 does that mean, you know. And so he was  
16 balancing that juxtaposition between great civil  
17 rights leader, preacher -- don't forget he was a  
18 preacher first -- and father. That juxtaposition  
19 in American history is not something that we  
20 should take lightly.

21           Because while he's making these  
22 speeches, while we make these speeches, we go  
23 home and have to explain to our own children,  
24 Well, what did this mean? What does this mean?  
25 And how does it mean it for the future?

1                   So I'm glad that our leader time and  
2 time again sponsors this resolution because it's  
3 so important, and why she talked -- how she  
4 talked about her 3-year-old grandson. My  
5 10-year-old now -- Madam President, I can't  
6 believe I'm saying my 10-year-old -- is writing  
7 for the school paper, and she's writing about  
8 Dr. King and writing about what it means. And my  
9 8-year-old is talking about how he's a drum major  
10 for justice.

11                   And my nine-month-old, I think -- I  
12 don't know exactly what he's saying, but I think,  
13 I think he's talking about having a dream. That  
14 one day Similac will be free -- just kidding.

15                   (Laughter.)

16                   SENATOR BAILEY: But I think about  
17 that juxtaposition between fatherhood in this  
18 world. I think about that "harried by day,  
19 haunted by night," and what it must have been  
20 like for Dr. King -- who, again, was a man of 39  
21 when he was assassinated. So he lived multiple  
22 lives in 39 years. He got more out of those  
23 39 years than many people get out of twice that,  
24 Madam President.

25                   And so I think about like all of the

1 goodness that he brought to this world. And I  
2 think about the people who quote him --  
3 yesterday, when they go to churches and they go  
4 to things and they say the things -- and the very  
5 next day, the day after that, they do things  
6 directly in opposition with what Dr. King would  
7 have wanted you to do.

8 I think this is a clarion call for  
9 us to, as the leader said, espouse more to what  
10 Dr. King was saying day by day, as opposed to  
11 just picking that third Monday in January.

12 As I close, I had the opportunity to  
13 be in Madison Square Garden yesterday as they  
14 celebrated MLK Day at the Garden. And Walt  
15 "Clyde" Frazier said something. He said, "You  
16 know, it's easy for us as athletes, as  
17 entertainers, but you realize how important  
18 Dr. King's mission was when you try to catch a  
19 cab at midnight in New York City. Because at  
20 that point you're not Clyde, you're not a famous  
21 person, you're just a Black man in America."

22 And it's never been easy to be a  
23 Black man in America, to be a Black woman in  
24 America, to be a Black child in America. But  
25 people like Dr. King give us hope. They give us

1 that unwavering hope, that unrelenting hope, that  
2 hope that you can't buy, that hope you can only  
3 have if you understand that struggle and that he  
4 did so much for us.

5           So as we leave Dr. King Day and we  
6 head -- transition nicely into Black History  
7 Month, I'd like to remind you of all the freedom  
8 fighters that Dr. King worked with. Lift them up  
9 as well on this day, because none of us do it  
10 alone.

11           But on his 96th birthday, we say  
12 Happy Birthday, Dr. King. And if you've ever  
13 sung "Happy Birthday" the way that we sing it,  
14 you know who that was for: Dr. King.

15           May he rest in peace. Happy King  
16 Day.

17           ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank  
18 you, Senator.

19           Senator Sanders on the resolution.

20           SENATOR SANDERS: Thank you,  
21 Madam President.

22           I want to thank our leader for  
23 coming up with this resolution year after year.  
24 It's a great thing.

25           And I also want to thank you for

1 working with your grandchild. Because just as  
2 you have to be taught to hate, you have to be  
3 taught to love. And that means that we have to  
4 dedicate ourselves towards that.

5 Dr. King, of course, would have been  
6 96 years old had he lived. So many years have  
7 passed since that time. May I remind you that  
8 New York of course is the Empire State, and we  
9 think of these things as happening in the South.  
10 Terrible things, but that was the South.

11 May I remind all of us that Dr. King  
12 was stabbed in New York, that he almost was  
13 killed in New York earlier. They say it was a --  
14 I think two inches more and it would have  
15 penetrated his heart. That was -- that was not  
16 down south, that was up south. That was  
17 New York.

18 We -- some people say that south  
19 stops at the Canadian border. Well, there I go  
20 thinking again.

21 But I think that it's time to  
22 reaffirm the things that we say and do, that we  
23 need to reaffirm. And this is one of the reasons  
24 why I am so grateful to our leader, having made  
25 me chair of Banking since you started that -- you

1 started that.

2 I remind you that banking was the  
3 last crusade of Dr. King, the Poor People's  
4 Crusade, the one that he died for, the one that  
5 spoke of the bank of justice being perhaps  
6 bankrupt. And we all have a chance and an  
7 opportunity right here. We don't have to look to  
8 years gone by. We can look to what we're going  
9 to do today and tomorrow to reaffirm these  
10 things. We don't have to say if I was there, I  
11 wouldn't do -- you are here. We are doing or can  
12 change. It's what we do now that counts, I would  
13 argue.

14 So we're all going to go to our  
15 committees and do some great work for the people  
16 of New York, and I encourage us to take this  
17 sentiment further, to say, you know, let's do  
18 something that will bring and make sure that  
19 America is America for everyone. Let's make sure  
20 that we make sure that the gates are open to  
21 anyone who works hard, gets up early, goes to bed  
22 late, pays their taxes, works -- they have the  
23 same opportunity of anyone else.

24 I'm glad I'm in this group. I'm  
25 glad that I'm with such people on both sides that

1 I believe have a means and the will to do the  
2 right thing. We can argue what that is, but I'm  
3 glad that I'm with a group on both sides that  
4 really want to do the right thing. But now we  
5 need to go beyond wanting to do and actually  
6 doing it.

7 Thank you for the resolution.

8 Thank you for the time.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank  
10 you, Senator.

11 Senator Lanza on the resolution.

12 SENATOR LANZA: Thank you,  
13 Madam President.

14 For those of you who have served  
15 with me through the years, I want to let those of  
16 you know who are new that you won't see me speak  
17 on resolutions during session. I don't have  
18 anything against them; I just don't do it.

19 Now, before you breathe a sigh of  
20 relief, you're going to get tired of me speaking  
21 about a whole list of other things.

22 (Laughter.)

23 SENATOR LANZA: Senator Gianaris  
24 said -- Senator Gianaris, if you didn't hear him,  
25 said "This is true."

1                   But I do rise each year for this  
2 resolution. And again, I want to thank, from the  
3 bottom of my heart, and on behalf of the people I  
4 represent back home, the Majority Leader, Senator  
5 Andrea Stewart-Cousins, for bringing this  
6 resolution. Because I think it is the most  
7 powerful resolution that will be brought to this  
8 floor this year because of what it can mean and  
9 what it can teach our children. And really, at  
10 the end of the day, that's one of our greatest  
11 responsibilities, to teach our children right.

12                   Now, Dr. King, for me, and I think  
13 for all of us, was one of the most remarkable and  
14 one of the greatest of all Americans. And that's  
15 saying a lot, Madam President, about the greatest  
16 country on earth, to say that one of its sons is  
17 one of the greatest of all.

18                   Dr. King addressed the worst of who  
19 we are by appealing to the best of what we are  
20 and what we must be.

21                   And before I go further, I want to  
22 associate myself with my great colleagues who  
23 have already spoke and the words that you brought  
24 to the floor.

25                   Whenever you're lost, the most

1 important thing you can have in life is someone  
2 to show you the way, to give you a map. And for  
3 me and for this country, I firmly believe that is  
4 why God gave us Dr. Martin Luther King, to show  
5 us the way.

6                   And he did. He pointed to that  
7 mountaintop, he gave us the path, and he said,  
8 You need to climb that mountain, the place on  
9 earth where freedom will ring for every last  
10 soul.

11                   I don't know if or when we're going  
12 to get there, Majority Leader, but we must keep  
13 trying. Dr. Martin Luther King showed us how we  
14 will get there. He taught us that the road to  
15 that mountaintop was paved, as the Majority  
16 Leader said, with love. We forget that from time  
17 to time, day to day, but we've always got to come  
18 back to it.

19                   And I'll end by saying and repeating  
20 my favorite thing that he taught us, that only  
21 love and light can conquer hate and darkness. I  
22 defy anyone, any one of us, to give better advice  
23 about how to live.

24                   Majority Leader, thank you.

25                   Madam President, thank you.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    Thank  
2    you, Senator.

3                   Senator Ramos on the resolution.

4                   SENATOR RAMOS:    Thank you,  
5    Madam President.

6                   I rise because Dr. King did not just  
7    inspire and bring hope to Black people.  He did  
8    so to all people of color.  I like to use this  
9    occasion to remind folks that I wouldn't be here  
10   if it wasn't for Dr. King and his efforts in  
11   making the Voting Rights Act a reality in 1965.  
12   Because not only did that protect the right to  
13   vote for Black people, it finally allowed Latino  
14   people and Asian people to be able to vote in  
15   this country.

16                  And at a time when our birthright  
17   citizenship is being challenged, especially for  
18   those of us who are children of formerly  
19   undocumented and currently undocumented people,  
20   it's important to recognize the history of so  
21   many Americans who have been denied their  
22   citizenship and their humanity by this country.

23                  And it was the Reverend Dr. Martin  
24   Luther King who, through the Voting Rights Act,  
25   really transformed the trajectory of this

1 country. And that no matter who comes across the  
2 presidency of our country, we have to uphold  
3 those constitutional human rights that we hold so  
4 dear as Americans. Because to me, to uphold the  
5 legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King is about  
6 understanding the need for affirmative action,  
7 for DEI, and for helping people of color overcome  
8 poverty so that we're fighting the war on poverty  
9 and not fighting against the poor.

10 That is, to me, Dr. Martin Luther  
11 King -- someone who was not well liked and was so  
12 controversial at his time, but who understood  
13 that all labor has dignity, all labor has  
14 importance, and that there is value in what the  
15 labor movement has been able to do as the true  
16 progressive movement of this state and of this  
17 country. It has allowed people to unite behind  
18 the efforts to be able to provide for themselves  
19 and for their families.

20 And so I'm just so thankful to the  
21 leader for bringing this resolution to the floor  
22 once again and giving us this opportunity to set  
23 the tone for the rest of session, and to  
24 understand where we're legislating from and who  
25 we're legislating for.

1                   I'm very proud to come -- to be born  
2                   and raised in a district, to come from a district  
3                   that actually had Dr. Martin Luther King as a  
4                   very young intern at First Baptist Church in East  
5                   Elmhurst, Queens, for a summer. It's a legacy  
6                   that we hold dear. And it's a legacy that we  
7                   must all continue as we serve here in the  
8                   New York State Senate.

9                   Thank you, Madam President.

10                  ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank  
11                  you.

12                  Senator Parker on the resolution.

13                  SENATOR PARKER: Thank you,  
14                  Madam President.

15                  Let me first add my voice to those  
16                  who are thanking the leader for her intrepid acts  
17                  of making sure that this exemplar, not just in  
18                  African-American history but in American history,  
19                  is acknowledged.

20                  This is actually the only holiday in  
21                  America in which it's designated for a single  
22                  person. And I think that's worth acknowledging.  
23                  And those of us who are full-grown adults -- and  
24                  I shudder at the thought that I'm in that number  
25                  now, but it beats the alternative -- remember

1 that this battle wasn't that long ago. And it  
2 was hotly contested. But the side of right won.

3 And I think that that is -- that  
4 fight within itself was a battle that represented  
5 what King was about. Right? Which was making  
6 sure that you were on the right side of things  
7 and seeing it through to the end. Right? King  
8 reminds us that the arc of justice is long but --  
9 the arc of righteousness is long but it bends  
10 towards justice. Right?

11 And so it's important for us to kind  
12 of be in that long-term fight. Right? Jamaal,  
13 the Bible reminds us that weeping may endure for  
14 a night -- or four years -- but joy comes in the  
15 morning. Right?

16 And that is the importance of the  
17 hope that King dealt with us. Right? In a  
18 moment in which -- it was a bleak time. At a  
19 time -- and I don't think that -- I've said this  
20 a number of times, that if you understand what  
21 was happening in the South in the 1950s that the  
22 things that King did actually could have gotten  
23 him killed. And eventually did. And the fact  
24 that it didn't get him killed sooner was really  
25 the miracle. Right? That getting arrested in

1 the South fighting against white supremacy was  
2 not something -- like in this moment we're kind  
3 of used to -- we have the King legacy to look at.  
4 But there was really no King before King.

5 Now, there were other civil rights  
6 leaders, don't get me wrong. Right? Including,  
7 you know, Medgar Evers, right, and Meredith, and  
8 other folks who were also murdered during that  
9 time. Right? Ida B. Wells, right, who really  
10 got ran out of Tennessee, right, for just  
11 literally reporting on the notion of lynching.  
12 Right?

13 And so the King legacy sits on  
14 shoulders. But to the level that he took it,  
15 right -- like other people played basketball  
16 before Jordan, but Jordan is still Jordan.  
17 Right?

18 And so here we celebrate a man that  
19 really put his own personal safety and the safety  
20 of his family in order to make sure that he  
21 fought for the rights of people. And yes,  
22 primarily African-Americans. But as you heard  
23 Senator Ramos say, it extended beyond other  
24 people. The civil rights movement we understand  
25 was a fight around particularly

1 African-Americans. Right? But Latinos benefited  
2 from it. Asian people benefited from it. Women  
3 benefited from it. Gay and lesbian communities  
4 benefited from it. Right? Poor people generally  
5 benefited from it. Right?

6           And part of what King's argument was  
7 that these are American citizens. And in this  
8 moment there was in fact promises made by the  
9 government. Right? Our Constitution tells us  
10 that all of us are created equal and that we are  
11 entitled to certain inalienable rights. Right?  
12 Which means you can't be separated from them. I  
13 didn't go to law school. I know somebody will  
14 correct me if I'm wrong. Right? That these  
15 things come along with you. That when you reach  
16 here, that these things are connected with you.

17           And so though there's lot of aspects  
18 to the King movement -- you all talk about the "I  
19 Have a Dream" speech, right? And in that speech  
20 the main thing wasn't really about the dream.  
21 The dream was actually a -- was actually a side  
22 hustle in the conversation, if you actually read  
23 the speech. Right? He says that they're coming  
24 to D.C. -- why? Because there's a check that is  
25 cashed insufficient for justice.

1                   And we must make sure that we  
2                   continue to seek justice in that name. That in  
3                   this chamber and in our lives, that we continue  
4                   to move forward in this notion of justice. And  
5                   understanding that if we read the King legacy  
6                   correctly, that that fight for justice and that  
7                   march forward to make sure that that check is  
8                   actually cashed sufficient is not going to make  
9                   you popular.

10                   Because as much as we celebrate King  
11                   now and everybody wants to quote King, that in  
12                   the moment -- and again, to go back to  
13                   Senator Bailey's speech and he refers to the  
14                   letter from the Birmingham jail. That letter  
15                   actually isn't to his enemies. It's actually a  
16                   letter to his allies and his friends and people  
17                   around him while he's in jail. Right? When you  
18                   go back and you actually read what people are  
19                   saying about him, if you read articles about  
20                   Dr. King, most of them are not favorable at the  
21                   time, in the moment.

22                   And it really took the sacrifice of  
23                   his love and his blood to in fact -- to move his  
24                   ideology forward and the notions that he brought  
25                   forward in those times.

1                   And so here I use this day,  
2                   similarly to the leader, of a day to recommit  
3                   ourselves to the ideals of King, of his life and  
4                   his legacy. Of always fighting for justice. Of  
5                   standing up even when you're afraid. Courage is  
6                   not the lack of fear. It is acting even in the  
7                   face of fear. And many of us have to find  
8                   that -- in fact, all of us, especially me -- that  
9                   the ideas of King and standing forward and  
10                  addressing things that you know are important are  
11                  critically, critically part of who we should be  
12                  as leaders.

13                  And certainly finding ways to  
14                  disrupt the system such that things can move  
15                  forward when they're not going forward, in a  
16                  nonviolent way, is part of that. And as you  
17                  know, I'm still working on that part of it. It's  
18                  an incarceration objective, if you will. But an  
19                  important ideology nevertheless.

20                  And so I thank you again,  
21                  Madam Leader, for this moment and allowing us to  
22                  honor this man in this moment. But I also wanted  
23                  to thank my colleagues for always trying, even  
24                  though we don't always agree, that this becomes a  
25                  body in which we have more times than not fought

1 for the justice of the people of our community  
2 and of our great state. And that in this moment  
3 may we all recommit ourselves to the values of  
4 King of justice, of peace, of love, and of  
5 equality.

6 Thank you, Madam President.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank  
8 you.

9 The question is on the resolution.  
10 All in favor signify by saying aye.

11 (Response of "Aye.")

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Opposed,  
13 nay.

14 (No response.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The  
16 resolution is adopted.

17 Senator Gianaris.

18 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,  
19 the leader would like to open this resolution for  
20 cosponsorship.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The  
22 resolution is open for cosponsorship. Should you  
23 choose not to be a cosponsor of the resolution,  
24 please notify the desk.

25 Senator Gianaris.

1                   SENATOR GIANARIS:    There will be an  
2 immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in  
3 Room 332.

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

7                   SENATOR GIANARIS:    The Senate  
8 stands at ease.

9                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The  
10 Senate stands at ease.

11                   (Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease  
12 at 3:58 p.m.)

13                   (Whereupon, the Senate reconvened at  
14 4:06 p.m.)

15                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The  
16 Senate will return to order.

17                   Senator Gianaris.

18                   SENATOR GIANARIS:    There's a report  
19 of the Rules Committee at the desk.

20                   Let's take that up now, please.

21                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The  
22 Secretary will read.

23                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    Senator  
24 Stewart-Cousins, from the Committee on Rules,  
25 reports the following bills:

1                   Senate Print 36A, by Senator Mayer,  
2     an act to amend the Education Law;

3                   Senate Print 135, by Senator Cleare,  
4     an act to amend the Public Health Law;

5                   Senate Print 929, by  
6     Senator Krueger, an act to amend the  
7     General Business Law;

8                   Senate Print 1438, by  
9     Senator Krueger, an act to amend the  
10    Public Health Law;

11                  Senate Print 1548, by  
12    Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the  
13    General Business Law;

14                  Senate Print 1683, by  
15    Senator Parker, an act to amend the  
16    Public Health Law;

17                  Senate Print 1703, by Senator Webb,  
18    an act to amend the Education Law;

19                  Senate Print 1720, by  
20    Senator Persaud, an act to amend the  
21    Public Health Law;

22                  Senate Print 1773, by Senator Webb,  
23    an act to amend the State Finance Law.

24                  All bills reported direct to third  
25    reading.

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

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

6                   (Response of "Aye.")

7                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:   Opposed,  
8 nay.

9                   (No response.)

10                  ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:   The  
11 Rules Committee report is accepted.

12                  Senator Gianaris.

13                  SENATOR GIANARIS:    Please take up  
14 the supplemental calendar.

15                  ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:   The  
16 Secretary will read.

17                  THE SECRETARY:    Calendar Number 99,  
18 Senate Print 36A, by Senator Mayer, an act to  
19 amend the Education Law.

20                  ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:   Call the  
21 roll.

22                  (The Secretary called the roll.)

23                  ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:   Senator  
24 Mayer to explain her vote.

25                  SENATOR MAYER:    Thank you,

1 Madam President.

2 I proudly vote aye in favor of this  
3 legislation to strengthen New York's telehealth  
4 shield law.

5 Since the Supreme Court's disastrous  
6 decision to revoke the constitutional right to an  
7 abortion in Dobbs in June 2022, medication  
8 abortion has become a lifeline for many  
9 individuals seeking care in hostile states. We  
10 responded to this reality by passing legislation  
11 in 2023 to protect providers based in New York  
12 State who treat patients via telehealth.

13 Thanks to that law, doctors in  
14 New York State have been able to send thousands  
15 of abortion pills each month to women who might  
16 not otherwise be able to access safe abortion  
17 care. In fact, as of June 2024, an estimated one  
18 in 10 abortions nationwide are administered  
19 through pills prescribed via telehealth to  
20 patients in states with an abortion ban.

21 The doctors who are doing this work  
22 are taking on significant personal risk to help  
23 women access abortion. The risks are no longer  
24 abstract. States across the U.S. have embraced  
25 fringe and dangerous attacks on abortion and are

1 seeking to enforce these rules outside their  
2 borders.

3 Today, this legislation will  
4 strengthen our shield law and provide another  
5 layer of protection for licensed New York  
6 providers by allowing them to request that their  
7 practice name instead of their personal name be  
8 included on the label for the drugs used in  
9 medication abortion, mifepristone and  
10 misoprostol.

11 I'm proud to vote aye. I encourage  
12 my colleagues to do the same. And I'm glad that  
13 New York can be a leader in the fight to protect  
14 abortion rights.

15 Thank you.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator  
17 Mayer to be recorded in the affirmative.

18 Announce the results.

19 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
20 Calendar 99, those Senators voting in the  
21 negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello,  
22 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Felder, Gallivan, Helming,  
23 Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,  
24 Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber  
25 and Weik.

1                   Ayes, 40. Nays, 19.

2                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The bill  
3 is passed.

4                   THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
5 100, Senate Print 135, by Senator Cleare, an act  
6 to amend the Public Health Law.

7                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    Read the  
8 last section.

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

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 100, those Senators voting in the  
18 negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello,  
19 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Felder, Gallivan, Helming,  
20 Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,  
21 Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber  
22 and Weik.

23                   Ayes, 40. Nays 19.

24                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The bill  
25 is passed.

1                   THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
2     101, Senate Print 929, by Senator Krueger, an act  
3     to amend the General Business Law.

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:     Read the  
5     last section.

6                   THE SECRETARY:     Section 3. This  
7     act shall take effect one year after it shall  
8     have become a law.

9                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:     Call the  
10    roll.

11                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

12                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:     Senator  
13    Krueger to explain her vote.

14                   SENATOR KRUEGER:     Thank you very  
15    much, Madam President.

16                   This bill should matter to all of  
17    us. There's so little privacy left in our world.  
18    And the fact that computers have expanded  
19    everyone's ability to get our information can be  
20    pretty terrifying.

21                   What this bill does, it expands a  
22    right that we think we have. We think we know  
23    about this thing called HIPAA, where our  
24    information about our confidential health  
25    information can't be sold or distributed.

1                   But that's not true, because HIPAA  
2                   only covers information used in a hospital  
3                   setting or a doctor's office setting. And there  
4                   are endless examples of where private companies  
5                   get our health data, sell our health data, and we  
6                   find that we have no confidentiality.

7                   So we use an example. Christopher  
8                   orders erectile dysfunction medication from a  
9                   telehealth-only practice that does not accept  
10                  health insurance and is not covered by HIPAA. By  
11                  the way, I see those commercials every day on TV  
12                  now. It's amazing how many people are selling  
13                  this. And apparently people want it and need it.  
14                  But they don't necessarily want everyone in the  
15                  world knowing that they're buying erectile  
16                  dysfunction medication.

17                  But without this bill, that means  
18                  those companies not only know who you are, but  
19                  they're selling that information to other  
20                  companies who might want to sell you other things  
21                  they think relate to erectile dysfunction  
22                  medication such as sex toys and techniques to  
23                  increase sexual pleasure.

24                  And so the whole concept that  
25                  everyone is allowed to get this information from

1 you, whoever you are, whether it's health issues  
2 or mental health issues or things you might think  
3 very personal and no one else's business, is  
4 allowed freely right now.

5 And so this bill will protect our  
6 right to have to opt in to sharing that  
7 information with every company that uses a  
8 computer in the world. And I think it makes  
9 sense, and I'm hoping everyone also does. So I'm  
10 looking for yes votes.

11 Thank you, Madam President.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator  
13 Krueger to be recorded in the affirmative.

14 Announce the results.

15 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
16 Calendar 101, those Senators voting in the  
17 negative are Senators Borrello, Mattera, Murray,  
18 Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Walczyk, Weber  
19 and Weik.

20 Ayes, 49. Nays, 10.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill  
22 is passed.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
24 102, Senate Print 1438, by Senator Krueger, an  
25 act to amend the Public Health Law.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    Read the  
2    last section.

3                   THE SECRETARY:     Section 2.  This  
4    act shall take effect on the first of April.

5                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    Call the  
6    roll.

7                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

8                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    Senator  
9    Krueger to explain her vote.

10                  SENATOR KRUEGER:     Thank you,  
11    Madam President.

12                  We just heard an amazing resolution  
13    in respect for and remembrance of Dr. Martin  
14    Luther King.  I want to point out  
15    that Dr. Martin Luther King was also an  
16    extraordinary advocate for women's rights to  
17    equal treatment, to privacy, to healthcare, and  
18    to the right to abortion.  And I'm very proud  
19    that here in New York State we are following  
20    Dr. King's lessons on so many levels, including  
21    on having abortion rights under our laws.

22                  But a law is only good if you still  
23    have access to use that law.  And unfortunately,  
24    in New York State we find ourselves in a  
25    situation where we don't have enough doctors and

1 other medical personnel who are, under license  
2 and scope of practice, allowed to perform  
3 abortion and other related treatments to women in  
4 pregnancy, because we don't have adequate  
5 training centers for them.

6 We do have training in OB-GYN  
7 residencies, but they don't have the space to  
8 train family physicians, general practice  
9 doctors, nurse practitioners, physician's  
10 assistants -- all of whom are licensed under our  
11 law to provide these services.

12 And so we find ourselves with  
13 deserts for reproductive healthcare for women  
14 throughout the state, not just in rural New York  
15 but even in New York City in underserved  
16 communities.

17 So this legislation would allow the  
18 State of New York to create up to four community  
19 training centers to make sure that our healthcare  
20 professionals can get the skills that they tell  
21 us they need to provide the services that we have  
22 the right to under the law, but if we can't get  
23 the services it's like we don't have the right at  
24 all.

25 So I'm asking people to vote yes.

1 Thank you, Madam President.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:

3 Senator Krueger to be recorded in the  
4 affirmative.

5 Announce the results.

6 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
7 Calendar 102, those Senators voting in the  
8 negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello,  
9 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Felder, Gallivan, Helming,  
10 Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,  
11 Palumbo, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber  
12 and Weik.

13 Ayes, 40. Nays, 19.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill  
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
17 103, Senate Print 1548, by Senator Fernandez, an  
18 act to amend the General Business Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the  
20 last section.

21 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This  
22 act shall take effect 12 months after it shall  
23 have become a law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the  
25 roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator  
3 Fernandez to explain her vote.

4 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Thank you,  
5 Madam President.

6 And thank you to this body for  
7 bringing this bill to the floor once again.

8 This bill would address the  
9 chemicals that are used in our menstrual  
10 products. Please consider that an individual --  
11 usually your loved one, your spouse, your  
12 daughter, your friend, your neighbor -- uses up  
13 to 16,000 pieces -- 16,000 menstrual products in  
14 their lifetime. And many don't know that a lot  
15 of these products, if you don't look at the  
16 label, contain a lot of the same chemicals, such  
17 as PFAS, mercury, formaldehyde, and lead. These  
18 chemicals are found in deadly toxins and  
19 materials like cigarettes.

20 So it is on us to make sure that we  
21 are only producing safe products, especially  
22 those most intimate, to all New Yorkers and  
23 consumers, so we do not cause risk to  
24 reproductive health or general health.

25 So thank you so much. I vote aye

1 and encourage everyone to vote aye again.

2 And thank you, Madam Speaker.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator  
4 Fernandez to be recorded in the affirmative.

5 Announce the results.

6 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill  
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
10 104, Senate Print 1683, by Senator Parker, an act  
11 to amend the Public Health Law.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the  
13 last section.

14 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This  
15 act shall take effect on the 120th day after it  
16 shall have become a law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the  
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce  
21 the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
23 Calendar 104, those Senators voting in the  
24 negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello,  
25 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Felder, Gallivan, Helming,

1 Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,  
2 Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weik.

3 Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,  
4 pardon me, in the affirmative.

5 Ayes, 43. Nays, 16.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill  
7 is passed.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
9 105, Senate Print 1703, by Senator Webb, an act  
10 to amend the Education Law.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the  
12 last section.

13 THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This  
14 act shall take effect one year after it shall  
15 have become a law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the  
17 roll.

18 (The Secretary called the roll.)

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator  
20 Sepúlveda to explain his vote.

21 SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Thank you,  
22 Madam President, for allowing me to speak on this  
23 bill.

24 You know, a few years ago I had a  
25 relative of mine, a first cousin who was raised

1 with me -- it's more like a sister -- who was  
2 diagnosed with breast cancer. And she was  
3 fortunate enough to have insurance, but we've had  
4 other relatives and friends who weren't so  
5 fortunate. And unfortunately one of them,  
6 particularly, passed away.

7                   And so to me it's unconscionable  
8 that we can enter into contracts if our insurance  
9 providers or these contractors do not provide  
10 this kind of service.

11                   So I want to thank Senator Webb for  
12 this bill on behalf of myself, my cousin, and my  
13 family, because I think it's going to help many,  
14 many women in the state.

15                   Thank you.

16                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    Senator  
17 Sepúlveda to be recorded in the affirmative.

18                   Announce the results.

19                   THE SECRETARY:    In relation to  
20 Calendar 105, those Senators voting in the  
21 negative are Senators Borrello,  
22 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Lanza, Mattera,  
23 Murray, Oberacker, Ortt, Stec and Walczyk.

24                   Ayes, 49.    Nays, 10.

25                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
3 106, Senate Print 1720, by Senator Persaud, an  
4 act to amend the Public Health Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the  
6 last section.

7 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
8 act shall take effect on the 60th day after it  
9 shall have become a law.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the  
11 roll.

12 (The Secretary called the roll.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce  
14 the results.

15 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill  
17 is passed.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
19 107, Senate Print 1773, by Senator Webb, an act  
20 to amend the State Finance Law.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the  
22 last section.

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

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    Call the  
2    roll.

3                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    Announce  
5    the results.

6                   THE SECRETARY:     Ayes, 59.

7                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The bill  
8    is passed.

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

11                  SENATOR GIANARIS:    On behalf of  
12   Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, I hand up the  
13   following conference and committee assignments of  
14   the Majority Conference and ask that it be placed  
15   in the Journal.

16                  ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The  
17   handup is received and shall be filed in the  
18   Journal.

19                  SENATOR GIANARIS:    On behalf of  
20   Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, in consultation  
21   with Senator Ortt, I hand up the following  
22   committee assignments of the Minority Conference  
23   and ask that it also be filed in the Journal.

24                  ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The  
25   handup is received and will be filed in the

1 Journal.

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

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

6 SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to adjourn  
7 until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 22nd, at  
8 11:00 a.m.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: On  
10 motion, the Senate stands adjourned until  
11 Wednesday, January 22nd, at 11:00 a.m.

12 (Whereupon, at 4:21 p.m., the Senate  
13 adjourned.)

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