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NEW YORK STATE SENATE

THE STENOGRAPHIC RECORD

ALBANY, NEW YORK

February 11, 2025

3:13 p.m.

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 present to please
5 rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

6 (Whereupon, the assemblage recited
7 the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: In the
9 absence of clergy, let us bow our heads in a
10 moment of silent reflection or prayer.

11 (Whereupon, the assemblage respected
12 a moment of silence.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Reading
14 of the Journal.

15 THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday,
16 February 10, 2025, the Senate met pursuant to
17 adjournment. The Journal of Sunday, February 9,
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 The Secretary will read.

25 THE SECRETARY: Senator Rivera

1 moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules,
2 Assembly Bill Number 916 and substitute it for
3 the identical Senate Bill Number 788,
4 Third Reading Calendar 62.

5 Senator Hoylman-Sigal moves to
6 discharge, from the Committee on Rules,
7 Assembly Bill Number 2056 and substitute it for
8 the identical Senate Bill 2670, Third Reading
9 Calendar 153.

10 Senator Baskin moves to discharge,
11 from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill
12 Number 426 and substitute it for the identical
13 Senate Bill 2671, Third Reading Calendar 154.

14 Senator May moves to discharge, from
15 the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill
16 Number 441 and substitute it for the identical
17 Senate Bill 2672, Third Reading Calendar 155.

18 Senator Salazar moves to discharge,
19 from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill
20 Number 1675 and substitute it for the identical
21 Senate Bill 2673, Third Reading Calendar 156.

22 Senator Hoylman-Sigal moves to
23 discharge, from the Committee on Rules,
24 Assembly Bill Number 921 and substitute it for
25 the identical Senate Bill 2674, Third Reading

1 Calendar 157.

2 Senator Fahy moves to discharge,
3 from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill
4 Number 1475 and substitute it for the identical
5 Senate Bill 2675, Third Reading Calendar 158.

6 Senator Bailey moves to discharge,
7 from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill
8 Number 443 and substitute it for the identical
9 Senate Bill 2676, Third Reading Calendar 159.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: So
11 ordered.

12 Messages from the Governor.

13 Reports of standing committees.

14 Reports of select committees.

15 Communications and reports of state
16 officers.

17 Motions and resolutions.

18 Senator Gianaris.

19 SENATOR GIANARIS: Good afternoon,
20 Madam President.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Good
22 afternoon.

23 SENATOR GIANARIS: I move to adopt
24 the Resolution Calendar at this time.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: All

1 those in favor of adopting the
2 Resolution Calendar please signify by saying aye.

3 (Response of "Aye.")

4 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Opposed,
5 nay.

6 (No response.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
8 Resolution Calendar is adopted.

9 Senator Gianaris.

10 SENATOR GIANARIS: Let's now take
11 up the calendar.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
13 Secretary will read.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 62,
15 Assembly Bill 916, by Assemblymember Paulin, an
16 act to amend the Public Health Law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
18 last section.

19 THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This
20 act shall take effect on the same date and in the
21 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2024.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce

1 the results.

2 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
3 Calendar 62, those Senators voting in the
4 negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello,
5 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Felder, Gallivan,
6 Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martinez, Martins,
7 Mattera, Ortt, Rhoads, Skoufis, Tedisco, Walczyk,
8 Weber and Weik.

9 Ayes, 39. Nays, 19.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
13 153, Assembly Bill Number 2056, by
14 Assemblymember Hunter, an act to amend the
15 Real Property Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
17 last section.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
24 the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 154, Assembly Bill Number 426, by
5 Assemblymember Otis, an act to amend the
6 State Finance Law.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
8 last section.

9 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
10 act shall take effect on the same date and in the
11 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2024.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
16 roll.

17 (The Secretary called the roll.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
19 the results.

20 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
22 is passed.

23 Senator Gianaris.

24 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,
25 that was the first bill passed by our new

1 colleague Senator April Baskin.

2 Congratulations.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:

4 Congratulations.

5 (Standing ovation.)

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

7 155, Assembly Bill Number 441, by

8 Assemblymember Carroll, an act to amend the

9 General Business Law.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the

11 last section.

12 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This

13 act shall take effect on the same date and in the

14 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2024.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the

16 roll.

17 (The Secretary called the roll.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator

19 May to explain her vote.

20 SENATOR MAY: Thank you,

21 Madam President.

22 I rise to acknowledge that this is a

23 chapter amendment to a bill originally introduced

24 by our former colleague Senator Thomas. As the

25 new chair of Consumer Protection, I am grateful

1 for the chance to build on the work that he did
2 when he was our colleague.

3 Consumer protection policy at the
4 state level is becoming even more important now
5 that the federal government is abdicating its
6 role to protect consumers by gutting the
7 Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and now,
8 today, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

9 As the president and his entourage
10 of oligarchs remove the guardrails on fraud and
11 scams and usury, it will be up to us to find ways
12 to protect the people of New York from the
13 potential harms that those could create.

14 So I look forward to doing this
15 work, and I vote aye.

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

18 Announce the results.

19 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
20 Calendar 155, those Senators voting in the
21 negative are Senators Felder, Gallivan, Skoufis,
22 Walczyk and Weber.

23 Ayes, 56. Nays, 5.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 156, Assembly Bill Number 1675, by
3 Assemblymember Peoples-Stokes, an act to amend
4 the Correction Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
6 last section.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
13 the results.

14 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
16 is passed.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
18 157, Assembly Bill Number 921, by
19 Assemblymember Lavine, an act to amend the
20 Criminal Procedure Law.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
22 last section.

23 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
24 act shall take effect on the same date and in the
25 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2024.

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: In relation to
7 Calendar 157, voting in the negative:
8 Senator Ortt.

9 Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
13 158, Assembly Bill Number 1475, by
14 Assemblymember Burdick, an act to amend the
15 Public Health Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
17 last section.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
24 the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
2 is passed.

3 Senator Gianaris.

4 SENATOR GIANARIS: And that was the
5 first bill passed by our new colleague
6 Senator Pat Fahy.

7 Congratulations.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:
9 Congratulations.

10 (Standing ovation.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Calendar
12 Number 159, Assembly Bill Number 443, by
13 Assemblymember McDonald, an act to amend the
14 Insurance Law.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
16 last section.

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

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
23 the results.

24 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
25 Calendar 159, voting in the negative:

1 Senator Walczyk.

2 Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 220, Senate Print 27, by Senator Jackson, an act
7 to amend the Education Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
9 last section.

10 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This
11 act shall take effect on the first of July.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
16 the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 221, Senate Print 78, by Senator Liu, an act to
22 amend the Education Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
7 the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 227, Senate Print 3738, by Senator Stavisky, an
13 act to amend the Education Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
15 last section.

16 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
17 act shall take effect on the first of July.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
22 the results.

23 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 228, Senate Print 3779, by Senator Gounardes, an
3 act to amend the Education Law.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
5 last section.

6 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
7 act shall take effect on the first of July.

8 SENATOR O'MARA: Call the roll.
9 (The Secretary called the roll.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
11 the results.

12 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
13 Calendar 228, voting in the negative:
14 Senator Walczyk.

15 Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
17 is passed.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
19 229, Senate Print 3810, by Senator Stavisky, an
20 act to amend the Education Law.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
22 last section.

23 THE SECRETARY: Section 5. 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: In relation to
7 Calendar 229, those Senators voting in the
8 negative are Senators Borrello, Walczyk and
9 Weber.

10 Ayes, 58. Nays, 3.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
12 is passed.

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

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

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

19 SENATOR GIANARIS: I move to
20 adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 12th,
21 at 11:00 a.m.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: On
23 motion, the Senate stands adjourned until
24 tomorrow, Wednesday, February 12th, at 11:00 a.m.

25 The Senate is adjourned.

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(Whereupon, at 3:22 p.m., the Senate
adjourned.)