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NEW YORK STATE SENATE

THE STENOGRAPHIC RECORD

ALBANY, NEW YORK

March 5, 2025

12:23 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 to please rise and  
5 recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

8 Pastor Eboni Taylor, of Coney Island  
9 Cathedral in Brooklyn, New York, will deliver  
10 today's invocation.

11 Pastor?

12 PASTOR TAYLOR: Let us bow our  
13 heads.

14 Heavenly Father, we thank You for  
15 this day.

16 Father, we thank You, first of all,  
17 for life, for letting us come together and gather  
18 in this assembly.

19 Father, we ask that You would grant  
20 us peace, strength and courage.

21 And, Father, we ask that You will  
22 bless each and every household that is  
23 represented here.

24 And, Father, we thank You for the  
25 decisions that are being made for this future.

1                   And, Father, we forever give You  
2                   praise and glory.

3                   In Jesus' name we pray.

4                   Everyone say amen. Amen.

5                   (Response of "Amen.")

6                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank  
7                   you, Pastor.

8                   Reading of the Journal.

9                   THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Tuesday,  
10                  March 4, 2025, the Senate met pursuant to  
11                  adjournment. The Journal of Monday, March 3,  
12                  2025, was read and approved. On motion, the  
13                  Senate adjourned.

14                  ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Without  
15                  objection, the Journal stands approved as read.

16                  Presentation of petitions.

17                  Messages from the Assembly.

18                  Messages from the Governor.

19                  Reports of standing committees.

20                  Reports of select committees.

21                  Communications and reports from  
22                  state officers.

23                  Motions and resolutions.

24                  Senator Serrano.

25                  SENATOR SERRANO: Hi,

1 Madam President. Thank you very much.

2 I would like for us to take up  
3 resolution -- previously adopted Resolution 433,  
4 by myself. Read the resolution title only, and  
5 recognize me.

6 (Laughter.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The  
8 Secretary will read.

9 THE SECRETARY: Resolution 433, by  
10 Senator Serrano, commemorating the 38th Annual  
11 SOMOS Spring Conference to be held March 7-9,  
12 2025, and paying tribute to its host, SOMOS,  
13 Inc., for its contributions and advocacy on  
14 behalf of the Puerto Rican and Latino communities  
15 in the State of New York.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator  
17 Serrano on the resolution.

18 SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you.

19 I would like to thank the entire  
20 Senate and my colleagues for adopting this  
21 resolution today honoring the 38th anniversary of  
22 the SOMOS Spring Conference happening here in  
23 Albany this weekend.

24 This conference provides the  
25 opportunity for elected officials, leaders,

1 advocates and members of our communities to come  
2 together under the theme "Justice in Action."

3 This year's conference will focus on  
4 advancing equality, fostering community-driven  
5 solutions, and empowering the voices of the  
6 underserved. Through workshops, panels and  
7 networking opportunities, participants will  
8 explore actionable strategies to address pressing  
9 issues and create meaningful impact.

10 The SOMOS Spring Conference serves  
11 as a key gathering to bring people together to  
12 discuss critical issues, and to promote Latino  
13 empowerment. This conference encourages young  
14 Latinos to get involved and serves as a catalyst  
15 for young leadership.

16 I would like to thank  
17 Assemblywoman Karines Reyes, the chair of the  
18 Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force, for having me  
19 collaborate with her on this resolution. I  
20 commend her work and the work of SOMOS, Inc., for  
21 their contributions as hosts of this conference.

22 Thank you, Madam President, for  
23 allowing me to speak on this resolution, and I  
24 thank my colleagues for supporting it here today.

25 Thank you.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    Thank  
2    you, Senator.

3                   The resolution was adopted on  
4    March 5th.

5                   Senator Serrano.

6                   SENATOR SERRANO:    Thank you.

7                   At the request of the sponsor --  
8    myself -- the resolution will be open for  
9    cosponsorship.

10                  ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The  
11    resolution is open for cosponsorship.  Should you  
12    choose not to be a cosponsor, please notify the  
13    desk.

14                  Senator Serrano.

15                  SENATOR SERRANO:    Thank you.

16                  Please take up the reading of the  
17    calendar.

18                  ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The  
19    Secretary will read.

20                  THE SECRETARY:    Calendar Number  
21    134, Senate Print 1553, by Senator Parker, an act  
22    to amend the Public Service Law.

23                  ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    Read the  
24    last section.

25                  THE SECRETARY:    Section 4.  This

1 act shall take effect on the first of January.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the  
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce  
6 the results.

7 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
8 Calendar 134, those Senators voting in the  
9 negative are Senators Borrello, Griffo and  
10 Walczyk.

11 Ayes, 58. Nays, 3.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill  
13 is passed.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
15 270, Senate Print 317, by Senator Salazar, an act  
16 to amend the Public Health Law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the  
18 last section.

19 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
20 act shall take effect on the 180th day after it  
21 shall have become a law.

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 270, those Senators voting in the  
4 negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Chan,  
5 Gallivan, Griffo, Lanza, Mattera, Murray,  
6 Oberacker, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco,  
7 Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

8 Ayes, 44. Nays, 17.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill  
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
12 279, Senate Print 1376, by Senator Serrano, an  
13 act to amend the Parks, Recreation and  
14 Historic Preservation Law.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the  
16 last section.

17 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. 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: Ayes, 61.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
3 299, Senate Print 200, by Senator Martinez, an  
4 act to amend the Navigation Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the  
6 last section.

7 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. 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: In relation to  
15 Calendar 299, voting in the negative:  
16 Senator Walczyk.

17 Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill  
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
21 300, Senate Print 258, by Senator Martinez, an  
22 act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the  
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This

1 act shall take effect on the first of November.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the  
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce  
6 the results.

7 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill  
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
11 304, Senate Print 3272, by Senator Cooney, an act  
12 to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the  
14 last section.

15 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This  
16 act shall take effect immediately.

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: Ayes, 61.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill  
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 323, Senate Print 122, by Senator Cleare, an act  
2 to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the  
4 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the  
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce  
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill  
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
17 367, Senate Print 1261A, by Senator Krueger, an  
18 act to amend the Domestic Relations Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the  
20 last section.

21 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This  
22 act shall take effect on the 60th day after it  
23 shall have become a law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the  
25 roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce  
3 the results.

4 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
5 Calendar Number 367, voting in the negative:  
6 Senator Walczyk.

7 Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill  
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
11 392, Senate Print 73, by Senator Kavanagh, an act  
12 to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the  
14 last section.

15 THE SECRETARY: Section 11. This  
16 act shall take effect immediately.

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: Ayes, 61.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill  
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 413, Senate Print 5183, by Senator Jackson, an  
2 act to amend the Election Law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the  
4 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the  
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce  
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
14 Calendar Number 413, voting in the negative:  
15 Senator Walczyk.

16 Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill  
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
20 414, Senate Print 489, by Senator Fernandez, an  
21 act to amend the Public Health Law.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the  
23 last section.

24 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
25 act shall take effect on the first of January.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    Call the  
2    roll.

3                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    Senator  
5    Fernandez to explain her vote.

6                   SENATOR FERNANDEZ:    Thank you so  
7    much, Madam President.

8                   This bill is very straightforward  
9    and very essential because, still, when people  
10   that might have gone through an overdose are  
11   admitted to an emergency room, they're not  
12   directed to the care that could help them get on  
13   their path to recovery.

14                  So this bill would ensure that any  
15   person that does enter an emergency room on  
16   account of an overdose or anything related is  
17   connected to that care.

18                  Thank you so much, and I hope  
19   everyone votes aye.

20                  ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    Senator  
21   Fernandez to be recorded in the affirmative.

22                  Announce the results.

23                  THE SECRETARY:    Ayes, 61.

24                  ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    The bill  
25   is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
2 415, Senate Print 1812, by Senator Fernandez, an  
3 act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the  
5 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the  
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce  
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill  
15 is passed.

16 Senator Serrano, this concludes the  
17 reading of today's calendar.

18 SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you.

19 Is there any further business at the  
20 desk?

21 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: There is  
22 no further business at the desk.

23 SENATOR SERRANO: That being so, I  
24 move to adjourn until Monday, March 10th, at  
25 3:00 p.m., with the intervening days being

1 legislative days.

2                   ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD:    On  
3 motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Monday,  
4 March 10th, at 3:00 p.m., with intervening days  
5 being legislative days.

6                   (Whereupon, at 12:31 p.m., the  
7 Senate adjourned.)

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