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NEW YORK STATE SENATE

THE STENOGRAPHIC RECORD

ALBANY, NEW YORK

January 13, 2026

11:01 a.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 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: The
14 reading of the Journal.

15 THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday,
16 January 12, 2024 {sic}, the Senate met pursuant
17 to adjournment. The Journal of Sunday,
18 January 11, 2025 {sic}, was read and approved.
19 On motion, the Senate adjourned.

20 Excuse me. 2026.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: '26.

22 Without objection, the Journal
23 stands approved as read.

24 Presentation of petitions.

25 Messages from the Assembly.

1 Messages from the Governor.
2 Reports of standing committees.
3 Reports of select committees.
4 Communications and reports from
5 state officers.

6 Motions and resolutions.

7 Senator Gianaris.

8 SENATOR GIANARIS: Good morning,
9 Madam President.

10 I move to adopt the
11 Resolution Calendar at this time.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: All
13 those in favor of adopting the
14 Resolution Calendar please signify by saying aye.

15 (Response of "Aye.")

16 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Opposed,
17 nay.

18 (No response.)

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
20 Resolution Calendar is adapted.

21 Senator Gianaris.

22 SENATOR GIANARIS: Let's take up
23 the reading of the calendar.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
25 Secretary will read.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 10,
2 Senate Print 8754, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to
3 amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025.

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: In relation to
14 Calendar 10, voting in the negative:
15 Senator Walczyk.

16 Ayes, 44. Nays, 1.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 13,
20 Senate Print 8757, by Senator Fernandez, an act
21 to amend the Public Health Law.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
23 last section.

24 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This
25 act shall take effect on the same date and in the

1 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2025.

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, 48.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 15,
11 Senate Print 8762, by Senator Hinchey, an act to
12 amend the Criminal Procedure Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
14 last section.

15 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
16 act shall take effect on the same date and in the
17 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2025.

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, 48.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 22,
2 Senate Print 8781, by Senator Weber, an act to
3 amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
5 last section.

6 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
7 act shall take effect on the same date and in the
8 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2025.

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 22, voting in the negative are
16 Senators Fahy and O'Mara.

17 Ayes, 46. Nays, 2.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 23,
21 Senate Print 8782, by Senator Martinez, an act to
22 amend the Real Property Tax Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

1 act shall take effect on the same date and in the
2 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2025.

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, 53.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 24,
12 Senate Print 8783, by Senator Harckham, an act to
13 amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
15 last section.

16 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
17 act shall take effect on the same date and in the
18 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2025.

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 24, voting in the negative:

1 Senator Skoufis.

2 Ayes, 52. Nays, 1.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Also Senator
6 O'Mara.

7 Ayes, 51. Nays, 2.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 28,
11 Senate Print 8798, by Senator Krueger, an act to
12 amend the Domestic Relations Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
14 last section.

15 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
16 act shall take effect on the same date and in the
17 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2025.

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: In relation to
24 Calendar Number 28, voting in the negative:
25 Senator Walczyk.

1 Ayes, 52. Nays, 1.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 31,
5 Senate Print 8803, by Senator Addabbo, an act to
6 amend the Real Property Tax Law.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
8 last section.

9 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. 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: Ayes, 53.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 35,
20 Senate Print 8810, by Senator Comrie, an act to
21 amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
23 last section.

24 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
25 act shall take effect on the same date and in the

1 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2025.

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, 54.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 40,
11 Senate Print 8821, by Senator Sutton, an act to
12 amend the Administrative Code of the City of
13 New York.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
15 last section.

16 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
17 act shall take effect on the same date and in the
18 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2025.

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, 56.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 42,
3 Senate Print 8823, by Senator Harckham, an act to
4 amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
6 last section.

7 THE SECRETARY: Section 5. 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: Senator
13 Rhoads to explain his vote.

14 SENATOR RHOADS: Thank you,
15 Madam President.

16 While I certainly have no problem
17 with regulating horseshoe crabs, and we've had
18 extensive debates on the floor with regard to
19 this, I do believe that there should have been
20 some exception carved out for biomedical
21 research.

22 I think you're inhibiting New York
23 State being an innovator with respect to
24 biomedical research by restricting horseshoe
25 crabs from being used for that purpose.

1 I certainly agree with the
2 restrictions for other purposes, but for that
3 reason I have to cast my vote in opposition.

4 Thank you.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
6 Rhoads to be recorded in the negative.

7 Announce the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
9 Calendar 42, voting in the negative are
10 Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,
11 Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo,
12 Rhoads, Skoufis, Stec, Tedisco and Walczyk.

13 Ayes, 44. Nays, 14.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 43,
17 Senate Print 8824, by Senator Fahy, an act to
18 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 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, 58.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
5 is passed.

6 Senator Gianaris, that completes the
7 reading of the calendar.

8 SENATOR GIANARIS: Is there any
9 further business at the desk?

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: There is
11 no further business at the desk.

12 SENATOR GIANARIS: I move to
13 adjourn until Tuesday, January 20th, at
14 3:00 p.m., with the intervening days being
15 legislative days.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: On
17 motion, the Senate stands adjourned until
18 Tuesday, January 20th, at 3:00 p.m., with
19 intervening days being legislative days.

20 (Whereupon, at 11:09 a.m., the
21 Senate adjourned.)

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