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SENATOR ROXANNE J. PERSAUD, Acting President

ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Senate will come to order.

I ask everyone to please rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Wednesday, January 28, 2026, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Tuesday, January 27, 2026, was read and approved. On motion, the Senate adjourned.

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

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

Messages from the Governor.

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The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Bailey moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9467 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8766, Third Reading Calendar 64.

Senator Fernandez moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9453 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8770, Third Reading Calendar 66.

Senator Bailey moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9492 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8771, Third Reading Calendar 67.

Senator Rivera moves to discharge, from the Committee on Social Services, Assembly Bill Number 9483 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8775, Third Reading Calendar 69.

Senator Cleare moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9445 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8776, Third Reading Calendar 70.

Senator May moves to discharge, from

the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9478 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8779, Third Reading Calendar 72.

Senator May moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9477 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8784, Third Reading Calendar 73.

Senator Ortt moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9439 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8788, Third Reading Calendar 76.

Senator Brisport moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9482 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8791, Third Reading Calendar 78.

Senator May moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9438 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8794, Third Reading Calendar 80.

Senator Persaud moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9506 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8819, Third Reading Calendar 92.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: So ordered.

Messages from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

Reports of select committees.

Communications and reports from state officers.

Motions and resolutions.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Good morning, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Good morning.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Please take up the calendar at this time.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 11, Senate Print 8755, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 63, Senate Print 8765, by Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 64, Assembly Bill 9467, by Assemblymember Cruz, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 64, voting in the negative are Senators Helming, O'Mara, Ortt and Walczyk.

Ayes, 52. Nays, 4.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 66, Assembly Bill 9453, by Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the Labor Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 66, voting in the negative:

Senator Walczyk.

Ayes, 55. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 67, Assembly Bill 9492, by Assemblymember Reyes, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Bailey to explain his vote.

SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you, Madam President.

I just want to say it's an honor to be on Calendar 6-7, for my daughter.

I just thank the Governor for

agreeing to a chapter agreement on this bill. It's critically important. I just want to say thank you.

I vote aye, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Bailey to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 69, Assembly Bill 9483, by Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 70, Assembly Bill 9445, by Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 70, voting in the negative:

Senator Weik.

Ayes, 55. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 71, Senate Print 8777, by Senator May, an act to amend the Economic Development Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 72, Assembly Bill Number 9478, by Assemblymember Kelles, an act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 73, Assembly Bill 9477, by Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2025.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 73, voting in the negative are Senators Lanza and Martinez.

Ayes, 54. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 76, Assembly Bill 9439, by Assemblymember McDonald, an act to amend the County Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 77, Senate Print 8789, by Senator Sanders, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2025.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 77, voting in the negative are

Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan -- pardon me.

Ashley, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Griffo, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weik.

Ayes, 38. Nays, 18.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 78, Assembly Bill 9482, by Assemblymember Hevesi, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 78, voting in the negative are

Senators Chan and Walczyk.

Ayes, 54. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 80, Assembly Bill 9438, by Assemblymember Dinowitz, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 80, voting in the negative are Senators Chan and Borrello.

Ayes, 54. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 92, Assembly Bill 9506, by Assemblymember Walker, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2025.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 92, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello and Walczyk.

Ayes, 54. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

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

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

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

SENATOR GIANARIS: I move to adjourn until Tuesday, February 3rd, at 3:00 p.m., with the intervening days being

legislative days.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 3rd, at 3:00 p.m., with intervening days being legislative days.

(Whereupon, the Senate adjourned at 11:30 a.m.)