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NEW YORK STATE SENATE

THE STENOGRAPHIC RECORD

ALBANY, NEW YORK

January 29, 2026

11:21 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: Reading
14 of the Journal.

15 THE SECRETARY: In Senate,
16 Wednesday, January 28, 2026, the Senate met
17 pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Tuesday,
18 January 27, 2026, was read and approved. On
19 motion, the 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 Messages from the Assembly.

1 The Secretary will read.

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

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

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

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

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

25 Senator May moves to discharge, from

1 the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9478
2 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill
3 8779, Third Reading Calendar 72.

4 Senator May moves to discharge, from
5 the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9477
6 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill
7 8784, Third Reading Calendar 73.

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

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

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

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

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: So
25 ordered.

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 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Good
11 morning.

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

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
15 Secretary will read.

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

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
20 last section.

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

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: Ayes, 56.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
6 is passed.

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

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
11 last section.

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

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
15 roll.

16 (The Secretary called the roll.)

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
18 the results.

19 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
21 is passed.

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

25 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the

1 last section.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
9 the results.

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

13 Ayes, 52. Nays, 4.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
15 is passed.

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

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
20 last section.

21 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. 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: In relation to
4 Calendar 66, voting in the negative:
5 Senator Walczyk.

6 Ayes, 55. Nays, 1.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
8 is passed.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
13 last section.

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

16 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
17 roll.

18 (The Secretary called the roll.)

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

21 SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you,
22 Madam President.

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

25 I just thank the Governor for

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

4 I vote aye, Madam President.

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

7 Announce the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
10 is passed.

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

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
15 last section.

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

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, 56.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
25 is passed.

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

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 70, voting in the negative:
16 Senator Weik.

17 Ayes, 55. Nays, 1.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
19 is passed.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. 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, 56.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 72,
12 Assembly Bill Number 9478, by Assemblymember
13 Kelles, an act to amend the Agriculture and
14 Markets 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, 56.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill

1 is passed.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
6 last section.

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

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

18 Ayes, 54. Nays, 2.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
20 is passed.

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

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
25 last section.

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

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, 56.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
10 is passed.

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

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
15 last section.

16 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. 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 77, voting in the negative are

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

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

8 Ayes, 38. Nays, 18.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
10 is passed.

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

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 78, voting in the negative are

1 Senators Chan and Walczyk.

2 Ayes, 54. Nays, 2.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
4 is passed.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
9 last section.

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

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

20 Ayes, 54. Nays, 2.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
22 is passed.

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

1 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
2 last section.

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

6 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
7 roll.

8 (The Secretary called the roll.)

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
10 the results.

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

14 Ayes, 54. Nays, 2.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
16 is passed.

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

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

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

23 SENATOR GIANARIS: I move to
24 adjourn until Tuesday, February 3rd, 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
4 Tuesday, February 3rd, at 3:00 p.m., with
5 intervening days being legislative days.

6 (Whereupon, the Senate adjourned at
7 11:30 a.m.)

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