

1 NEW YORK STATE SENATE

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9 ALBANY, NEW YORK

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14 REGULAR SESSION

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18 SENATOR JOSEPH GRIFFO, Acting President

19 FRANCIS W. PATIENCE, Secretary

1 January 8th, was read and approved. On motion,
2 Senate adjourned.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Without
4 objection, the Journal will stand approved as
5 read.

6 Presentation of petitions.

7 Messages from the Assembly.

8 Messages from the Governor.

9 Reports of standing committees.

10 Reports of select committees.

11 Communications and reports of state
12 officers.

13 Motions and resolutions.

14 Senator DeFrancisco.

15 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO:

16 Mr. President, I move to suspend Senate Rule 12,
17 Section 1, to advance a privileged resolution to
18 amend the Senate rules.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Without
20 objection, so ordered. You may propose your
21 resolution, Senator DeFrancisco.

22 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, I've
23 handed up a resolution of Senators Flanagan,
24 Klein, and Stewart-Cousins to amend the rules
25 to -- yes, do you have the resolution at the

1 desk?

2 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: We do.

3 The Secretary will read.

4 THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution
5 by Senators Flanagan, Klein and Stewart-Cousins,
6 amending Rule 8 of the Senate Rules in relation
7 to the Ethics and Internal Governance Committee.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator
9 DeFrancisco.

10 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, I'd just
11 like to mention, before I ask you to recognize
12 Senator Gianaris, that there was a debate at one
13 of the last Senate meetings about the rules
14 concerning the membership to the Ethics
15 Committee, and that upon discussion with the
16 other leaders, Senator Flanagan and they agreed
17 to change the rules so that there would be a
18 total of nine members on the Rules Committee,
19 three from the Democrat minority, three from the
20 Republican majority, and three from the IDC,
21 which seemed to be a better and clearly agreeable
22 solution.

23 And I thank those who spoke on that
24 issue for helping and leading to this change.

25 Thank you, Mr. President.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank
2 you, Senator DeFrancisco.

3 Senator Gianaris.

4 SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you,
5 Mr. President.

6 I too want to thank Senator Flanagan
7 and the Republican Conference for listening to
8 the debate last week and making the changes that
9 we requested. I think this is a better way to
10 move forward and appreciate the cooperation and
11 the cooperative spirit from the other side of the
12 aisle.

13 Thank you.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank
15 you, Senator Gianaris.

16 The question is on the resolution.
17 All in favor say aye.

18 (Response of "Aye.")

19 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The
22 resolution is adopted.

23 Senator DeFrancisco.

24 SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, I move
25 to adopt the Resolution Calendar, with the