The Senate was called to order at 12:23 o’clock p.m., the President in the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Good Afternoon, the Senate will be called to order. The Senate will please come to order, and members and guests, if you would please rise and direct your attention to our chaplain, Ms. Kathleen Zabel, of Burlington, who will lead us in prayer.

KATHLEEN K. ZABEL:

Please bless us with the inner strength so that our lives and our work may be a blessing on others.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Chaplain, and I’d like to call on Senator Winfield. If you would come up and lead us in the Pledge, sir.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

[All] I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it
stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. At this time, the Chair will entertain points of personal privilege, if there are any. So, I'm not seeing any senators with a point of personal privilege, and I'm looking forward to seeing more senators. So, with that, I would like to recognize the president pro tem, Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President, and good afternoon. Madam President, I am rising with great pleasure to announce the nomination of attorney, Michael Jefferson, of New Haven, to become the Clerk of the State Senate. Attorney Jefferson has served as our assistant clerk now for a number of years, and upon the recent retirement of our clerk, Garey Coleman, I am very pleased that Attorney Jefferson is willing to step up and to -- and to take on that role. We're all familiar with the good work that he has already done in the role of the assistant clerk, and I have great confidence in his ability, and of course he has already justified that confidence in the good work that he has done for the several years he has been here.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Would anyone else like to remark? If not, I declare that nominations are closed, and the
Senate Clerk is elected by acclamation.
Congratulations, Mr. Clerk.  [applause]

And, it's now my great privilege to swear in Michael Jefferson.  Sir, if you would raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Connecticut so long as you continue as a citizen thereof, and that you will faithfully discharge according to law the duties of the office of Clerk of the Senate to the best of your abilities, so help you God?

MICHAEL JEFFERSON:
I do.

THE CHAIR:

Congratulations.  [applause]

MICHAEL JEFFERSON:

Thank you for those kind words Senator Looney.  I am humbled by both the nomination and the support of this chamber.  I now have the best seat in this prestigious room to watch laws made and history unfold, and you guys fight a ton, and it's truly an honor to serve as the Clerk.  I do wanna recognize my predecessor, Garey Coleman, for his many years of service to this noble institution.  So, again, thank you.

Now, it's my duty to appoint and swear in the next Assistant Clerk of the Senate, Americo Carchia.
Raise your right hand, please.

Do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Connecticut so long as you continue to be a citizen thereof, and that you will faithfully discharge according to law the duties of the office of Assistant Senate Clerk to the best of your abilities, so help you God? Welcome. [applause]

THE CHAIR:

Congratulations again to you both, and we're gonna be relying upon both of you to keep us on track. So, with that, Mr. Clerk, is there any business on your desk?

Yes, Senator? Oh, of course.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Yes, wanted to welcome Attorney Carchia as our assistant clerk. He is someone well known in the New Haven legal community as an outstanding attorney, as is of course Attorney Jefferson, and I'm sure that both of them working in tandem will continue to give the great service to the senate that our clerks have done in the past. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. With that, Mr. Clerk, is there any business on your desk?
CLERK:

Yes, Madam Governor, the Clerk is in possession of Agenda -- Senate Agenda no. 1, dated Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff, do you wish to proceed?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. First of all, on a point of personal privilege, I just want to congratulate our new clerk and assistant clerk for the work that they've done and the work that they will do. We know that they'll do -- be excellent in their roles.

Madam Clerk -- Madam President, I move all items on Senate Agenda no. 1, dated January 30, 2019, be acted upon as indicated and the agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and Senate transcript.

Madam President, if I could mark the items on the calendar please? Calendars 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, mark those as go, and if the Clerk can call the items in that order please.

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar no. 1, Senate Joint Resolution Number 15, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE HUNCHU KWAK OF PORTLAND TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.
THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield, will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, good afternoon Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee’s favorable report and passage of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Excellent. [crosstalk]

Please proceed, Senator.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you Madam President.

Judge Kwak comes to us through the Judiciary Committee. He had a unanimous vote out of the committee. He has served since 2010. This is his first reappointment. He is currently serving in New London in GA10. During the 8 years that he has spent in the judiciary, he has spent time in GA21, GA19, GA17, GA14, GA12, AND GA19. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law. He also spent time in the United States Military Academy at West Point. This is a judge that came to us in a round of highly diverse candidates, and I would urge a positive vote from the chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Senator. Senator Kissel.
SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Good afternoon. Great to see you. I also stand in strong support of Judge Kwak. As my friend and colleague, Chairman Winfield, indicated, he is part of an initial four groups of judges that are all very diverse, and I actually believe that Judge Kwak was either the first Asian-American judge appointed in Connecticut or one of the first and certainly has done an excellent job over the last 8 years and looking forward to his continued public service on the bench for the next 8 years and urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10th):

If there's no objection, I'd ask that this be moved to Consent.

THE CHAIR:

Is there any objection? Seeing none. So ordered.

Mr. Clerk, would you please continue with the call of the Calendar?

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar no. 2, Senate Joint Resolution Number 16, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE JOHN M. NEWSON OF BROOKLYN TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.
THE CHAIR:

Will you remark, Senator Winfield?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee’s favorable report and passage of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you. This is another judge, who was appointed first in 2010, who comes to us with a unanimous vote from the Judiciary Committee. Judge Newson is currently assigned to habeas corpus. He has spent time in the criminal -- in criminal in Hartford. He's done habeas in a previous portion of his service. He's done criminal in New London and criminal in Norwich. He's a graduate of the Western New England University School of Law, and he comes to us with a unanimous vote and I urge passage by the chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Kissel, will you remark?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Yes, Ma'am. Thank you, Madam President. I also urge my colleagues to support the re-nomination of
Judge Newson. Clearly, he has determined that he enjoys working in the habeas corpus area, which is a quite difficult assignment. Not a lot of jurists ask to be reassigned there, and he's one of the ones that has been. He's also made it very clear that he expects the highest quality of professionalism for those counsel that represent these inmates in their habeas corpus petitions. He's made that very clear.

Part of that is because we have an extraordinary backlog of cases, so that if counsel is ill-prepared for a hearing or a motion argument, sometimes that matter has to be continued 8, 10, 12-months down the road because things are so -- scheduled so tightly given the vast number of cases that are being handled in the Tolland-Somers judicial district of which I am familiar, representing the town of Somers. So, he's doing something that's extremely valuable for the citizens of the State of Connecticut, trying to seek out justice for those who may be incarcerated without justice being served. He's an extraordinarily dedicated jurist, and I would urge my colleagues, once again, to support this re-nomination. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd ask that this be moved to Consent as well.

THE CHAIR:
Seeing none. So ordered. Mr. Clerk, would you --

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar no. 3, Senate Joint Resolution Number 17, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE THOMAS V. O'KEEFE, JR. OF GUILFORD TO BE A STATE REFEREE.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance and adoption of the Joint Committee's resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Judge Thomas O'Keefe, Jr. of Guilford has been a valued member of the Connecticut Bar for over four decades. He is married to Mary Louise O'Keefe and has two grown children, Mary Kathryn McAvoy and Karen Kannahan[phonetic]. Judge O'Keefe has served with distinction at many of our judicial districts across our state, including most recently in New Haven, where he has tried very many cases of a high visibility nature, including some murder cases.
He was first appointed to the bench in 1986. He was an esteemed adjunct professor at Quinnipiac University for 30 years, from 1978 to 2008, and also serves on various boards and committees in his community. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut, and he received his law degree from Boston University.

Madam President, I urge my colleagues to support the resolution appointing Judge O'Keefe as a state referee. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you Madam President. Speaking in support of the resolution, I've known Judge O'Keefe for many years. As Senator Kissel said, he has served with great distinction as a superior court judge since 1986, over 32 years, and four full eight-year terms. He is now -- having turned 70 is now a referee but still in vigorous good health and willing and active to continue to serve. As Senator Kissel said, Judge O'Keefe has been one of our leading criminal court judges. During most of that time, he has presided in a number of high-profile Parte cases in a number of judicial districts around the state.

He is also known as being a very humane and compassionate individual from the bench, that despite whatever sentence he may be imposing, he has a way of conveying to the defendant that while that defendant's conduct may be condemned and punished in this case, that that person still has value as an
individual apart from the misconduct that he has committed and is being sentenced for, and I think that he is a model for other judges in that regard. And, in addition, he has been selected by the judicial department to participate in the training of newer judges who have for a number of years because he is seen as being one of the leading lights in the judiciary, especially regarding the handling of criminal cases.

And, of course, prior to his appointment to the bench, he was a prosecutor in New Haven at Parte, prosecuting serious felonies in the judicial district of New Haven, prior to his appointment to the bench. So, the State of Connecticut is blessed to continue to have his service, and he is looking forward to being a very active referee.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Looney. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7th):

Without further comment, I would move this to the Consent Calendar Ma'am.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Seeing no objections, so moved.

Mr. Clerk.

Page 2, Calendar no. 4, Senate Joint Resolution Number 18, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF
SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the resolution and joint resolution and urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Please remark.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, the position of the commuter -- Connecticut Commuter Rail Council is a four year volunteer part-time position, one that is important for those who want to have a voice on commuting issues. Mr. Prostor was unanimously voted on favorably after his January 24th nomination hearing. He holds a B.S. from Miami University, has a financial background, and does volunteering in his community as well, and we certainly appreciate his stepping up on the Connecticut Commuter Rail Council. Again, I urge members to adopt the resolution. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much. Any other folks who would like to remark? Senator Haskell.
SENATOR HASKELL (26TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I rise today in support of the nomination of Mr. Prostor, a constituent of mine, and I would just like to say how thrilled I am that New Canaan will have a strong representation on the Commuter Rail Council. Of course, the New Canaan branch line is absolutely crucial to the economic well-being of Fairfield County. It's also desperately in need of improvements and of protection of the quality of service. I'm sure that Mr. Prostor will be a wonderful addition to this board and will help give our community a voice in making long-term strategic transportation plans that help ensure folks in New Canaan are able to get to and from work every day in an efficient manner. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator, thank you. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25th):

Thank you, Madam President. There's no objection. I would place this on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing none. So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

Page 2, Calendar no. 5, Senate Resolution Number 9, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SCOTT D.
JACKSON OF HAMDEN TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE SERVICES.

THE CHAIR: Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance to the joint -- I'm sorry -- of the Senate Resolution and urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25th):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, Commissioner Jackson is well known to us. He first started off in the Commissioner of the Labor Department and moved more recently to the Department of Revenue Services. The current governor has the wisdom to reappoint Commissioner Jackson to the Department of Revenue Services. It is a four-year full-time position, as we all know, probably more than full time actually. Mr. Jackson was unanimously voted on at his January 24th nomination hearing. We know that he is well versed and knowledgeable on this position.

He comes very well qualified obviously, being Commissioner already, but holds a B.A. from Cornell and certainly has done a lot in his community as a former mayor and somebody who we have come to rely on with a sense of government experience. So again, Madam President, I would urge the chamber's adoption.
THE CHAIR:

Thank you, any other remarks? Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY (11TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Speaking in support of the Senate Resolution. As our Majority Leader, Senator Duff said, Commissioner Jackson has already had a distinguished career, although he is a young man, only 47 years old. Early in his career, he worked on Senator Lieberman's staff, when Mr. Jackson was just out of college. Then he went to work for his hometown of Hamden, was the chief operating officer for the city and chief assistant to the then-mayor of Hamden, then was elected mayor of Hamden himself, had a distinguished tenure there.

While he was serving of mayor of Hamden, he was appointed by Governor Malloy to head two very important commissions here at the state level. First of which was the -- the study of the storm response after the terrible storms we had back in 2011 and 2012, and then the particularly challenging and sensitive assignment as chair of the commission looking into the Sandy Hook tragedy beginning in 2013. After that, he was then appointed to serve in state government, worked for a while as an undersecretary in OPM, was then appointed Commissioner of Labor, and then upon the retirement of Commissioner Sullivan, he became the Commissioner of Revenue Services about a year ago.

So said, he has already had a distinguished career in government, both at the state and local level. I certainly commend Governor Lamont for reappointing
him, so that we will have the benefit of his -- of his compassion, his passion for public service. Anyone who was present to view his testimony before the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee knows exactly how -- how deeply committed he is to public service, certainly does not take a bureaucratic approach to government service but really takes an approach of being committed to serve and sees that service as an important vocation, and I think, Madam President, we will all benefit from his continued service in state government. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Fasano.

SENATOR FASANO (34TH):

Thank you, Madam President. I apologize for Looney going out of turn. I wanna echo the remarks of Senator Duff and Senator Looney.

Commissioner Jackson is a great guy. He is very personable. He has shown that at the Department of Labor. He has shown that at DRS. He and his staff are always extending themselves to issues, at least when our office calls, and I'm sure it's true with every office who calls up and has concerns. But, Mr. Jackson takes a personal view on these items, and as Commissioner of the Department of Labor, he's always willing to listen to both sides. He's always willing to listen to changes. He's always listened to take in arguments that may be contrary to his and evaluate it. You can't ask anything more from the Commissioner than that, and I proudly will support
his nomination here today. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if there's no objection, might this item be placed on the Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Yes, without -- seeing none. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. That is our business for now until we get Senate Agenda no. 2 for business that comes up from the House. So, if the Clerk can please call the items on the Consent Calendar for a vote on the Consent Calendar, please?

THE CHAIR:
Mr. Clerk, if you would read the items on the Consent Calendar, and I would announce an immediate roll call vote.

CLERK:

Page 1, Calendar no. 1, Senate Joint Resolution Number 15. Page 1, Calendar 2, Senate Joint Resolution Number 16. Page 2, Calendar no. 3, Senate Joint Resolution Number 17. Page 2, Calendar no. 4, Senate Joint Resolution Number 18, and Page 2, Calendar no. 5, Senate Resolution Number 9.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Would you again announce a roll call vote, and the machine will be opened.

CLERK:

An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate.

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THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voted? I will lock the machine. Will the Clerk please announce the tally?
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CLERK:

Consent Calendar no. 1.

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THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar is adopted. [gavel] Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move for a suspension on all items that need to be acted upon immediately to the House of Representatives.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered. Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. We do not yet have our business from the House, so I move that we stand at ease for a moment.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. We will stand at ease.

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25th):
Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, we did receive our business from the House, and I want to ask if the Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda no. 2?

CLERK:

The Clerk is in possession of Senate Agenda no. 2, dated Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, and would the Senate come back to order. And, Mr. Clerk, is there any business on your desk?

CLERK:

Yes, Madam Governor, Senate Agenda no. 2, dated Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move all items on Senate Agenda no. 2, dated Wednesday, January 30, 2019, to be acted upon as indicated, and that the Agenda be incorporated by reference into the Senate Journal and the Senate transcript. Madam President, I would like that we mark all those items as go, and if the Clerk can call them in the order on the Agenda please?

THE CHAIR:
So ordered. And, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 51, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE LISA KELLY MORGAN OF WETHERSFIELD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and adoption of the resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark, sir?

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you, Madam President. This is a judge who comes to us through the Judiciary Committee, having a positive unanimous vote out of the Committee -- coming out of the Committee just a short few days ago.

Judge Morgan has served us well. She is a graduate of Villanova University and the University of Connecticut School of Law. She was admitted to the bar in 1987, and I urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:
Thank you, sir. Would anyone else like to remark? Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much, Madam President. I stand in support of the re-nomination of this jurist. She has an impeccable record and has done an excellent job over the last years and urge my colleagues to support this resolution. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much. Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you Madam President. If there is no objection, I'd ask this be moved to consent.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing none. So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 52, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE M. NAZWAH LA OF GLASTONBURY TO BE A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):
Thank you very much, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance and adoption of the Joint Committee's resolution.

THE CHAIR:

Proceed.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Judge M. Nawaz Wahla of Glastonbury currently hears civil cases at the New Haven Judicial District. He is a graduate of the Pakistan Military Academy and the University of Texas at Austin and University of Houston Law. Additionally, Judge Wahla recently received his Masters of Global Affairs from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and was also just inducted into the Immigrant Heritage Hall of Fame.

I also would like to point out that it's my understanding that eight years ago Judge Wahla was the very first Muslim made a jurist in the United States of America. He says this is both a blessing and a burden to the extent -- to the notion that he has a huge image and professionalism, and he is out there being looked at by the entire world as to how these last eight years have gone, and they have gone splendidly.

He has met the President of Pakistan. He indicated to us he doesn't feel alone anymore. Apparently, there's a Muslim judge from Texas and California, so now he's one of three, but Connecticut should be very, very proud that we took this step forward as really diversifying our bench.
And so, Madam President, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution reappointing Judge Wahla for another term. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kissel, thank you so much. Senator Winfield.

SENATOR WINFIELD (10TH):

Yes, thank you Madam President. Just to align myself with the comments of Senator Kissel and to suggest, as I did at the very beginning since we have hit the end of the judges for the day, that this group was a particularly unique group of judges that came through fighting. Yes, the State of Connecticut should be proud. It should also be proud that when confronted with a real issue of diversity that we responded in a way that the state should respond. So, I'm happy to align myself with the comments of the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. Senator Kissel.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

If there are no further comments, I would move this resolution to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing none. So ordered. Mr. Clerk, are there any other items on your desk?
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CLERK:

Yes, Madam Governor. House Joint Resolution Number 56, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MATTHEW KELLY OF BARKHAMSTED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I move acceptance of the House Committee's Joint Resolution and urge adoption.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, this is a four-year part-time volunteer position. Mr. Kelly was unanimously voted on favorably at his January 24th nomination hearing. He has been at the Florida Institute of Technology getting a B.S. in Aviation Management. He has worked in the Connecticut Airport Authority for over 20 years and prior to that at AMB Combs [phonetic], a sister company of American Airlines operating out of Bradley, and he is currently a member of the Airport Authority Board. And, he has been involved locally as well in local politics and local government, and I urge adoption. Thank you, Madam President.
THE CHAIR:

Thank you, sir. And, with that, Mr. Clerk, would you please call the nominations on the Calendar -- excuse me, sorry.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Madam President, if there's no further comments or objections, might we place this item on the Consent Calendar please?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing none. So ordered.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, that concludes our business for this round, I believe. So, if we can have the Clerk call the items on the Consent Calendar following a vote on the Consent Calendar. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

House Joint Resolution Number 51, House Joint Resolution Number 52, and House Joint Resolution Number 56.

THE CHAIR:

Okay, Senator Duff.
Thank you, sir. Appreciate that. Those are, that you've just read, the items on the Consent Calendar. So, we will announce a roll call vote, and I will open the machine.

CLERK:

An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate. An Immediate Roll Call vote has been ordered in the Senate.

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THE CHAIR:

Have all the senators voted? Have all the senators voted? The machine will be locked, and Mr. Clerk, would you please announce the tally?

CLERK:

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THE CHAIR:

[gavel] The Consent Calendar is adopted. Is there any other business on the Clerk's desk?
I have no other business, Madam Governor.

Thank you, sir. Senator Duff.

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, that concludes our business for today. Two quick announcements. One is that Senator Flexor and Senator Bradley are out of the chamber today on legislative business, and I will yield to Senator Kissel and then have my second announcement.

Senator Kissel, do you accept the yield?

I do. I do, thank you very much Senator Duff. Madam President, I rise for the purposes of a Journal notation.

Go ahead.

And that notation should reflect that Senator Witkos could not be here this afternoon due to family reasons, and would the Journal so note.
THE CHAIR:

It will be so noted.

SENATOR KISSEL (7TH):

Thank you very much.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you, Madam President, and also the second announcement is there's some interesting weather coming through the state this afternoon, potential of some snow squalls that could dump a lot of snow in a very short amount of time that could cripple traffic and cause accidents, so we would urge senators and staff to keep that in mind as they think about their travel plans, contemplate their travel plans for the rest of today.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, senator.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

And Madam President, with that, I move that we adjourn subject to the call of the Chair.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, the Senate stands adjourned. Good afternoon everyone.
On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 1:12 p.m. adjourned subject to the call of the chair.