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Messages from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator

DeFrancisco, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports the following nomination:

As Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, Susan Phillips Read, of West Sand Lake.

THE PRESIDENT: Senator

DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I rise to move the nomination of Judge Susan Phillips Read to become an associate judge of the Court of Appeals, the highest court of this state.

We had a Judiciary Committee hearing this morning; we received information from the New York State Bar Association that indicated that she was well qualified, its highest rating. All speakers who spoke on her qualifications gave her glowing recommendations and glowing review. And the Judiciary Committee of the State Senate unanimously passed her nomination over to the full Senate.

1 And I think it's very clear that
2 she's well qualified in view of the breadth of
3 her experience: from a chief judge of the
4 Court of Claims, trial judge of the Court of
5 Claims, a private attorney in litigation, very
6 serious cases like toxic torts, an individual
7 who has worked for the Governor's office and
8 knows municipal law, someone who is so well
9 rounded that there's no question of her
10 qualifications and there's certainly no
11 question of her character.

12 I would like to recognize Senator
13 Bruno -- the judge is from his district -- to
14 make the formal -- move formally for her
15 acceptance and her confirmation.

16 THE PRESIDENT: Thank you,
17 Senator DeFrancisco.

18 Senator Bruno.

19 SENATOR BRUNO: Madam President,
20 Senator DeFrancisco, thank you for your
21 report, your fine work.

22 And we're also grateful to the
23 Governor for having forwarded such a qualified
24 individual to serve on the highest court here
25 in New York State, and also congratulate the

1 Governor on his vision and his wisdom in that
2 she and her husband, Howard, reside in that
3 great county of Rensselaer.

4 So I am very, very proud to stand
5 and ask that you all support Susan Read, Judge
6 Read. She has vast experience, as the chair
7 noted, in the private sector, having served in
8 a high-level position in the private sector,
9 having a statewide responsibility for a major
10 corporation, having been intimate counsel to
11 the Governor for a number of years, and having
12 been there as he governs this great Empire
13 State and being part of all that goes on.
14 And, most recently, as the presiding judge of
15 the Court of Claims throughout this entire
16 state.

17 So she's as qualified as she can be
18 to serve as an associate on the Court of
19 Appeals. I'm proud to ask for her endorsement
20 and support, and welcome her here to the
21 chamber with her husband, Howard.

22 Thank you, Madam President.

23 THE PRESIDENT: Senator Breslin.

24 SENATOR BRESLIN: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

1 It's a pleasure for me to stand and
2 speak on behalf of Susan Read, who's been a
3 friend for over 25 years, who previously lived
4 in Albany County before moving to Rensselaer
5 County.

6 And as Senator Bruno and Senator
7 DeFrancisco have so properly indicated, her
8 vast experience, from the State University of
9 New York at Albany, to GE, to Bond Schoeneck &
10 King, to the Court of Claims, she just has the
11 perfectly well-rounded background to become a
12 Court of Appeals judge. But more than that,
13 she has the intelligence and the integrity.
14 And she will serve this state well.

15 And it speaks well of Governor
16 Pataki, who has selected, I think, probably
17 one of the finest judicial minds to become the
18 next judge of the Court of Appeals.

19 And I commend Susan and her
20 husband, Howard, and look forward to her
21 serving for many years on the bench.

22 Thank you, Madam President.

23 THE PRESIDENT: The question is
24 on the confirmation of Susan Phillips Read as
25 associate judge of the Court of Appeals of the

1 State of New York. All in favor signify by
2 saying aye.

3 (Response of "Aye.")

4 THE PRESIDENT: Opposed, nay.

5 (No response.)

6 THE PRESIDENT: Susan Phillips
7 Read is hereby confirmed as associate judge of
8 the Court of Appeals of the State of New York.

9 (Extended applause.)

10 THE PRESIDENT: Susan Phillips
11 Read, Judge Read, is here accompanied by her
12 husband, Howard Read.

13 And as President of the Senate and
14 as a lifelong resident of Rensselaer County, I
15 want to congratulate you on this occurrence.

16 And to add to the remarks that have
17 been said, I can only emphasize that my
18 knowledge of Judge Read and my background as a
19 former judge of the State Supreme Court only
20 indicates that the Governor has made an
21 outstanding choice that the people of New York
22 will continue to benefit from in the Court of
23 Appeals.

24 Best wishes to you, Judge Read.

25 Reports of select committees.

1 Communications and reports from
2 state officers.

3 Motions and resolutions.

4 Senator Fuschillo.

5 SENATOR FUSCHILLO: Thank you,
6 Madam President.

7 On behalf of Senator Padavan, I
8 wish to call up Senate Print Number 492,
9 recalled from the Assembly, which is now at
10 the desk.

11 THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary
12 will read.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 30, by Senator Padavan, Senate Print 492, an
15 act to amend the Education Law.

16 THE PRESIDENT: Senator
17 Fuschillo.

18 SENATOR FUSCHILLO: Madam
19 President, I now move to reconsider the vote
20 by which the bill was passed and ask that the
21 bill be restored to the order of third
22 reading.

23 THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary
24 will call the roll upon reconsideration.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

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3 (Response of "Aye.")

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