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IN SENATE

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The Senate met at 2:05 p.m.
Hon. Don Perata, of the 9th District, presiding.
Secretary Greg Schmidt at the Desk.
Assistant Secretary Kipchoge Randall reading.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Aanestad, Ackerman, Alquist, Ashburn, Battin, Calderon, Cedillo, Cogdill, Corbett, Correa, Cox, Denham, Ducheny, Dutton, Harman, Hollingsworth, Kehoe, Kuehl, Lowenthal, Machado, Maldonado, Margett, McClintock, Migden, Negrete McLeod, Oropeza, Padilla, Perata, Romero, Runner, Scott, Simitian, Steinberg, Torlakson, Wiggins, Wyland, and Yee—37.

Quorum present.

(NOTE: Senators Florez and Ridley-Thomas will be excused this day on legislative business and Senator Vincent will be excused this day due to illness.)



PRAYER

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rabbi Mona Alfi:

So often in life it feels as though there is no end to our labors and that our goals may not be realized. Jacob Riis, a twentieth century photojournalist, once reflected on what he would do when he was feeling discouraged. He said: *“When nothing seems to help, I go and look at a stonecutter hammering away at his rock perhaps a hundred times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet at the hundred and first blow it will split in two, and I know that it was not that blow that did it—but all that had gone before.”*

There is something to be learned from the story of the stonecutter. It reminds us to be patient with our work, especially when the end is not quickly in sight.

May the Holy One of Blessing grant us the ability to progress even when it might seem as though we are standing still, and may we be given the fortitude to see our labors through to a successful, and speedy end. May this be God’s will—AMEN.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Senator Calderon led the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR THE DAY

The following Senators were granted leaves of absence for the day due to legislative business: Senators Florez and Ridley-Thomas.

The following Senator was granted leave of absence for the day due to illness: Senator Vincent.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:30 p.m., the President declared the Senate adjourned on call of the President pro Tempore.

PAULA K. ROSSETTO, Minute Clerk

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