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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by the President at 9:00 a.m. A quorum present—38:

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| Mr. President | Dudley | Langley | Souto |
| Bankhead | Forman | Malchon | Stuart |
| Beard | Gardner | Margolis | Thomas |
| Brown | Girardeau | McPherson | Thurman |
| Bruner | Gordon | Meek | Walker |
| Casas | Grant | Myers | Weinstein |
| Childers, D. | Grizzle | Peterson | Weinstock |
| Childers, W. D. | Jennings | Plummer | Woodson-Howard |
| Davis | Johnson | Ros-Lehtinen | |
| Deratany | Kiser | Scott | |

Excused: Senators Deratany, Kirkpatrick, periodically; Senator Jennings at 8:00 p.m.

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by the Rev. William Steele III, Pastor, Myrtle Grove Baptist Church, Pensacola:

Almighty God, as we come before you this day, we give you thanks. Thank you for the opportunity to stand in your presence as we humbly seek your face.

We thank you for America, a land where everyone has the right to be heard, a land where freedom is the norm, and not the exception, a land where men and women can make a difference no matter who they are. Thank you for freedom, and thank you for the men and women who were willing to die that we might have this freedom.

During this day as decisions and policies that will affect the lives of everyone in the State of Florida are being made, we ask you for godly counsel and wisdom. Give these men and women assembled here the wisdom to be able to make the choices that will better our home and our land. Help them to understand that all good gifts come from you, and wisdom is a gift that we must all seek if you are to be honored and the people of this state are to be served. Help us all to remember that we are servants first of all. We must be willing to be a servant to those without, and to those who are different, to truly find favor in your eyes.

Father, it is so easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of everyday life and to forget those little things that make life so enjoyable. Help us to make time to stop, be still and know that you and you alone are God. It is in this stillness that we are able to hear what it is you have to say to us, and as we listen to you, then we can make wise decisions every day.

These assembled in this room are dedicated to service. Lord, anoint them for all the tasks you have set before them.

Thank you for these servants and thank you for the grace, peace and contentment that comes from following you. And, Father, thank you for life. In your blessed and holy name we pray. Amen.

Consideration of Resolutions

On motion by Senator Thomas, the rules were waived by unanimous consent and the following resolution was introduced out of order:

By Senators Thomas and Meek—

SR 1574—A resolution commending the Florida A & M University "Marching 100" Band on its selection as the official band representing the United States of America at the French Revolution Bicentennial celebration.

WHEREAS, the Florida A & M University "Marching 100" Band has been selected as the only band from the United States to participate in the Bastille Day Parade in Paris as a part of the French Revolution Bicentennial celebration, and

WHEREAS, the "Marching 100" Band has achieved a standard of excellence under the direction of its founder and current director, Dr. William P. Foster, during the 43 years since its beginning in 1946, that is unequalled among the colleges and universities of this state and country, and

WHEREAS, the "Marching 100" Band has consistently demonstrated the highest of musical standards and innovative marching routines as attested by its selection in 1985 as the winner of the John Philip Sousa Foundation's Sudler Trophy, the Heisman Trophy of marching band awards, and

WHEREAS, the "Marching 100" Band has been dubbed "the most televised band in America," as it has appeared on more than 30 television programs, including ABC's "20/20," CBS's "60 Minutes," and on NBC, PBS, and cable television, and

WHEREAS, the "Marching 100" Band has lived up to Dr. Foster's challenging, guiding principles, principles of the highest quality of character, achievement in academics, attainment in leadership, perfection of musicianship, precision in marching and dedication to service, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Florida Senate commends the Florida A & M University "Marching 100" Band for its selection as the band to represent the United States at the French Revolution Bicentennial celebration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Florida A & M University "Marching 100" Band and to Dr. William P. Foster, its director, as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

On motion by Senator Thomas, SR 1574 was read the second time in full and adopted.

Senator Thomas introduced the following special guests: Dr. Richard Hogg, Vice President of Academic Affairs, FAMU; Dr. William P. Foster, director of FAMU Marching Band and Mrs. Foster; and Dr. Julian White, assistant band director. At the direction of the President, the guests were escorted to the rostrum where they were presented a copy of the resolution.

On motion by Senator Ros-Lehtinen, the rules were waived by unanimous consent and the following resolution was introduced out of order:

By Senator Ros-Lehtinen—

SR 1575—A resolution marking the 50th anniversary of the Day of the St. Louis Survivors on June 4, 1989.

WHEREAS, on June 3, 1939, the United States joined Cuba in denying entry to more than 900 Jewish refugees who had fled Nazi-Germany aboard the S.S. St. Louis, and

WHEREAS, these refugees were forced to return to Germany where most were sent to concentration camps to face extreme cruelty and, in many cases, death, and

WHEREAS, the survivors of this tragedy are worthy of admiration due to their strength of spirit and determination, and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1989, a ceremony will take place on the shores of Miami Beach which reenacts the "Voyage of the Damned" that occurred half a century before, and