SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ALBANY

In the Matter of Senator George Winner, and Senator John Flanagan, Individually and as members of the New York State Senate Petitioners,

INDEX NO. 5300/09 AFFIRMATION

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-against-Angelo Aponte, individually, and in his official capacity as Secretary of the New York State Senate, Respondent.

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TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

JOHN T. CASEY, JR., ESQ., an attorney duly admitted to the practice of law before the Courts of the State of New York does hereby affirm as follows, under the penalties of perjury:

- He is the attorney for the Petitioners, Senators John Flanagan and George Winner.
- 2. He is in receipt of the Respondent Aponte's papers, comprised of a

memorandum of law with an exhibit, and an order to show cause

requesting dismissal of the within proceeding.

3. There are no affirmations of Counsel or Affidavit of the Respondent

Aponte bringing on the within motion before the Court.

- 4. This renders the motion defective, see CPLR 2105, 2217(b), 2214(b), 7804(f), and CPLR 404(a).
- 5. The Third Department has held that where the Court is asked to rule on matters not in the moving affidavits, "... Supreme Court would have been required to affirmatively impute to defendant's affidavit allegations that it did not contain. The court's power under <u>CPLR 2001</u> and <u>2101 (f)</u> to

overlook omissions or defects does not extend so far," <u>Electric Ins. Co. v.</u> <u>Grajower</u>, 256 A.D.2d 833 (3d Dept., 1998).

- 6. Here there is no affidavit or affirmation to base the motion on. This Court is asked to impute the entirety of the motion being presented.
- 7. Moreover, there is no sworn to or certified paper before this Court advancing a motion to dismiss. Certainly, the Court may not impute that Aponte has verified the allegations in a memorandum of law.
- Professor Siegel notes that the "affidavit is the foremost source of proof on motions," New York Practice 3d Ed., Sec. 205, p. 324.
- 9. Moreover, upon information and belief, the motion papers, what there are of them, have not been filed with the clerk and the requisite fees have not been paid. This argument is asserted so as to preserve the Petitioners' rights to proceed thereon after checking the Court file on the return date.
- 10. Accordingly, the motion is not properly before the Court, and may not be considered.
- 11. Alternatively, in the interests of judicial economy, Petitioners respond as set forth herein.
- This is an Article 78 proceeding to compel Aponte, as Secretary of the Senate, to do his job.
- In spite of the Respondents' protestations, this is not an attempt to litigate the merits of the <u>Smith v. Espada</u> matter, Index No. 4912-09.
- 14. Here, Aponte is an administrative officer of the Senate. He has duties set by the Senate Rules, the Legislative Law and the Constitution.

- 15. He is clearly frustrating the very laws and rules that he is required to implement. He is undoubtedly doing so as to achieve political goals, but, nonetheless, he defies his oath of office and the body of law that governs him when he tramples the rights of Senators to do their jobs.
- 16. The Petitioners do not seek to have this Court anoint a particular person as the Temporary President of the Senate, as was the case in <u>Smith v. Espada</u>, Index No. 4912/09. Nor are they seeking to place the Senate in a "quasireceivership" (Resp.'s Memo of Law p. 4).
- 17. The Petitioners do seek to enforce the Rules and Resolutions adopted by the Senate and recorded in its Journal, against Respondent Aponte.
- 18. There are no affidavits from Aponte denying the allegations against him, therefore, these allegations must all be deemed to be true. Even if there were an affidavit or affirmation on a motion to dismiss, the allegations of the Petitioners must be deemed to be true, and given every favorable inference.
 - a. Notably, Aponte must be deemed to have failed to perform his duties as Secretary of the Senate including, "Locking the doors of the Senate Chamber" preventing Senators from entering the chamber to do business,
 - b. Turning off the lights and public address system in the Senate Chamber during scheduled sessions,
 - c. Turning off the television cameras in the chambers which, according to Senate Rules, should be operational to provide for the

broadcasting of sessions of the Senate (or alternatively, not providing Petitioners, and those aligned with them, with audio or camera coverage during the session),

- d. Locking the file drawers where "bill jackets" essential for moving legislation from one house of the legislature to the other, or to the Governor, are maintained, or alternatively, emptying the file drawers where these items are regularly stored, and secreting the bill jackets and other legislative materials,
- e. Closing the document room (which is the source of copies of all Senate bills) during regularly scheduled hours of operation,
- f. Preventing the staff from attending regular sessions of the Senate, particularly the official stenographer and the Journal Clerk's staff (this conduct extended up to and included the proceedings of the Senate for June 25, 2009), in defiance of their duties under the Rules,
- g. Ordering Senate staffers not to respond to the legitimate orders and requests of the elected leadership, Senators Espada and Skelos under the threat of immediate termination of their Senate employment,
- Instructing the Sergeants at Arms NOT to clear protesters from the Senate Lobby during session, which action physically jeopardized the safety of Senators and resulted in an assault upon at least one Senate Staff member,

- Instructing the Sergeants at Arms NOT to allow Petitioner Winner to ascend to the podium and take the traditional seat of the presiding officer of the Senate,
- j. Interfering with the ability of Senators to access the services of the Legislative Bill Drafting Commission so as to impede the introduction of legislation,
- k. Preventing a stenographic record of the Senate Sessions of June
 23, 2009 (Regular and Special Sessions) because he determined
 not to recognize the sessions as legitimate,
- 19. The feeble response in the Respondent's Memorandum of Law is that Respondent Aponte has come to the legal conclusion that Malcolm Smith is the Temporary President of the Senate.
- 20. There is simply no basis in law for the conclusion that an administrative functionary of the New York State Senate is empowered to determine which Senators are the duly elected leadership of the Senate.
- 21. The determinative document is the Journal of the Senate, EXHIBIT A to the Petition.
- 22. It is axiomatic that the Secretary of the Senate is bound to abide by the duly adopted Rules of the Senate. Further, he is bound by any roll call vote taken in the Senate and recorded in its Journal.
- 23. It is well settled law that the Secretary of the Senate may be sued under Article 78 CPLR, see, <u>Weston v. Sloan</u>, 84 N.Y.2d 462 (1994), <u>Polokoff-Zakarin v. Boggess</u>, 2009 NY Slip. Op. 3823 (3d Dept. 2009).

- 24. Respondent Aponte's position here is that he can single handedly determine the leadership of the Senate.
- 25. Further, Aponte contends that he, a mere administrative officer, sits in judgment of the validity of Senate roll call votes, and the determination of the Senate to adjourn or to continue proceedings.
- 26. Here, Aponte seeks to hide his abhorrent behavior by presenting the Court with a collateral attack on the content of the Senate Journal, and then crying that the question is not justiciable, making his determination final.
- 27. There is simply no merit to this position.
- 28. Aponte's behaviour is not an internal Senate matter to be decided by members of the Senate. He is an administrative officer, bound by the actions of the majority of the house he serves and required to execute his duties in accordance with the rules and laws governing the Senate as directed by the elected Leadership reflected in the Journal of the house.
- 29. Petitioners come to this Court under the statutory body of law that surrounds the ministerial actions of the Senate and to enforce the Constitutional requirements that surround the meetings of the Senate be upheld. "[When seeking to test the action or inaction of a public official] the sole available remedy lies ... in a CPLR Article 78 proceeding seeking mandamus to compel. Mandamus is available ... to enforce a clear legal right where the public official has failed to perform a duty enjoined by law" (See, N.Y. Civ. Liberties Union v. State, 4 N.Y.3d 175, 183-184

(2005), *citing*, CPLR 7803 [1]; <u>Matter of Legal Aid Socy. of Sullivan</u> County, Inc. v. Scheinman, 53 N.Y.2d 12, 16 (1981)).

- 30. Legislative Law § 15, 16, 22, 22-A and a few other miscellaneous Consolidated Law sections comprise the mandatory duties of the Secretary of the Senate. He is not ensuring that the Journal is kept, he is not preserving documents of the Senate. He is also violating Constitutional Article III § 10 which states unequivocally that "the doors of each house shall be kept open." It additionally states that "the legislature shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and publish the same." *Id.* This too, has not been complied with. Therefore, Petitioners move to compel the Respondent to perform his ministerial and statutory duties-- these are not discretionary acts and are rightfully the subject of an Article 78 proceeding.
- 31. While the Petitioners agree with the position of Senator Espada in <u>Smith</u> <u>v. Espada</u>, Index No. 4912/09, wherein it was asserted that the Court could not review the propriety of the roll call vote by which Espada was elected Temporary President of the Senate; this case does not present that controversy.
- 32. The crux of the issues before the Court are: 1) May members of the New York State Senate have this Court issue an order of mandamus as against the administrative officer of the Senate to perform his duties?; 2) May Senators obtain an order prohibiting the Secretary of the Senate from interfering with their ability to perform their duties?; and, 3) May the

Senators obtain an order of the Court compelling the administrative officer of the Senate to abide by the rules and resolutions reflected in the Senate Journal?

- 33. Aponte's collateral attack is prohibited by law, *see*, <u>Heimbach v. State of New York</u>, 59 N.Y.2d 891 (1983). The Court held, "Section 40 of the Legislative Law provides that the presiding officer's certificate showing the date and requisite votes for passage of a bill shall be 'conclusive evidence' that the bill was validly enacted. The statute, therefore, precludes judicial review of the propriety of the subject roll call vote to effect legislative action. *** based upon our respect for the basic polity of separation of powers and the proper exercise of judicial restraint, we will not intrude into the wholly internal affairs of the Legislature." <u>Heimbach</u>, *Id.*, at p. 892.
- 34. His cynical claim of non-justiciablity is without merit. It is a red herring designed to distract from the issue at bar – an administrative officer acting in derogation and dereliction of his duties.
- 35. Moreover, as Aponte is not a Senator, he can not have standing to bring a challenge to a false entry in the Senate Journal, <u>Urban Justice Ctr. v.</u>
 <u>Pataki</u>, 38 A.D.3d 20, p. 27 (1st Dept., 2006), *cf.* <u>Ohrenstein v. Thompson</u>, 82 A.D.2d 670 (*see*, Mahoney, J., concurring opinion).
- 36. Because the Court's inquiry must stop at the presentation of the Roll Calls of the Senate preserved in the Journal, <u>Heimbach</u>, supra., <u>Ohrenstein</u> supra., the copy of an affidavit by Keith St. John, executed in connection

with a different proceeding, and appended to the Memorandum of Law is incompetent to impeach the record preserved in the journal. Should this Court determine otherwise, Petitioners respectfully reserve the right to present their own witnesses and evidence at a hearing.

- 37. Justice Mahoney went further and stated, "[i]t is imperative that we allow this *direct* attack on the accuracy of the Senate Journal in view of decisions which have held journal entries binding on courts when their accuracy has been *collaterally* attacked (<u>Citing, People ex rel. Durham Realty Corp. v. La Fetra</u>, 195 A.D. 280, 286, aff'd 230 NY 429; <u>City of Rye v. Ronan</u>, 67 Misc. 2d 972, 977, aff'd 40 A.D.2d 950; cf. <u>Loos v City of New York</u>, 257 A.D. 219, 223). Even more recently, the Court has again required that the public is bound by the content of the Journals. See <u>Heimbach v. State</u>, 59 N.Y. 2d 891 (1983) (a concededly absent senator counted as a "yes" vote on controversial legislation).
- 38. Here, the accuracy of the Journal of June 8, 2009 should not be in question, assuming it has not been tampered with by Respondent.
- 39. The Journal will have no record of sessions participated in by Senators on subsequent dates—solely because the Secretary has subscribed to a legal fiction that it is invalid. The memorandum states that "there have been no secret sessions in the Chamber." Resp's Memo p. 13. But in truth, there have been, since the Secretary has been willfully blind to the actions of the Body since June 8, 2009. While the issue of whether or not Malcolm Smith is Temporary President is not justiciable, and should not be

justiciable, this proceeding is in its very nature much different, and the action sought is much different, and is a permissible intrusion of the Court.

- 40. Senate Rule V, § 3 states: "It shall be the duty of the Secretary to have the journals, bills, calendars, messages and other documents printed and distributed in the manner provided by law. He or she shall present to the Governor, and enter upon the journals, such bills as shall have originated in the Senate and shall have been passed by both houses. He or she shall, subject to the Rules of the Senate, transmit to the Assembly all bills or concurrent resolutions which have passed the Senate." There is nothing in this language that gives the Secretary discretion as to when he should exercise these duties.
- 41. By usurping the authority of the Body, he has re-written both law, Rule and Constitution in the furtherance of his own agenda. It is interesting to note that Respondent claims that there is "no basis" to the assertion that "the doors of the Senate Chamber be, and remain open." Apparently, Article III §10 of the Constitution, which requires just that, has escaped his notice during the nearly six full months that he has held this position.
- 42. The relevant fact is that Aponte has not kept the chamber opened in accordance with the directives of the Constitution.
- 43. The laws of this State require that the doors of the Senate Chamber be, and remain open. The Constitution of the State of New York, Article III, §10, and Rule XI of the Senate Rules require that the chambers be open.

- 44. If the Chamber is not opened, it is impossible for members to get to their desks to see what legislation has been placed thereon (all bills must "age" for three days from when they are placed on Senators' desks as required by Article III, §14.)
- 45. Simply put, Aponte has assured that Senators are prevented from reviewing the Journal, Calendars, and other legislative materials distributed today as they were when the Senate Chamber was first occupied in 1881. This procedure is part of the fundamental notion of notice to legislators so that they might have an opportunity to review and deliberate on bills, and other legislative matters.
- 46. The points of the memorandum of law handed up to this Court are little more than an amalgam of the brief in Smith v. Espada, claims that this action is identical thereto, and political musings that, despite the roll call vote recorded in the Senate Journal, Angelo Aponte decides who the Temporary President of the Senate is.
- 47. While it is clear that Aponte's actions are designed to effectuate a political purpose of protecting Malcolm Smith, his political patron, his base motives merely underscore the fact that he is not performing his job duties.
- 48. The fact that Malcolm Smith may have directed Aponte to keep the chamber locked (p. 13, Resp. Memorandum of Law), and to prevent the Senators from entering the Chamber, is of no moment.

- 49. The Respondent's memorandum of law ridicules the Petitioner for their fear that Aponte is destroying Senate documents in an attempt to create a revisionist history that suits him.
- 50. Your affirmant has been a counsel with the legislature for over twenty years. As such he is familiar with the documents that are used to record the actions of the Senate and the adoption of measures by the respective houses of the legislature.
- 51. The documents that reflect and record legislative activity include the <u>Legislative Digest</u> (a bound volume, updated regularly during the legislative session), and the updates for the digest published daily, commonly referred to as "the daily sheets." These documents, published by the Legislative Bill Drafting Commission, reflect the entries in the original records of the Senate and Assembly.
- 52. The "daily sheets" for June 5 8, 2009 reflect that Senate Resolution 2475by Senator Libous was adopted on June 8, 2009, EXHIBIT 1 hereto.
- 53. This matches the Journal entries of June 8, 2009, Exhibit A to the Petition.
- 54. Mysteriously, when the bound volume for January 7 to June 12 was published the Libous resolution, No. 2475, disappeared, EXHIBIT 2 hereto.
- 55. Petitioner's fears of Aponte's nefarious activities are well founded, and as this Court can see, they have roots in documentary evidence.
- 56. The Respondent's memorandum of law accuses the Petitioners of refusing to engage in negotiation and compromise to bring to an end the current

crisis in the Senate. This is simply untrue. Negotiations continue at the Capitol even now.

- 57. This rhetoric is another distraction from the core issues in this case. It is an attempt by Aponte to avoid change by denying its existence, altering the records of the events of June 8, 2009 and standing directly in the path of Senators seeking to do the jobs they were elected to do.
- 58. The Respondent's argument that Petitioners have failed to name necessary parties in this proceeding is most interesting because it seeks to distract from the substantive claims in this action and to paint this case with the same brush used by Malcolm Smith in <u>Smith v. Espada</u>.
- 59. This Court, *sub silentio*, rejected Senator Espada's contentions that necessary parties had not been named in that suit. The underlying facts of that case had a number of Senators whose committee chairmanships and leadership positions were revoked, see Exhibit A to the Petition.
- 60. While the Petitioners are certain that Respondent Aponte has afflicted a number of Senators with his obstructionist tactics; there is not a need to include every member of the Senate as parties here.
- 61. Additionally, since the Petitioners do not seek a judgment declaring Senators Skelos and Espada as elected to their leadership positions, they are not necessary parties.
- 62. Petitioners merely seek to bind Aponte, as an administrative functionary, to the Constitution, Law, Rules and the Resolutions of the Senate as reflected in the Journal.

63. Contrary to what is contended by Respondent in his memorandum of law, Petitioners do not seek an injunction against Aponte preventing him from doing his job. Petitioners seek an order that he not perform his duties in an arbitrary and capricious manner. This is not prevented by CPLR 6313.

64. This is entirely different from Senator Smith's application for a declaratory judgment. It is entirely consistent with Article 78 CPLR.
WHEREFORE, Petitioners respectfully demand an order and judgment of this Court granting the relief requested in the Petition and Order to Show Cause, together with such other, further and different relief as the Court may deem to be just and proper in the premises.

DATED: June 26, 2009

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EXHIBIT 1

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SENATE RESOLUTIONS

- L2465 FUSCHILLO --Honoring Stanley Drucker upon the occasion of his retirement from the New York Philharmonic...... 06/08/09 REF TO FIN COM
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- L2474 GRIFFO -- Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary of Whitestown American Legion Post 1113...... 06/08/09 REF TO FIN COM
- 2475 LIBOUS -- Provides for the election of Pedro Espada, Jr. as Temporary President of the Senate and Dean G. Skelos as Vice President Pro Tempore and Majority Leader: '09-'10...... 06/08/09 ADOPTED

SENATE BILLS AMENDED

- 1145A En Con L. Sulfur emissions 1340A Study sex abuse in prisons 2528A RPT L. assess review; limit part 2715A Pub Serv. renewable energy 3180B Pub Heal. reimbursements 3499A Ins. share certs: credit unions 3613A Town. Windsor building inspector 3664A Pub Aut. bonus prohibition 3854B Ad Cd. rnwl lease; stabilztn code 4064A Elder L. NY long trm insuranc pln 4111A Gen Bus L. prescription info Ed L. BOCES powers 4117A 4143A Exec. est mentoring prog 4302A CP L. univ plce ofcr emplyt area Pub Serv. farm waste net energy 4303A 4589B Pub Heal, unif letter grade: food 4602A Ins, health ins demo program 4691A Soc Serv. recrd abuse htline call 4817A Gen Bus L. debt collect agencies 5182A ABC. restaurant brewer license Notify feds diplomatic immunity 5222A 5280A V & T L. traff cntrl photo vio 5287A V & T L. prohib idle 5598A Gen Mun. empire zone certificaton 5675A Ag & Mkts. dog officer training 5734A CP L. sealing of records
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L2472 LIBOUS -- Mourning the death of Sally B. Sanfilippo, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community

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L2473 PARKER -- Commending Community Board 17 upon the occasion of hosting the Youth Happen'n Day 2009 event

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L2474 GRIFFO -- Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary of Whitestown American Legion Post 1113

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L2432 GOLDEN -- Honoring Andrew Zucaro upon the occasion of receiving the Humanitarian Award from the Italian Board of Guardians 06/05/09 REFERRED TO FINANCE

L2433 PARKER -- Commending the Asian American Business Development Center upon the occasion of hosting the Outstanding 50 Asian Americans in Business Award Cere-

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L2434 THOMPSON -- Commending Juneteenth of Buf-falo, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting the 34th Consecutive Juneteenth Festival

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L2435 THOMPSON -- Commemorating the celebration of Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, 2009, in recognition of all fa-thers throughout the State of New York 06/05/09 REFERRED TO FINANCE

L2436 OPPENHEIMER -- Recognizing October 18-24, 2009, as National Friends of the Library Week 06/05/09 REFERRED TO FINANCE

L2437 NOZZOLIO -- Congratulating Neetu Chandak upon the occasion of competing in the 2009 Scripps National Spelling Bee Same as A-L 713

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L2438 NOZZOLIO -- Congratulating Pat Genovese upon the occasion of her induction as a member of the Class of 2009 National Lacrosse Hall of Fame 06/05/09 REFERRED TO FINANCE

2439 VALESKY -- Requires fiscal notes on bills providing for an increase or decrease in revenues or mandating the appropriation or expenditure of moneys in any political subdivision

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L2440 PERKINS -- Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Apollo Theater on 125th Street in Harlem, New York 06/05/09 REFERRED TO FINANCE

L2441 PERKINS, ADAMS, BRESLIN, DILAN, DUANE, ESPADA, HASSELL-THOMPSON, HUNTLEY, KRUEGER, KRUGER, MONSERRATE, MONTGOMERY, PARKER, SAMPSON, SCHNEIDERMAN, SERRANO, SQUADRON, STEWART-COUSINS, THOMPSON, VALESKY -- Memorializing Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim June 2009 as Torture Awareness Month in the State of New York 06/05/09 REFERRED TO FINANCE

L2442 BONACIC -- Commemorating the 100th Anniver-sary of St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church in Youngsville, New York

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L2443 BONACIC -- Commemorating the Fifth Annual Woodstock Volunteers' Day 06/05/09 REFERRED TO FINANCE

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L2445 ALESI -- Commending Pittsford Youth Services, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary 06/05/09 REFERRED TO FINANCE

L2446 PARKER -- Memorializing Governor David A. Pa-terson to proclaim July of 2009 as Peruvian History Month in the State of New York

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L2447 WINNER -- Commending Lt. John Day upon the occasion of being posthumously honored as the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Police Officer of the Year

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