BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL SESSION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1997

The Legislature convened at 5:30 P.M. with a call to order by the Chair, Daniel A. Schofield.

The Second Deputy Clerk, Sharon Exley, read the fire exit announcement and called the Attendance Roll:
Present - 17, Absent - 2 (Mrs. Sweet & Mr. Whalen)

The Chair, Mr. Schofield, led the members of the Legislature in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of silent meditation.

The Clerk, Richard Blythe, was asked by the Chair to read the resolution titles and record the votes as follows:

RESOLUTIONS HELD OVER FROM THE PREVIOUS SESSION OF DECEMBER 18, 1997:

RESOLUTION NO. 592 (Held over by Mrs. Coffey)
by COUNTY ADMINISTRATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE
Seconded by Mrs. Coffey
RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 9, 1997, ENTITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE BROOME COUNTY CHARTER AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO CREATE A DIVISION OF PURCHASING."

Carried. Ayes-16, Nays-1 (Coffey), Absent-2 (Sweet & Whalen)

RESOLUTION NO. 605 (Held over by Mr. Pasquale)
by COUNTY ADMINISTRATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &
PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES
Seconded by Mr. Shafer
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF
AGREEMENT WITH PEARIS, RESSEGUIE, KLINE, BARBER
AND LEBOUS FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH RESPECT TO
PENDING LITIGATION.**

Carried.
Ayes-13 Augostini, Burger, Harbachuk, Howard, Hudak, Hull, Lindsey,
          Mather, Miller, O'Day, Shafer, Wike & Schofield
Nays-4   Brunza, Coffey, Kavulich & Pasquale
Absent-2 Sweet & Whalen

Mr. Burger moved, seconded by Mr. Shafer to **suspend the rules** for the
purpose of introducing a resolution against 'Child Labor.'

The suspension of the rules **carried.** Ayes-17, Nays-0, Absent-2 (Sweet
& Whalen)

RESOLUTION NO. 618
by COUNTY ADMINISTRATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Seconded by Mr. Shafer

RESOLUTION AGAINST CHILD LABOR AND 'SWEATSHOPS'.

WHEREAS, we believe that in our global economy, human rights protections are every bit as important as corporate rights, and

WHEREAS, we do not want U. S.-based multinational corporations pitting the U.S. worker against the poor in the developing world in a race to the bottom line competing over who will accept the lowest wages and benefits and the most miserable working conditions, and

WHEREAS, we need to lift human rights standards around the world, not lower them, and

WHEREAS, we affirm the dignity of life over corporate greed, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this County Legislature calls upon Companies to clean up their factories and hire the parents and older brothers and sisters of the very young people they employ, and strictly respect local laws requiring young people to attend school, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this County Legislature calls upon Corporations to respect internationally recognized human and worker rights, with their actions and not just their words, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this County Legislature calls upon Corporations to pay wages tied to the basic cost of living in each country, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this County Legislature calls upon the stores in our community to reflect upon how they might be

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contributing to such conditions in the selling of items made under such conditions and refrain from stocking such items in the future as their conscience dictates, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this County Legislature calls upon the people in our community to reflect upon how they might be contributing to such conditions in the buying of items made under such conditions and refrain from buying such items in the future as their conscience dictates, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this County Legislature send a copy of this Resolution be sent to President Bill Clinton, Senator Daniel P. Moynihan, Senator Alfonse D'Amato, Representative Sherwood Bohlert, Representative James Walsh and Representative Maurice Hinchey.

Carried. Ayes-17, Nays-0, Absent-2 (Sweet & Whalen)

Mr. Augostini moved, seconded by Mr. Shafer to **adjourn** at approximately 5:40 P.M.

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