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NEW YORK STATE SENATE

THE STENOGRAPHIC RECORD

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May 18, 2026

11:36 a.m.

REGULAR SESSION

SENATOR SHELLEY B. MAYER, Acting President

ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Senate  
3 will come to order.

4 I ask everyone to please rise and  
5 recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

6 (Whereupon, the assemblage recited  
7 the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: In the  
9 absence of clergy, let us bow our heads in a  
10 moment of silent reflection or prayer.

11 (Whereupon, the assemblage respected  
12 a moment of silence.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Reading of  
14 the Journal.

15 THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Friday,  
16 May 15, 2026, the Senate met pursuant to  
17 adjournment. The Journal of Thursday, May 14,  
18 2026, was read and approved. On motion, the  
19 Senate adjourned.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Without  
21 objection, the Journal stands approved as read.

22 Presentation of petitions.

23 Messages from the Assembly.

24 Messages from the Governor.

25 Reports of standing committees.

1 Reports of select committees.

2 Communications and reports from  
3 state officers.

4 Motions and resolutions.

5 Senator Gianaris.

6 SENATOR GIANARIS: Good morning,  
7 Madam President.

8 On behalf of Senator Salazar, I wish  
9 to call up Senate Print 2666A, recalled from the  
10 Assembly, which is now at the desk.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
12 Secretary will read.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
14 597, Senate Print 2666A, by Senator Salazar, an  
15 act to amend the Correction Law.

16 SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to  
17 reconsider the vote by which this bill was  
18 passed.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
20 Secretary will call the roll on reconsideration.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 51.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
24 is restored to its place on the Third Reading  
25 Calendar.

1                   SENATOR GIANARIS:    I offer the  
2 following amendments.

3                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The  
4 amendments are received.

5                   SENATOR GIANARIS:    I also have  
6 amendments to the following Third Reading  
7 Calendar bills:

8                               By Senator Stavisky, page 16,  
9 Calendar 551, Senate Print 7482C;

10                               By Senator Martinez, page 20,  
11 Calendar 670, Senate Print 9409.

12                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The  
13 amendments are received, and the bills will  
14 retain their place on the Third Reading Calendar.  
15 Senator Gianaris.

16                   SENATOR GIANARIS:    There will be an  
17 immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in  
18 Room 332. The Senate stands at ease.

19                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    There will  
20 be an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in  
21 Room 332, and the Senate will stand at ease.

22                               (Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease  
23 at 11:38 a.m.)

24                               (Whereupon, the Senate reconvened at  
25 11:44 a.m.)

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The Senate  
2 will return to order.

3                   Senator Gianaris.

4                   SENATOR GIANARIS:    Madam President,  
5 there's a report of the Rules Committee at the  
6 desk. Please take that up.

7                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The  
8 Secretary will read.

9                   THE SECRETARY:    Senator  
10 Stewart-Cousins, from the Committee on Rules,  
11 reports the following bill:

12                                 Senate Print 10520, by  
13 Senator Serrano, an act making appropriations for  
14 the support of government.

15                                 The bill reports direct to third  
16 reading.

17                   SENATOR GIANARIS:    I move to accept  
18 the report of the Rules Committee.

19                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    All those  
20 in favor of accepting the report of the  
21 Rules Committee please signify by saying aye.

22                                 (Response of "Aye.")

23                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Opposed,  
24 nay.

25                                 (Response of "Nay.")

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The report  
2   of the Rules Committee is accepted.

3                   Senator Gianaris.

4                   SENATOR GIANARIS:    Please take up  
5   the supplemental calendar.

6                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The  
7   Secretary will read.

8                   THE SECRETARY:    Calendar Number  
9   1123, Senate Print 10520, by Senator Serrano, an  
10  act making appropriations for the support of  
11  government.

12                  SENATOR GIANARIS:    Is there a  
13  message of necessity and appropriation at the  
14  desk?

15                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    There is a  
16  message of necessity and appropriation at the  
17  desk.

18                  SENATOR GIANARIS:    I move to accept  
19  the message.

20                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    All those  
21  in favor of accepting the message please signify  
22  by saying aye.

23                  (Response of "Aye.")

24                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Opposed,  
25  nay.

1 (Response of "Nay.")

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
3 message is accepted, and the bill is before the  
4 house.

5 SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
7 is laid aside.

8 Senator Gianaris, that completes the  
9 reading of the supplemental calendar.

10 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,  
11 we're going to stand at ease momentarily while we  
12 await the Senators who will be debating the bill.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Senate  
14 will stand at ease.

15 (Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease  
16 at 11:45 a.m.)

17 (Whereupon, the Senate reconvened at  
18 11:46 a.m.)

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
20 Gianaris.

21 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,  
22 let's take up the controversial supplemental  
23 calendar, please.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
25 Secretary will ring the bell.

1                   The Secretary will read.

2                   THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
3     1123, Senate Print 10520, by Senator Serrano, an  
4     act making appropriations for the support of  
5     government.

6                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:     Senator  
7     O'Mara, why do you rise?

8                   SENATOR O'MARA:     Good morning,  
9     Madam President.

10                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:     Good  
11     morning.

12                  SENATOR O'MARA:     I was wondering if  
13     the sponsor of this budget extender is willing to  
14     answer a few questions.

15                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:     Senator  
16     Serrano, do you yield?

17                  SENATOR SERRANO:     Yes.

18                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:     The  
19     Senator yields.

20                  SENATOR O'MARA:     Senator, it's  
21     Monday morning, just before noon. Can you tell  
22     us where we are in the status of closing down  
23     this budget and actually getting budget bills to  
24     vote on?

25                  SENATOR SERRANO:     Through you,

1 Madam President. Thank you for that question,  
2 Senator O'Mara.

3 It certainly is Monday morning, and  
4 I'm very happy to report that this is our  
5 13th extender. But I do feel that we are closer  
6 than we've ever been to getting this budget  
7 completed.

8 We certainly are in the final stages  
9 of putting all the things together. But  
10 certainly this extender before us allows for the  
11 continuation of state government and for certain  
12 payments that are due, and ensures that we can  
13 have a functioning government.

14 SENATOR O'MARA: Thank you.

15 Madam President, will the Senator  
16 continue to yield?

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you  
18 continue to yield?

19 SENATOR SERRANO: Yes.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
21 Senator yields.

22 SENATOR O'MARA: Senator, this  
23 extender brings us an additional \$8 billion in  
24 spending, approximately, a total of nearly  
25 \$32 billion in total of extenders, which takes us

1 over 15 percent of last year's entire budget.

2 So I think it's important that we  
3 get this budget done and wrapped up.

4 But a couple of the particulars on  
5 this extender. It has in there \$5.9 million for  
6 school aid, to district payments. Can you tell  
7 us how much so far the total paid out to school  
8 districts during this budget extension period has  
9 been?

10 SENATOR SERRANO: Through you,  
11 Madam President. Senator O'Mara, approximately  
12 \$8.2 billion has been paid out.

13 SENATOR O'MARA: Through you,  
14 Madam President, if the Senator will continue to  
15 yield.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you  
17 continue to yield?

18 SENATOR SERRANO: Yes.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
20 Senator yields.

21 SENATOR O'MARA: So as we all know,  
22 school budgets are being voted on tomorrow.

23 Do you have any further information  
24 for us on what our school districts can expect  
25 and what they're going to receive in this year's

1 budget if and when it ever gets finalized?

2 SENATOR SERRANO: Through you,  
3 Madam President. Certainly empathize with the  
4 school districts throughout the state who are  
5 probably concerned that we don't have a budget  
6 yet.

7 But the Executive Budget did  
8 highlight a certain amount for school aid. Our  
9 Senate one-house built upon that by a certain  
10 percentage. Those are good guides.

11 And a contingency budget or a  
12 contingency plan by school districts I think  
13 would probably be in order until we have a final  
14 enacted budget.

15 SENATOR O'MARA: Thank you.

16 Through you, Madam President, if the  
17 Senator will continue to yield.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you  
19 continue to yield?

20 SENATOR SERRANO: Yup.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
22 Senator yields.

23 SENATOR O'MARA: Senator, this  
24 extender, in addition to that 5.9 million in  
25 additional school aid distributions, has a

1 payment of 4.8 million in particular to the  
2 Yonkers City School District.

3 Is that included in that  
4 5.9 million? And if not, what is that for?

5 SENATOR SERRANO: Through you,  
6 Madam President. It's a separate number. It's a  
7 spin-up, as has been done in prior years.

8 These payments really are contingent  
9 upon the timing of them, and that is why this is  
10 in this particular extender.

11 But beyond that, this is -- this  
12 extender is what is known as a clean extender  
13 without a whole lot of extra stuff in it.

14 SENATOR O'MARA: Through you,  
15 Madam President, if the Senator will continue to  
16 yield.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you  
18 continue to yield?

19 SENATOR SERRANO: Yes.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
21 Senator yields.

22 SENATOR O'MARA: Senator, I just  
23 don't recall whether the prior extenders had had  
24 a separate line in them for Yonkers, and if so,  
25 how much.

1                   And can you explain what you mean by  
2 a spin-up?

3                   (Pause.)

4                   SENATOR SERRANO:    Through you,  
5 Madam President.

6                   By "spin-up" it means advance of  
7 payment.  This is something that has been done in  
8 prior years, it's been done for different school  
9 districts throughout the state.  So certainly  
10 there is precedent for it.

11                   But again, because we do not have a  
12 final enacted budget at this time, and that these  
13 payments are critical and due, it is necessary  
14 for it to be in this extender.

15                   SENATOR O'MARA:    Thank you,  
16 Senator.

17                   Madam President, if the Senator will  
18 continue to yield.

19                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:   Do you  
20 continue to yield?

21                   SENATOR SERRANO:    Yup.

22                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:   The  
23 Senator yields.

24                   SENATOR O'MARA:    Senator, can you  
25 tell us what the remaining issues are in this

1 budget that have yet to be closed out?

2 SENATOR SERRANO: Through you,  
3 Madam President. As has been widely reported,  
4 there are a number of different issues that we  
5 are in the process of closing down.

6 And I think all interested parties  
7 have been working very diligently, and staffs  
8 have been doing an amazing job on pulling  
9 together all the numbers and making sure the math  
10 adds up.

11 And I think the issues that sort of  
12 have prevented us from finalizing this budget  
13 have been resolved more and more. And I feel  
14 very confident that in the next few days we will  
15 see resolution and get us closer to printing of  
16 bills, the final nine bills that we will need to  
17 enact this budget.

18 SENATOR O'MARA: Thank you,  
19 Senator.

20 Madam President, if the Senator will  
21 continue to yield.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you  
23 continue to yield?

24 SENATOR SERRANO: Yes.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The

1 Senator yields.

2 SENATOR O'MARA: As you stated, we  
3 have nine budget bills to do. When do you expect  
4 the first of those to be in print?

5 SENATOR SERRANO: Through you,  
6 Madam President. It's difficult to say. I do  
7 not want to speculate.

8 I do believe that it will be sooner  
9 rather than later. We certainly need to get this  
10 done. I share your frustration and everyone's  
11 frustration with the lateness of this budget.

12 However, in a state like New York  
13 with such a large, complex set of issues to be  
14 dealt with and the many different regions and --  
15 we -- it is far more important to have a good  
16 budget than an on-time budget, although deadlines  
17 do matter.

18 But I think the process has been I  
19 think a result of a very thoughtful and  
20 comprehensive approach to this budget. So I feel  
21 that in the next few days we will have some sort  
22 of indication of when we will begin to close all  
23 this down.

24 SENATOR O'MARA: Thank you,  
25 Senator.

1                   Madam President, if the Senator will  
2 continue to yield.

3                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Do you  
4 continue to yield?

5                   SENATOR SERRANO:    Yes.

6                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The  
7 Senator yields.

8                   SENATOR O'MARA:    Senator, I agree  
9 with you that this is a large state.  It's  
10 certainly a very large-spending state.  And the  
11 budget is complicated.  But it's complicated  
12 every year.  And April 1st comes on April 1st  
13 every year.  We know when that's coming.

14                   And the fact that just I believe  
15 it's dysfunctional that we're not able to wrap  
16 this up by April 1st every year, and now we're  
17 seven weeks late coming into this.

18                   Can you tell us, Senator, why does  
19 this extender only go until Wednesday, only for  
20 two days?

21                   SENATOR SERRANO:    Through you,  
22 Madam President.  The timing of the extenders and  
23 the length of time which they cover is -- it  
24 depends on what we're given.  This isn't  
25 something that we dictate, this is what we were

1 given.

2 And they vary. Sometimes they go  
3 for more days or for less. But this is what we  
4 have before us.

5 SENATOR O'MARA: Thank you,  
6 Senator.

7 Madam President, if the Senator will  
8 continue to yield.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you  
10 continue to yield?

11 SENATOR SERRANO: Yes.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
13 Senator yields.

14 SENATOR O'MARA: Senator, one of  
15 the issues I think that's still considered to be  
16 outstanding is the -- any changes, if any, to the  
17 Tier 6 retirement system. It's been at least  
18 reported and estimated that there's going to be a  
19 cost of \$500 million to that.

20 Can you tell us what changes are  
21 going to be made in this final Tier 6 bill? And  
22 is that \$500 million a cost to the state or a  
23 cost to the state and the local governments that  
24 share in the retirement contributions?

25 SENATOR SERRANO: Through you,

1 Madam President. I cannot speculate on any final  
2 deals when it comes to that issue. Without  
3 budget language in front of me to review, it's  
4 hard to know exactly what those details will be.  
5 So I certainly don't want to speculate.

6 SENATOR O'MARA: Thank you.

7 Madam President, if there's any  
8 Senator that knows where the Tier 6 issue and  
9 would be happy to answer a question, I'd be happy  
10 to ask them.

11 SENATOR SERRANO: Through you,  
12 Madam President. The bill before us does not  
13 deal with that.

14 We are voting on an extender which  
15 will ensure -- we should do it within the next  
16 few minutes -- will ensure that we can meet  
17 payroll, will ensure that we can pay for certain  
18 things that we are obligated to do so.

19 And it will ensure that we have a  
20 functioning state government until we have a  
21 final enacted budget.

22 SENATOR O'MARA: Thank you.

23 Madam President, if the Senator will  
24 continue to yield.

25 And I'll take that answer as nobody

1 else here knows where we stand on that issue.

2 Senator, is there any Senator  
3 present in the Majority that knows where we stand  
4 on any of the major policy issues that have been  
5 outstanding -- the Tier 6, the pied-à-terre tax,  
6 other benefits for -- added benefits for New York  
7 City, other issues that are outstanding? Can  
8 anybody tell us where any of those issues stand?

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
10 O'Mara, Senator Serrano is the sponsor of the  
11 bill and he's designated to respond to the  
12 questions.

13 SENATOR O'MARA: Madam President,  
14 I'm asking if any other Senator here knows the  
15 answers to those questions.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Yes, I  
17 understand. But you're asking the sponsor of the  
18 bill, Senator Serrano. So I'm just suggesting  
19 that he is the one who's responsible.

20 SENATOR O'MARA: I am really asking  
21 the Senate Majority if anybody here has  
22 information on where we stand on these budget  
23 items.

24 SENATOR SERRANO: Madam President,  
25 if I could respond.

1                   Certainly those discussions would  
2 not be germane to the bill before us. We have a  
3 bill that we need to either pass or not pass.  
4 But it is -- certainly the issues on which you're  
5 looking for answers is not part of this extender  
6 bill, and it's not germane to the conversation  
7 right now.

8                   SENATOR O'MARA: Through you,  
9 Madam President. Well, I certainly respectfully  
10 disagree that those questions are not relevant to  
11 this extender, since this extender is the budget  
12 and those issues are budget discussions.

13                   But I realize I'm not going to get  
14 an answer to those questions, as I haven't to any  
15 of other prior 12 extenders that we've done here,  
16 to inform New Yorkers where we stand on this.

17                   If the Senator will continue to  
18 yield.

19                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you  
20 continue to yield?

21                   SENATOR SERRANO: Yes.

22                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Yes, the  
23 Senator yields.

24                   SENATOR O'MARA: Senator, with  
25 regards to the discussions around the

1       pied-à-terre tax that's been discussed for  
2       second homes in New York City, can you tell us  
3       where that stands as the discussions for  
4       expanding that to the entire state?

5                    SENATOR SERRANO:    Through you,  
6       Madam President, I cannot.  I do not have any  
7       additional information on where we stand on that.

8                    And until we have final budget  
9       language, it's hard to speculate.

10                   SENATOR O'MARA:    Through you,  
11       Madam President, if the Senator will continue to  
12       yield.

13                    ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Do you  
14       continue to yield?

15                    SENATOR SERRANO:    Yes.

16                    ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Yes, the  
17       Senator yields.

18                    SENATOR O'MARA:    Senator, what is  
19       the total amount of this budget that is being  
20       considered?  We've heard 268 billion.  Do we have  
21       a -- is that figure nailed down, or is that still  
22       moving?

23                    SENATOR SERRANO:    Through you,  
24       Madam President.  Until we see the final budget,  
25       it's hard to know what that number will be.  It

1 is probably not a fixed number at this point, but  
2 we'll be able to see that as soon as we close  
3 everything down.

4 SENATOR O'MARA: Thank you.

5 Madam President, if the Senator will  
6 continue to yield.

7 SENATOR SERRANO: Yes.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you  
9 continue to yield?

10 Yes, the Senator yields.

11 SENATOR O'MARA: Senator, is there  
12 a schedule for the joint budget conference  
13 committees to meet?

14 SENATOR SERRANO: Through you,  
15 Madam President, no.

16 SENATOR O'MARA: Thank you,  
17 Senator.

18 Madam President, on the bill.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
20 O'Mara on the bill.

21 SENATOR O'MARA: Here we are  
22 rushing to pass another budget extender by noon  
23 so that certain obligations can be met. No more  
24 answers today than we've had in the prior  
25 12 budget extenders.

1                   You know, people around my district  
2 want to know where the budget stands, why it's  
3 not being done, what issues are outstanding, what  
4 issues have been agreed to.

5                   And frankly, they deserve to know.  
6 All New Yorkers deserve to know what is being  
7 negotiated in this budget, because there's little  
8 to no information coming from this  
9 Senate Majority in these prior -- in these  
10 13 budget extenders that we're on now. It is --  
11 it's not good government. We need to be doing  
12 better for the people of New York.

13                   And the people of New York should  
14 have the opportunity to know what's in this  
15 budget so that they can weigh in with us to tell  
16 us what they think about it, tell us where we  
17 should stand on this budget, as we are their  
18 representatives. And leaving them in the dark --  
19 certainly many of these issues I've asked about  
20 have got to be wrapped up, I would assume, or  
21 close thereto.

22                   I don't see why the public can't be  
23 engaged in this conversation that is going on  
24 behind closed doors with three people in a room.

25                   Thank you, Madam President.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Thank you.

2                   Are there any other Senators wishing  
3 to be heard?

4                   Seeing and hearing none, debate is  
5 closed.

6                   Senator Gianaris.

7                   SENATOR GIANARIS:    Madam President,  
8 we've agreed to restore this bill to the  
9 noncontroversial calendar.

10                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill  
11 has been restored to the noncontroversial  
12 calendar.

13                  Read the last section.

14                  THE SECRETARY:    Section 17.  This  
15 act shall take effect immediately.

16                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Call the  
17 roll.

18                  (The Secretary called the roll.)

19                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Announce  
20 the results.

21                  THE SECRETARY:    In relation to  
22 Calendar 1123, voting in the negative are  
23 Senators Rhoads and Weik.

24                  Ayes, 57.  Nays, 2.

25                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill

1 is passed.

2 Senator Gianaris.

3 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,  
4 now let's move on to take up some resolutions.

5 We'll begin with previously adopted  
6 Resolution 1948, by Senator Hinchey. Please read  
7 that resolution's title and call on  
8 Senator Hinchey.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
10 Secretary will read.

11 THE SECRETARY: Resolution 1948, by  
12 Senator Hinchey, commending New York State 4-H  
13 upon the occasion of hosting its 91st Annual  
14 Capital Days on May 17-19, 2026.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
16 Hinchey on the resolution.

17 SENATOR HINCHEY: Thank you,  
18 Madam President.

19 I rise today to celebrate the  
20 leadership of New York's 4-H students. Today we  
21 are honored to welcome 51 4-H delegates to the  
22 Capitol. They have traveled from 23 counties  
23 across our state for the 91st Annual 4-H  
24 Capital Days conference.

25 For nearly a century, 4-H students

1 have chosen to step out of the classroom and into  
2 the halls of government, taking it upon  
3 themselves to advocate for the issues they care  
4 about most.

5           When I meet 4-H'ers out in my  
6 district, including at the fairgrounds in Ulster,  
7 Columbia, Dutchess and Greene counties, I'm  
8 consistently struck by their sense of curiosity  
9 and motivation to improve the world around them.

10           Whether they are learning about the  
11 latest in agritech, animal science, horticulture  
12 or sustainable farming it practices, these  
13 delegates are gaining the knowledge and hands-on  
14 skills that will help shape the future.

15           Just as importantly, they are  
16 developing the critical thinking and innovation  
17 needed for the next generation to carry this and  
18 many other vital industries forward.

19           4-H'ers are four times more likely  
20 to give back to their communities, four times  
21 more likely to feel a sense of inner confidence,  
22 and two times more likely to hold leadership  
23 positions.

24           And thanks to the incredible  
25 4-H educators at CCE, the impact of this program

1 is statewide. 4-H'ers can be found everywhere  
2 from New York City to the Mid-Hudson Valley to  
3 the Capital Region and Western New York.

4 To all of our 4-H students, I urge  
5 you to continue challenging the status quo,  
6 widening your perspective, and stepping boldly  
7 into the leadership that we need today.

8 I'm excited to welcome a few of  
9 these student leaders here, including a 4-H'er  
10 from Hillsdale, in my Senate district, Nathan.  
11 All of these students were selected to serve on  
12 the Teen Planning Committee during this year's  
13 4-H conference.

14 Students -- Nathan, you can stand.  
15 I'll call you, too, but you should stand.

16 (Laughter.)

17 SENATOR HINCHEY: Celes Paratore.  
18 Lili Ruepp. Nathan Foster, from Hillsdale.  
19 Ashley Niefergold. Emerson Swimelar. Sophie  
20 Townsend. And Emma Copeland.

21 And Chaperones Rebecca  
22 Ireland-Perry, chair of the Capital Days  
23 Conference; Adam Davis, extension support  
24 specialist at Cornell University, leader of the  
25 Teen Planning Committee for the conference; and

1 Tammi Kron, 4-H livestock educator for  
2 Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County,  
3 leader of the Teen Planning Committee for the  
4 conference.

5 We appreciate all of you so much for  
6 being here, for your leadership, and for taking  
7 on all of the challenges that we see today.  
8 Having you and all of your fellow 4-H'ers  
9 stepping forward into the spotlight, making sure  
10 that we actually have young people who are  
11 engaged in this moment is so critical, and for  
12 that we thank you.

13 I think there's at least another  
14 conversation on the reso, but after that,  
15 Madam Speaker, I'd love for you to offer them the  
16 cordialities of the chamber.

17 Thank you.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Yes, we  
19 will.

20 Senator Borrello on the resolution.

21 SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you,  
22 Madam President.

23 I want to echo the sentiments of our  
24 chairwoman of Agriculture and welcome you all to  
25 the chamber and to Albany.

1                   Ninety-one years of advocacy, of  
2                   engagement -- this is what 4-H is all about. I  
3                   know everyone thinks of 4-H as an agricultural  
4                   organization, but it is a leadership  
5                   organization, building the leaders of tomorrow  
6                   here in Albany and across New York State.

7                   Thank you for doing this, for  
8                   understanding and engaging. What you do is  
9                   important, and it matters.

10                  For those of you that are here to  
11                  chaperone them, to guide them, thank you also.  
12                  Besides food, we're growing leaders here in  
13                  New York State.

14                  So thank you very much. God bless  
15                  you for being here.

16                  And again, Madam President, please  
17                  welcome them.

18                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,  
19                  Senator Borrello.

20                  Senator Helming on the resolution.

21                  SENATOR HELMING: Thank you,  
22                  Madam President.

23                  I rise today to support this  
24                  resolution and to recognize the positive impact  
25                  that 4-H continues to have on young people across

1 our entire state.

2 I also want to offer a special  
3 acknowledgment to the 4-H members who are here  
4 from my district, from Ontario County and from  
5 Wayne County. Thank you so much for being here  
6 and for the great work you do representing our  
7 community so well.

8 Your hard work, your dedication, and  
9 your willingness to get involved are exactly what  
10 make programs like 4-H so important.

11 And to the leaders who are here, I  
12 want to also thank you for making these  
13 opportunities available. You invest so much  
14 time, energy -- and I know from some of you, even  
15 your own financial resources -- to create these  
16 wonderful opportunities for our next generation  
17 of leaders.

18 So to everyone involved with 4-H, to  
19 CCE, thank you.

20 I proudly vote yes on this reso.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,  
22 Senator Helming.

23 To our guests from 4-H and your  
24 leadership, we welcome you to the Senate. We  
25 thank you for your presence here today. We

1 extend privileges and cordialities of the house  
2 to you.

3 Please rise and be recognized.  
4 (Standing ovation.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
6 Gianaris.

7 SENATOR GIANARIS: Let's now move  
8 on to previously adopted Resolution 2054, by  
9 Senator Mattera, read that resolution's title and  
10 call on Senator Mattera.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
12 previous resolution was adopted on April 28th.

13 The Secretary will read.

14 THE SECRETARY: Resolution 2054, by  
15 Senator Mattera, memorializing Governor Kathy  
16 Hochul to proclaim May 18, 2026, as  
17 Italian American Day in the State of New York.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
19 Mattera on the resolution.

20 SENATOR MATTERA: Thank you,  
21 Madam President. This is a very, very special  
22 day.

23 Buongiorno a tutti!

24 I would also like to first  
25 acknowledge and thank our president of the

1 Italian American Conference, Assemblyman Angelo  
2 "Judge" Morinello.

3 And thank you to all the staff and  
4 the Senate and the Assembly members for all the  
5 hard work to make sure this is a very, very  
6 special day, especially to be an Italian  
7 American.

8 As the proud vice president of the  
9 New York Conference of Italian American  
10 Legislators, it is truly an honor to stand before  
11 this body today as we formally recognize and  
12 celebrate Italian American Day in the State of  
13 New York.

14 Today is about heritage. It is  
15 about sacrifice. It is about resilience. And it  
16 is about recognizing the extraordinary impact  
17 Italian Americans have had on the State of  
18 New York and on the United States of America.

19 There are more than 3 million proud  
20 Italian Americans living in New York State today.  
21 Their families and ancestors help build this  
22 state and this nation. Italian Americans were  
23 instrumental in building New York City into the  
24 greatest city in the world, from bridges to  
25 tunnels to subways to roads, to skyscrapers and

1 infrastructure, and to define our skyline.

2 Italian laborers and tradesmen  
3 physically built this city and New York State  
4 with their bare hands, blood, sweat and tears.  
5 They worked dangerous jobs. They endured  
6 discrimination. They were often treated  
7 terribly. And for many years they did not  
8 receive the respect they deserved.

9 The history is personal for me. My  
10 grandfather, Mario Lanza Mattera, came to America  
11 from Naples when he was just only 16 years old,  
12 frightened. For most of my life I believed his  
13 name was changed at Ellis Island because someone  
14 misspelled it. But the truth is much more  
15 painful.

16 My uncle Louie told me the story at  
17 the Vets -- this is at the Vets Home at  
18 Stony Brook. He changed his name because he  
19 could not get a job. He changed his name to  
20 Mario Maters. Which, believe it or not, my uncle  
21 still has the last name Maters. It got changed  
22 in the '40s, and they didn't change it back  
23 because there was too much problems.

24 My grandfather survived. He worked  
25 hard, raised a family and owned two restaurants,

1 one in Manhattan and one in Island Park. Which  
2 our great Congressman D'Amato used to go there  
3 all the time.

4 Changed his name back to Mario Lanza  
5 Mattera in the '40s. That is the reality many  
6 Italian immigrants faced when they came to this  
7 country legally and in search of opportunity and  
8 a better life for their families.

9 Yet despite those hardships, they  
10 persevered. They built businesses, they built  
11 neighborhoods, they built churches, they built  
12 unions. They survived in our military -- excuse  
13 me, they served in our military. They protected  
14 our communities as police officers and  
15 firefighters, and became elected officials. And  
16 then they helped shape the economy and culture --  
17 the backbone of New York State.

18 Today Italian Americans are leaders  
19 in every field imaginable: Public service,  
20 business, law enforcement, labor, education,  
21 sports, healthcare, construction, entertainment,  
22 and charity organizations.

23 Their achievements serve as a  
24 powerful reminder of the importance of honoring  
25 those who paved a way for future generations.

1                   This proclamation also aligns with  
2 Italy's national holiday, Festa della Repubblica  
3 Italiana, commemorating the historic day the  
4 Italian people voted to establish a democratic  
5 republic.

6                   That shared milestone gives us an  
7 opportunity to celebrate our heritage both here  
8 in New York and abroad.

9                   As somebody deeply proud of my  
10 Italian roots, I am mindful every day that I  
11 stand on the shoulders of those who came before  
12 me. And I am honored to help preserve their  
13 enduring legacy, especially keeping Columbus Day  
14 as Columbus Day only, an Italian American  
15 holiday.

16                   In that spirit, the New York State  
17 Conference of Italian American Legislators is  
18 proud to recognize several exceptional Italian  
19 American New Yorkers, whose leadership and  
20 dedication continue to inspire future  
21 generations, and who are up in the gallery here  
22 today.

23                   New York Islander Kyle Palmieri.

24                   Mark Coppola.

25                   John Durso, a great union leader and

1 friend, who protects the hardworking men and  
2 women of labor every day.

3 Dean Tamburri.

4 Former Assemblyman Mike DenDekker.

5 Former Assemblyman and current  
6 Congressman Andrew Garbarino, who is doing a  
7 great job down in D.C.

8 Additionally, our Legislative  
9 Honorees this year are our brother, our colleague  
10 George Borrello -- no round of applause for that?  
11 I'm sorry. I knowing you're going to get that.  
12 I know you're going to get that -- and  
13 Assembly Minority Leader Ed Ra.

14 Congratulations, Leader Ra, who also  
15 proudly serves as the treasurer of the  
16 conference.

17 Each of these individuals have made  
18 a significant impact on our state and  
19 communities.

20 I would also like to recognize the  
21 distinguished guests joining us up here today.

22 The man that has been a mentor to  
23 me, always works with everybody, cares about  
24 everybody: Robert Fonti, president of the  
25 Italian American Action Committee and liaison to

1 the New York State Order of Sons & Daughters of  
2 Italy in America.

3 Anthony Bonomo Jr., vice president  
4 of the Italian American Action Committee.

5 Anthony Marotta, vice president of  
6 the Italian American Action Committee.

7 Dr. Joseph Scelsa, president and  
8 founder of the New York City Italian American  
9 Museum in Little Italy in Manhattan.

10 Marc Talluto, member of the Italian  
11 American Culture Museum in Albany, and  
12 honorary chairman of the Italian American Action  
13 Committee.

14 Laura Marotta, Venezuelan ambassador  
15 to the Italian American Action Committee.

16 And Antonio "Nino" Vendome,  
17 executive board member of the Italian American  
18 Action Committee.

19 We thank all of you for your  
20 dedication in preserving and promoting Italian  
21 American culture, history, and community.

22 Today, as we celebrate Italian  
23 American Day and Independence Day, we are  
24 reminded that New York's strength comes from  
25 diversity. Every culture, every neighborhood,

1 every family story -- especially at dinnertime,  
2 because no one can get a word in otherwise. But  
3 we have such great, interesting conversation.

4 Every immigrant journey. And, of  
5 course, Italian recipes. We love to eat.  
6 Everybody loves Italian food.

7 Together, Italian Americans helped  
8 build the greatest state, the greatest nation in  
9 the world. And it is only through the same  
10 shared commitment, unity, and hard work that we  
11 will continue to thrive for generations to come.

12 I ask all of my colleagues today to  
13 join me in celebrating Italian American Day and  
14 honoring the countless contributions  
15 Italian Americans have made to our state and  
16 nation.

17 Please join us at the Well for the  
18 Mulberry Street Fair, and especially Festa  
19 tonight.

20 God bless all Italian Americans.  
21 God bless Italy. And especially, God bless the  
22 United States of America.

23 Grazie! Cent'anni! Which means a  
24 hundred years.

25 Oh, Mr. President, please welcome to

1 our chamber all our friends and to extend all  
2 courtesies of the house, and to our honored  
3 guests, and to say thank you so much for coming  
4 up here and spending this special day with us.

5 Thank you.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank  
7 you, Senator Mattera.

8 At the appropriate time, because you  
9 have such a popular resolution so many other  
10 members want to speak on it.

11 Senator Chan on the resolution.

12 SENATOR CHAN: Thank you,  
13 Mr. President.

14 I rise today with a speech much  
15 shorter and sweeter than Senator Mattera's --

16 (Laughter.)

17 SENATOR CHAN: -- like a cannoli.

18 I am from Bensonhurst. My  
19 neighbors are Italian. I rise to recognize some  
20 of my closest friends and neighbors for the  
21 better half of the last five decades. People  
22 that I grew up with. People that -- that I love.

23 And I'm here to give thanks to the  
24 people that welcome all the other communities to  
25 their neighborhood with their hearts, their open

1 arms, their compassion and kindness through all  
2 these decades.

3 It has been a pleasure for me to  
4 live intimately with my Italian friends and  
5 neighbors, who I consider to be my family.

6 And from Pavarotti to Bocelli, from  
7 Verdi to Venuto -- and I'm talking about  
8 Angelo Venuto, the Italian Neil Diamond, right --  
9 from the barometer to the telescope, the piano,  
10 the espresso machine, Italian contributions to  
11 mankind are endless and precious.

12 Oh, yeah, wait (indicating).

13 Pellegrino. Yeah.

14 (Laughter.)

15 SENATOR CHAN: Let us not forget  
16 the famous Dyker Lights, which my house is a part  
17 of every year.

18 Let us not forget the Santo Rosalia  
19 Feast on 18th Avenue enjoyed by everyone across  
20 the boroughs, and everyone loves it.

21 And all the famous local dishes. A  
22 couple of shout outs to some local places.

23 We have Spumoni Gardens. We have  
24 Villabate Bakery, Il Colosseo Restaurant,  
25 Ciccio's Pizza, La Bella Market, Lioni's Italian

1 Heroes, John's Deli, J&B, DJ Ross.

2 St. Athanasius Roman Catholic  
3 Church. St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Church.  
4 Our Lady of Guadalupe Roman Catholic Church.  
5 Regina Pacis. St. Finbar. All local  
6 neighborhood beloved places.

7 It's just an amazing neighborhood  
8 where we all thrived together, and I lived side  
9 by side with the Italians.

10 And today -- today is your day.  
11 Your day. I stand to recognize you.

12 It's amore. Grazie!

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank  
14 you, Senator Chan.

15 Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick on the  
16 resolution.

17 SENATOR CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK:  
18 Thank you, Mr. President.

19 I too want to thank our honored  
20 guests for being here.

21 I'm very proud of my Italian  
22 heritage. Why else would I have a horrendously  
23 long hyphenated name unless I wanted to make sure  
24 that people knew that my maiden name was  
25 Canzoneri.

1                   Anthony Canzoneri, my grandfather,  
2                   came from a town in Sicily, Prizzi, and was the  
3                   first merchant in my hometown of Malverne. He  
4                   was a shoemaker, who never had more than a first  
5                   or second grade education, yet came to this  
6                   country for the opportunities that it had, worked  
7                   hard, raised a family. All three of his sons  
8                   went to college, much beyond the education that  
9                   he had.

10                   His bride, my grandmother, Sophie  
11                   Canzoneri, also came from that same hometown in  
12                   Prizzi, Sicily. And I'm very proud of what they  
13                   accomplished by coming to this country.

14                   It is a great day to celebrate our  
15                   Italian heritage. People that work hard, that  
16                   are based in faith, family, and of course our  
17                   good food, as our colleagues have discussed.

18                   So thank you, Senator Mattera, for  
19                   your leadership, for making sure that we all know  
20                   that our Italian heritage is important and  
21                   something we should celebrate.

22                   I proudly vote aye.

23                   Thank you, Mr. President.

24                   ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY:    Thank  
25                   you, Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick.

1                   Senator Weber on the resolution.

2                   SENATOR WEBER:    Thank you,  
3                   Mr. President.

4                   And I want to thank Senator Mattera  
5                   for this very important resolution.

6                   And I also want to just highlight  
7                   the great work that the Italian American  
8                   Legislators do in providing scholarship  
9                   opportunities to students.

10                  And we were lucky enough to have  
11                  Silvana Botta, who is I know here in the Capitol.  
12                  She may be walking over in a minute.  She was one  
13                  of the honorees that got a scholarship this year.

14                  I just want to tell everyone a  
15                  little bit about Silvana Botta.  She's a  
16                  17-year-old senior at Clarkstown North High  
17                  School.  She's a second-generation college  
18                  student.  Her paternal grandparents emigrated to  
19                  the United States from Italy in the 1970s.  Her  
20                  mother's grandparents emigrated to the U.S. from  
21                  Italy in the 1950s.

22                  She has a 98.6 grade-point average,  
23                  scored a 1420 on the SATs, and scored a 4 or 5 on  
24                  all of her AP exams.  Really a highly educated  
25                  and really committed young student.

1                   She'll be attending Lehigh  
2 University this coming fall. She has a twin  
3 brother, and she highlighted that she's  
4 one minute younger than her twin brother. But  
5 they're both going to college this year.

6                   And it's an honor to really  
7 recognize her great academic achievements. She  
8 also was involved in sports extracurricular  
9 activities, volunteer opportunities as well, and  
10 was employed during her time in high school as  
11 well.

12                   She's going to college to become a  
13 doctor, so she's looking to major in biology and  
14 attend medical school when she graduates.

15                   I wanted to just recognize her great  
16 achievement as part of Italian American Day here  
17 today in the Capitol.

18                   And when ready, if we can  
19 acknowledge her and give her all the cordialities  
20 of the house as well.

21                   ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank  
22 you, Senator Weber.

23                   Senator Mayer on the resolution.

24                   SENATOR MAYER: Thank you,  
25 Mr. President.

1                   You know, it's interesting, so many  
2                   of my colleagues who have spoken are from the  
3                   suburbs of New York City. And for all of us, and  
4                   particularly for Westchester, where about  
5                   30 percent of the population is Italian American,  
6                   we need to stand and salute Italian American Day  
7                   and make sure that our Italian American friends  
8                   and neighbors recognize how much we value their  
9                   contributions -- extraordinary hard work,  
10                  building businesses, contributing to our  
11                  communities.

12                  Obviously they're keeping their  
13                  culture alive, their language alive for the next  
14                  generation and, most importantly to many of us,  
15                  the food alive and keeping the recipes alive.

16                  In Yonkers itself, which about  
17                  10 percent of the population is Italian American;  
18                  New Rochelle, which I represent, with  
19                  Senator Fernandez, about 13 percent -- and the  
20                  Town of Harrison, 30 percent. So I have to try  
21                  to improve my Italian and eat more and drink more  
22                  when I am there, which I try to do.

23                  But today we are recognizing the  
24                  contributions of this community. And about  
25                  two weeks ago, the leader and I were celebrating

1 at the Enrico Fermi Scholarship Breakfast in  
2 Yonkers, recognizing extraordinary students of  
3 Italian American heritage who receive a  
4 scholarship. And this is a long-lasting  
5 not-for-profit that recognizes the importance of  
6 keeping culture and language alive in the next  
7 generation.

8                   So I'm so pleased that we're  
9 recognizing this day. And to our guests, I look  
10 forward to you welcoming them. Let us all  
11 acknowledge the extraordinary contributions of  
12 the Italian American community to our communities  
13 and to New York State as a whole.

14                   Thank you. I vote aye.

15                   ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank  
16 you, Senator Mayer.

17                   Senator Scarcella-Spanton on the  
18 resolution.

19                   SENATOR SCARCELLA-SPANTON: Thank  
20 you, Mr. President.

21                   And thank you, Senator Mattera, for  
22 this resolution.

23                   I said I had to stand up as a fellow  
24 very-long-last-name-hyphenated Senator, of  
25 course. I thank my dad for that.

1                   But my dad, Mike Scarcella, is from  
2                   Hazleton, Pennsylvania. And I know Senator Mayer  
3                   also has family from Hazleton, Pennsylvania,  
4                   which makes the world very, very small.

5                   But his grandparents, Oronzo and  
6                   Josephine, came to Hazleton and opened a store on  
7                   Carson Street and were known for having the best  
8                   sausage in all of Pennsylvania.

9                   So they came to New York -- well, to  
10                  Pennsylvania probably in the 1800s. But they  
11                  carried on that tradition.

12                 And one of my favorite events every  
13                 year up here in Albany is the Festa that  
14                 everyone's going to be at tonight. It reminds me  
15                 so much of growing up, going to visit my dad's  
16                 family in Pennsylvania. Every year they have the  
17                 street procession down the local road. They had  
18                 a big festival. It was such a beautiful time.  
19                 So whenever I go in the evening, it just reminds  
20                 me of my family and growing up.

21                 And of course Staten Island is home  
22                 to so many Staten Islanders -- and parts of my  
23                 district in Southern Brooklyn, but I think  
24                 Senator Chan has a good chunk of those now.

25                 But truly it is an honor to be a

1 Italian American. I am very proud. And I thank  
2 my dad, Mike Scarcella, for that honor.

3 So thank you, and happy Italian  
4 Heritage Day.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank  
6 you, Senator Scarcella-Spanton.

7 Senator Fernandez on the resolution.

8 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Thank you,  
9 Mr. President.

10 I'd be remiss if the Bronx didn't  
11 stand up for Italy and the Italian heritage that  
12 contributed to our great borough.

13 Believe it or not, the real  
14 Little Italy is in the Bronx, on Arthur Avenue.  
15 If anybody tells you different, you're wrong.

16 (Laughter.)

17 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: But we have  
18 such a great love for the Italian Americans in  
19 the Bronx. We thank you so much for the  
20 contributions.

21 I've been fortunate enough to visit  
22 the beautiful country of Italy, and I highly  
23 recommend you visit Lake Como.

24 But thank you for the amazing  
25 contributions of the Italian Americans for the

1 Bronx, for New York State, and I'm proud to vote  
2 on this resolution too.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank  
4 you, Senator Fernandez.

5 Senator Palumbo on the resolution.

6 SENATOR PALUMBO: Thank you,  
7 Mr. President.

8 I rise as well just to briefly --  
9 (baby fussing in gallery). See, someone's a  
10 proud Italian American baby, I think, some  
11 comments.

12 (Laughter.)

13 SENATOR PALUMBO: But  
14 congratulations and welcome to our distinguished  
15 guests.

16 And when you look on Long Island and  
17 you look at our elected officials, we have a huge  
18 swath, if not a supermajority, of elected  
19 officials in all offices, at all levels, whose  
20 names end in a vowel.

21 My grandparents -- I'm actually only  
22 half-Italian, being revealed today. But my  
23 grandparents met on this side. My grandfather  
24 was actually Palomba from Piano di Sorrento. My  
25 grandmother came from a little town outside of

1 Naples called Portici. And they met here. And  
2 my grandfather wasn't naturalized until he was in  
3 his forties, actually.

4 And they were proud Americans.  
5 Italian American heritage, but they would not  
6 allow the kids -- my father was one of seven.  
7 They weren't allowed to speak Italian outside of  
8 the house because they were so proud of this  
9 country and what they could do for it and what  
10 they did do for it.

11 I'm the first elected official in  
12 the family and fortunately, a few years ago, was  
13 able to get dual citizenship as an  
14 Italian American. And my daughter as well, who's  
15 now minoring in Italian in college. And my son's  
16 also taking some courses.

17 So I'm proud to stand here as an  
18 Italian American, congratulate our friends.  
19 Salute! I'm working on my Italian, so pretty  
20 soon I'll be as fluent as Senator Griffo.

21 (Laughter.)

22 SENATOR PALUMBO: But I proudly  
23 vote aye, and thank you for coming.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you.  
25 Senator Weik on the resolution.

1                   SENATOR WEIK:    Thank you,  
2    Madam President.

3                   And in honor of Italian American  
4    Day, I'll say that I am .02 percent Italian,  
5    which I think equates to probably we inhaled some  
6    wonderful aromas of Italian food on our way from  
7    Germany to America.

8                   But I'm still not going to deny that  
9    portion of my heritage, and I want to say  
10   thank you to everyone for supporting our  
11   community.

12                  I do represent an enormous amount of  
13   Italian Americans, including an enormous  
14   population in Massapequa. And I would be remiss  
15   if I didn't mention how many people really truly  
16   take time to celebrate their Italian American  
17   heritage.

18                  And I want to thank you so much for  
19   all of your support and all the work that you do.

20                  Thank you.

21                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:   Thank you,  
22   Senator Weik.

23                  Senator Murray on the resolution.

24                  SENATOR MURRAY:    Thank you,  
25   Madam President.

1 I too want to thank Senator Mattera  
2 for all of his hard work, and thank our friends  
3 for coming to celebrate today, and thank the  
4 Italian Americans for everything they've  
5 contributed to this wonderful country and  
6 bringing such a great rich heritage here.

7 I was honored this year by the Sons  
8 of Italy as one of their honorees. And I'd like  
9 to remind Senator Palumbo here that he mentioned  
10 that their names all end in a vowel, so I'll  
11 leave you with this: A, E, I, O, U -- and  
12 sometimes Y.

13 I vote aye.

14 (Laughter.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,  
16 Senator Murray.

17 Senator Bailey on the resolution.

18 SENATOR BAILEY: Senator Murray  
19 stole my complete thunder. I was going to go  
20 with the "sometimes Y."

21 (Laughter.)

22 SENATOR BAILEY: But sometimes,  
23 times like this in this chamber is when we can  
24 look on things from a bipartisan lens and just  
25 respect and appreciate culture. Not sometimes,

1 but always.

2           And while my ancestry DNA has  
3 0.0 percent Italian blood in my veins, culturally  
4 I love my Italian American brothers and sisters.  
5 I truly appreciate all of your contributions to  
6 so many cultural endeavors that you've provided,  
7 not limited to but including food and culture and  
8 music and all of the wonderful things.

9           But I wanted to thank two important  
10 Italian Americans in my life. My former  
11 principal at P.S. 83, Ronald Imundi. Ron Imundi  
12 is now with CSA. He's sometime retired. And him  
13 and his wife Janice are really amazing people.  
14 And when I was in school in P.S. 83 -- I only  
15 spent kindergarten through fourth grade -- I  
16 remember his outsized impact in making sure that  
17 everybody was treated equally. I remember Ron as  
18 a -- as a fourth-grader, I remember him as an  
19 adult running for office. And he's an incredible  
20 man.

21           And I want to thank now -- may he  
22 rest in peace -- Judge Anthony Mercorella.  
23 Anthony Mercorella was a former Assemblymember  
24 and then he become a judge, and he was also  
25 somebody that I looked to for advice at times in

1 my life, like deciding to go to law school.

2 So I want to thank them and all of  
3 the incredible Italian Americans -- and the  
4 Senate's own George Borrello, congratulations on  
5 your award -- and everybody that has contributed  
6 to our culture. These cultural celebrations are  
7 critically important.

8 I am proud to vote aye.

9 Thank you, Madam President.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you.

11 Senator Martins on the resolution.

12 SENATOR MARTINS: Thank you,

13 Madam President.

14 I rise to support the resolution as  
15 well because I agree with all of my colleagues.  
16 Today and every day, we are all partially  
17 Italian. At least in part, we have been  
18 influenced by the Italian culture. And if we  
19 consider world history, there is probably no  
20 other country in the world or culture in the  
21 world that has contributed more to civilization  
22 and world history than the Italians. Whether  
23 it's linguistics, whether it is science, whether  
24 it's the arts, we all have a part of that culture  
25 with us each and every day.

1                   And then we can talk about the great  
2 Italian explorers -- Christopher Columbus,  
3 Amerigo Vespucci, for which America was named,  
4 and we can celebrate that heroism and that  
5 culture as well.

6                   And then talk about our local  
7 Italian American communities right here who have  
8 built our communities and made us who we are  
9 today. We can talk about their contributions not  
10 only to American life, New York life, but to each  
11 and every one of our villages and towns.

12                   So, Madam President, I am proud to  
13 stand with my colleagues today to recognize our  
14 honorees and our honored guests who are here, to  
15 thank Senator Mattera for the resolution, and I  
16 vote aye.

17                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you.

18                   Senator Rhoads on the resolution.

19                   SENATOR RHOADS: Thank you,  
20 Madam President.

21                   I myself am half-Italian, my  
22 grandmother coming from Naples and my grandfather  
23 coming from Bari.

24                   But my wife is 100 percent  
25 Italian -- so if I did not get up to speak on

1 this resolution, it would be a tough day at home.  
2 Many people celebrate St. Patrick's Day. In our  
3 household we also celebrate St. Joseph's Day on  
4 the 19th.

5 But I want to thank our honorees  
6 today for your tremendous leadership and for your  
7 celebration of Italian history and culture, which  
8 has had such tremendous influence on everything  
9 that is America.

10 And to our guests, again, thank you.  
11 To Senator Mattera, thank you for bringing this  
12 resolution. And I'm looking forward to the  
13 celebration tonight.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you.

15 To our guests who are here for  
16 Italian American Day and all the festivities that  
17 go with it, we welcome you on behalf of the  
18 Senate. We extend to you the privileges and  
19 cordialities of the house.

20 Thank you for rising, and thank you  
21 for being recognized. And thank you for your  
22 sign.

23 (Standing ovation.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
25 resolution was previously adopted on May 12th.

1 Senator Gianaris.

2 SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you,  
3 Madam President.

4 I want to assure the mother of the  
5 beautiful baby in our gallery that she not feel  
6 bad; I often cry when Senator Palumbo speaks.

7 (Laughter.)

8 SENATOR GIANARIS: Please recognize  
9 Senator Serrano for an introduction.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
11 Serrano for an introduction.

12 SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you,  
13 Madam President, for hearing me on this  
14 introduction.

15 Visiting the chamber today I would  
16 like to introduce and welcome six young members  
17 of the fencing team at the Rosalyn Yalow Charter  
18 School in the South Bronx. They are also joined  
19 by their parents, some school administrators, and  
20 two coaches.

21 As chair of the committee on  
22 Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation,  
23 which also encompasses sports development, I am  
24 really excited to learn about their fencing team.

25 If one might question, What does

1 fencing have to do with the South Bronx --  
2 indeed, Daryl Homer, from Gun Hill Road in the  
3 South Bronx, won the Silver Medal in the  
4 2016 Olympics in Rio, for fencing. So we do have  
5 a precedent of amazing fencing athletes from the  
6 Bronx.

7 I would like to thank these young  
8 students and fencing stars for being with us  
9 today and for traveling all the way from the  
10 Bronx to be with us here in Albany. I would like  
11 to welcome you to this chamber and offer all the  
12 cordialities of the house.

13 Thank you.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,  
15 Senator Serrano.

16 To our guests from the Rosalyn Yalow  
17 Fencing Team, we welcome you to the Senate. We  
18 extend to you the privileges and courtesies of  
19 the house.

20 Thank you for being here, with your  
21 beautiful uniforms on. Thank you.

22 (Standing ovation.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
24 Gianaris.

25 SENATOR GIANARIS: Now let's take

1 up previously adopted Resolution 1620, by  
2 Senator Weber, have its title read and call on  
3 Senator Weber, please.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
5 Secretary will read.

6 THE SECRETARY: Resolution 1620, by  
7 Senator Weber, mourning the death of Denis  
8 Michael Troy, distinguished public servant,  
9 devoted family man, and tireless advocate for the  
10 Orangetown community.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
12 Weber on the resolution.

13 SENATOR WEBER: Thank you,  
14 Madam President, for allowing me to speak today  
15 on this very personal and important resolution.

16 So I rise today to remember a truly  
17 remarkable man, Denis Michael Troy, who recently  
18 passed away at the age of 78.

19 To many of us, Denis was quite  
20 simply Mr. Pearl River, a larger-than-life man  
21 who had the same and the unique ability to make  
22 everyone feel important, heard, and loved.

23 Before moving to Rockland, Denis was  
24 born in the Fordham section of the Bronx, to  
25 Catherine and Peter Troy.

1                   He graduated from St. Nicholas of  
2 Tolentine High School and eventually Manhattan  
3 College, where he earned his degree in  
4 mathematics. In fact, he started out his career  
5 teaching Math and driver education before moving  
6 into the technology field, working at AT&T,  
7 Lucent, and IBM.

8                   But his true calling was public  
9 service. For more than three decades, Denis  
10 served the people of Rockland County with  
11 distinction as a country legislator, Orangetown  
12 councilman, and deputy town supervisor in  
13 Orangetown.

14                   He loved Peal River, and I could  
15 attest to that. I had an event one time up in  
16 Montebello, where I live, and he thought it was  
17 like traveling halfway around the world, coming  
18 out of Pearl River.

19                   But it was important for him to  
20 really keep those bonds together. He spent  
21 countless hours personally improving the  
22 community in a lasting way for future  
23 generations.

24                   His greatest joy, however, was his  
25 family, who are here today. He shared 54 loving

1 years with his wife, Bea, and his children are  
2 here as well. They met at a school dance, right,  
3 in the Bronx, and they were together and in love  
4 for 54 years.

5 Together they raised four children  
6 and were blessed with nine grandchildren, all of  
7 whom were the center of his world.

8 A proud member of the AOH, Denis  
9 lived by its motto: Friendship, unity, and  
10 Christian charity. Those principles defined his  
11 life.

12 Rockland County is better and  
13 stronger because Denis Troy walked among us and  
14 inspired many to run for office, including  
15 myself.

16 May we honor his memory not only  
17 with his words, but by following his examples --  
18 showing up for our neighbors, serving our  
19 communities, and treating one another with  
20 kindness and dignity.

21 I just want to read into the record  
22 the family members that are here today. I  
23 mentioned Bea Troy, his wife, is here. Patrick  
24 Troy, Valerie Troy, Denis Troy, Colin Troy,  
25 Michael Rogers, Mike Troy, Jen Troy, Dan Troy,

1 Christian Troy, Maddy Troy, Brendan Troy,  
2 Kieran Troy, Kathleen Mayer, Glenn Mayer,  
3 Sera Mayer, and Reilly Mayer.

4 Thank you for all coming today to  
5 the chamber here in the Capitol. I know your  
6 dad, grandfather, would be proud of all of you  
7 for being here today.

8 God bless you, Denis. To a life  
9 well-served. You'll be missed beyond measure.  
10 And I say rest in peace, my eternal friend.

11 Madam President, will you please  
12 extend all the courtesies of the house to  
13 Denis Troy's extended family that are here today.

14 Thank you.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,  
16 Senator Weber.

17 To the family of Denis Michael Troy,  
18 and particularly to Bea Troy, to all the children  
19 and grandchildren, we're proud to have you here  
20 today to honor the legacy of your father and  
21 grandfather and your husband. We acknowledge  
22 what Senator Weber has read into the record about  
23 his extraordinary contributions.

24 Please rise and be recognized.

25 (Standing ovation.)

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The  
2    resolution was previously adopted on  
3    February 25th.

4                   Senator Gianaris.

5                   SENATOR GIANARIS:    The sponsors of  
6    today's resolutions would like to open them for  
7    cosponsorship.

8                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The  
9    resolutions are open for cosponsorship.  Should  
10   you choose not to be a cosponsor, please notify  
11   the desk.

12                  Senator Gianaris.

13                  SENATOR GIANARIS:    Please take up  
14   the calendar.

15                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The  
16   Secretary will read.

17                  THE SECRETARY:    Calendar Number  
18   147, Senate Print 7328B, by Senator Hinchey, an  
19   act to amend the Public Service Law.

20                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Read the  
21   last section.

22                  THE SECRETARY:    Section 3.  This  
23   act shall take effect immediately.

24                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Call the  
25   roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
3 the results.

4 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
5 Calendar 147, voting in the negative are  
6 Senators Helming, Lanza, Stec and Weik.

7 Ayes, 55. Nays, 4.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
11 589, Senate Print 561A, by Senator Krueger, an  
12 act to amend the Administrative Code of the City  
13 of New York.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
15 last section.

16 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This  
17 act shall take effect on the 30th day after it  
18 shall have become a law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
23 the results.

24 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
25 Calendar 589, voting in the negative are

1 Senators Borrello and Walczyk.

2 Ayes, 57. Nays, 2.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
6 622, Senate Print 6389, by Senator Harckham, an  
7 act directing the commissioner of Corrections and  
8 Community Supervision to study gender disparity  
9 in resources.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
11 last section.

12 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This  
13 act shall take effect immediately.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
15 roll.

16 (The Secretary called the roll.)

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
18 the results.

19 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
20 Calendar 622, voting in the negative are  
21 Senators Ortt and Walczyk.

22 Ayes, 57. Nays, 2.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 627, Senate Print 120B, by Senator Cleare, an act  
2 to amend the Public Service Law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
4 last section.

5 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This  
6 act shall take effect immediately.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
8 roll.

9 (The Secretary called the roll.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
11 Oberacker to explain his vote.

12 SENATOR OBERACKER: Thank you,  
13 Madam President.

14 You know, it's imperative that we  
15 look to protect the ratepayer. They feel like  
16 they're under attack. And anything that we can  
17 do, anything that we can do that will bring light  
18 to this and protect and defend not only my  
19 constituents, but those ratepayers here in  
20 New York, is imperative and necessary.

21 And I would like to thank our  
22 Senator for bringing this bill to the floor. It  
23 makes sense. Thank you, and I proudly vote aye.

24 Thank you.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator

1 Oberacker to be recorded in the affirmative.

2 Announce the results.

3 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
4 Calendar 627, voting in the negative are  
5 Senators Griffo, Helming, Martins, O'Mara,  
6 Walczyk and Weik.

7 Ayes, 53. Nays, 6.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
11 663, Senate Print 4325A, by Senator Rhoads, an  
12 act authorizing the County of Nassau assessor to  
13 accept an application for a real property tax  
14 exemption.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
16 last section.

17 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
18 act shall take effect immediately.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
23 the results.

24 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
25 Calendar 663, voting in the negative are

1 Senators Fahy, O'Mara and Skoufis.

2 Ayes, 56. Nays, 3.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
6 762, Senate Print 7316, by Senator Hinchey, an  
7 act to amend the General Municipal Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
9 last section.

10 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
11 act shall take effect immediately.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
16 the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
21 800, Senate Print 2453, by Senator Gianaris, an  
22 act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This

1 act shall take effect immediately.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
6 the results.

7 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
8 Calendar 800, voting in the negative are  
9 Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,  
10 Chan, Gallivan, Griffio, Helming, Lanza, Martins,  
11 Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,  
12 Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk,  
13 Weber and Weik.

14 Ayes, 37. Nays, 22.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
16 is passed.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
18 803, Senate Print 9632, by Senator Bailey, an act  
19 to amend the Criminal Procedure Law.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
21 last section.

22 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This  
23 act shall take effect immediately.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
25 roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
3 Bailey to explain his vote.

4 SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you,  
5 Madam President.

6 Marley stands tough. Notice that my  
7 colleagues, they have their hands up. I'm hoping  
8 that that can change, Madam President, because  
9 this bill is about creative expression and the  
10 First Amendment.

11 I'm hoping to change the hearts and  
12 minds because we know that Bob Marley didn't  
13 shoot the sheriff. We know that Johnny Cash  
14 didn't shoot a man in Reno. Jazmine Sullivan  
15 didn't bust the windows out the car, and  
16 Carrie Underwood didn't do all of those things.

17 But yet in hip-hop music, as said by  
18 the great Governor Wes Moore, as the bill was  
19 signed in Maryland just last week, since the  
20 1980s 820 criminal cases have been brought up  
21 with hip-hop. And since the 1950s,  
22 Madam President, four have come up with other  
23 genres.

24 This is simply about the freedom of  
25 expression. So why do I bring this up year after

1 year? Well, Maryland signed it into law. And I  
2 wanted to bring up HB 475 in the liberal hotbed  
3 State of Louisiana, Madam President, with a  
4 veto-proof Republican majority in both chambers,  
5 they passed this bill into law in 2023.

6 Because it is about freedom of  
7 speech. It's not about rap music. Although rap  
8 is treated disproportionately when it comes to  
9 these criminal cases, it is about freedom of  
10 expression.

11 This bill does not bar rap lyrics  
12 from entering court, or any musical lyrics from  
13 entering court. You just have to prove that this  
14 has a factual nexus to what you're trying to  
15 prove. You can't just bring it into court and  
16 say that because someone said a lyric, that they  
17 have the propensity or that they committed this  
18 offense.

19 How many of us in this chamber have  
20 used colloquialisms such as "you killed it," "you  
21 knocked it out the park," "you nailed it." I  
22 dare to venture that none of us have actually  
23 killed anybody, knocked anybody out the park, or  
24 nailed anyone. Yet we are allowed to use those  
25 colloquialisms in our private speech. Why should

1 it be any different for musical artists --  
2 specifically a hip-hop artist?

3 California has done it. Maryland's  
4 done it. We were the first to introduce it. But  
5 Louisiana has done it. I'm hopeful that we get a  
6 chance to do it this legislative session, that  
7 the Governor will sign it into law if we can get  
8 it passed.

9 And I want to give a shout out to  
10 Kevin Liles, a Baltimore, Maryland, native  
11 himself, who's been instrumental in the  
12 protecting Black art movement. And I want to  
13 give him a shout out on the floor, and I'm  
14 hopeful that we can see this law so that we can  
15 protect our art.

16 I vote aye, Madam President.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
18 Bailey to be recorded in the affirmative.

19 Announce the results.

20 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
21 Calendar 803, voting in the negative are  
22 Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,  
23 Chan, Gallivan, Griffio, Helming, Lanza, Martinez,  
24 Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara,  
25 Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk,

1 Weber and Weik.

2 Ayes, 37. Nays, 22.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
6 850, Senate Print 7335, by Senator Martinez, an  
7 act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
9 last section.

10 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
11 act shall take effect immediately.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
16 the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
21 896, Senate Print 9908A, by Senator Bottcher, an  
22 act to amend the Emergency Tenant Protection Act  
23 of 1974.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
25 last section.

1 THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This  
2 act shall take effect immediately.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
7 the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
9 Calendar 896, voting in the negative are  
10 Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,  
11 Chan, Gallivan, Griffio, Helming, Martins,  
12 Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,  
13 Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk,  
14 Weber and Weik.

15 Ayes, 38. Nays, 21.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
17 is passed.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
19 898, Senate Print 4780, by Senator Skoufis, an  
20 act to amend the General Municipal Law.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
22 last section.

23 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
24 act shall take effect on the 60th day after it  
25 shall have become a law.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Call the  
2    roll.

3                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Announce  
5    the results.

6                   THE SECRETARY:    In relation to  
7    Calendar 898, voting in the negative are  
8    Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,  
9    Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Martins, Mattera,  
10   Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads,  
11   Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

12                   Ayes, 39.   Nays, 20.

13                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill  
14   is passed.

15                   THE SECRETARY:    Calendar Number  
16   901, Senate Print 9197, by Senator Griffo, an act  
17   to incorporate the New Hartford Volunteer Exempt  
18   Firefighters' Benevolent Association.

19                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Read the  
20   last section.

21                   THE SECRETARY:    Section 8.   This  
22   act shall take effect immediately.

23                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Call the  
24   roll.

25                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Announce  
2   the results.

3                   THE SECRETARY:     Ayes, 59.

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill  
5   is passed.

6                   THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
7   915, Senate Print 9788, by Senator Sepúlveda, an  
8   act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

9                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Read the  
10   last section.

11                  THE SECRETARY:     Section 2.  This  
12   act shall take effect immediately.

13                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Call the  
14   roll.

15                                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

16                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Announce  
17   the results.

18                  THE SECRETARY:     In relation to  
19   Calendar 915, voting in the negative are  
20   Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,  
21   Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Martins,  
22   Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,  
23   Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

24                                   Ayes, 40.  Nays, 19.

25                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
3 954, Senate Print 10042, by Senator May, an act  
4 to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
6 last section.

7 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
8 act shall take effect immediately.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
13 the results.

14 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
16 is passed.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
18 959, Senate Print 10047, by Senator Bynoe, an act  
19 to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
21 last section.

22 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
23 act shall take effect immediately.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
25 roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
3 the results.

4 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
6 is passed.

7 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
8 989, Senate Print 3247, by Senator Cooney, an act  
9 to amend the Public Authorities Law.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
11 last section.

12 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
13 act shall take effect on the same date and in the  
14 same manner as Chapter 618 of the Laws of 2024.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
16 roll.

17 (The Secretary called the roll.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
19 the results.

20 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
21 Calendar 989, voting in the negative are  
22 Senators O'Mara, Ortt and Walczyk.

23 Ayes, 56. Nays, 3.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
2 1011, Senate Print 5989A, by Senator Bynoe, an  
3 act to amend the Education Law.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
5 last section.

6 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
7 act shall take effect on the 120th day after it  
8 shall have become a law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
13 the results.

14 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
16 is passed.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
18 1035, Senate Print 182, by Senator Persaud, an  
19 act to amend the Social Services Law.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
21 last section.

22 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
23 act shall take effect immediately.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
25 roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)  
2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
3 the results.  
4 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.  
5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
6 is passed.  
7 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
8 1036, Senate Print 360, by Senator Rivera, an act  
9 to amend the Public Health Law.  
10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
11 last section.  
12 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
13 act shall take effect immediately.  
14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
15 roll.  
16 (The Secretary called the roll.)  
17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
18 the results.  
19 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
20 Calendar 1036, voting in the negative are  
21 Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,  
22 Chan, Gallivan, Griffio, Helming, Lanza, Mattera,  
23 Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads,  
24 Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weik.  
25 Ayes, 40. Nays, 19.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill  
2    is passed.

3                   THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
4    1037, Senate Print 429, by Senator Salazar, an  
5    act to amend the Executive Law.

6                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Read the  
7    last section.

8                   THE SECRETARY:     Section 3.  This  
9    act shall take effect on the 180th day after it  
10   shall have become a law.

11                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Call the  
12   roll.

13                  (The Secretary called the roll.)

14                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Announce  
15   the results.

16                  THE SECRETARY:     In relation to  
17   Calendar 1037, voting in the negative are  
18   Senators Borrello, Oberacker, and Walczyk.

19                  Ayes, 56.  Nays, 3.

20                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill  
21   is passed.

22                  THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
23   1040, Senate Print 1067A, by Senator Serrano, an  
24   act to amend the Parks, Recreation and Historic  
25   Preservation Law.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Read the  
2    last section.

3                   THE SECRETARY:    Section 3.  This  
4    act shall take effect on the 120th day after it  
5    shall have become a law.

6                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Call the  
7    roll.

8                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

9                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Announce  
10   the results.

11                   THE SECRETARY:    Ayes, 59.

12                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill  
13   is passed.

14                   THE SECRETARY:    Calendar Number  
15   1043, Senate Print 1849A, by Senator Mayer, an  
16   act to amend the Judiciary Law.

17                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Read the  
18   last section.

19                   THE SECRETARY:    Section 5.  This  
20   act shall take effect two years after it shall  
21   have become a law.

22                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Call the  
23   roll.

24                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

25                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Announce

1 the results.

2 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
3 Calendar 1043, voting in the negative are  
4 Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan,  
5 Gallivan, Griffo, Oberacker, Stec, Tedisco,  
6 Walczyk and Weik.

7 Ayes, 49. Nays, 10.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
11 1045, Senate Print 2126, by Senator Jackson, an  
12 act to amend the Education Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
14 last section.

15 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
16 act shall take effect immediately.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
21 the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
23 Calendar 1045, voting in the negative are  
24 Senators Lanza and Walczyk.

25 Ayes, 57. Nays, 2.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill  
2    is passed.

3                   THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
4    1047, Senate Print 2470, by Senator Parker, an  
5    act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

6                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Read the  
7    last section.

8                   THE SECRETARY:     Section 2.  This  
9    act shall take effect immediately.

10                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:   Call the  
11   roll.

12                  (The Secretary called the roll.)

13                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:   Announce  
14   the results.

15                  THE SECRETARY:     In relation to  
16   Calendar 1047, voting in the negative are  
17   Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan,  
18   Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray,  
19   O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Skoufis, Walczyk and Weik.

20                  Ayes, 44.  Nays, 15.

21                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:   The bill  
22   is passed.

23                  THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
24   1048, Senate Print 2602, by Senator Addabbo, an  
25   act to amend the Executive Law.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Read the  
2    last section.

3                   THE SECRETARY:    Section 2.  This  
4    act shall take effect on the 180th day after it  
5    shall have become a law.

6                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Call the  
7    roll.

8                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

9                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Senator  
10   Borrello to explain his vote.

11                   SENATOR BORRELLO:    Thank you,  
12   Madam President.

13                   First of all, I want to thank  
14   Senator Addabbo for sponsoring this bill.  I'm  
15   proud to be a cosponsor.  I think now more than  
16   ever, this is important.

17                   We have sovereign Nations within our  
18   state, and not only do they represent themselves  
19   and thousands of other members, but they also  
20   stand for a lot of things that end up benefiting  
21   other communities.

22                   One of those examples is the  
23   compact, the Seneca Nation compact, which is now  
24   I believe three years in arrears.  So now more  
25   than ever, it's time for the Legislature to step

1 in and become part of the conversation so that  
2 our sovereign Nations throughout New York State  
3 can be treated fairly and equitably.

4 So I proudly vote aye.

5 Thank you.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
7 Borrello to be recorded in the affirmative.

8 Announce the results.

9 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
13 1049, Senate Print 4042A, by Senator Harckham, an  
14 act to amend the Civil Rights Law and the  
15 Public Buildings Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
17 last section.

18 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This  
19 act shall take effect immediately.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
24 Harckham to explain his vote.

25 SENATOR HARCKHAM: Thank you very

1 much, Madam President.

2           You know, one of the rites of  
3 session every day is hundreds if not thousands of  
4 our constituents come to the Capitol, come to the  
5 Legislative Office Building to lobby us  
6 personally, whether it be for budgetary items or  
7 legislative items.

8           And yet many of our constituents are  
9 not able to make it up here. And they're not  
10 able to make it here because our travel  
11 facilities, the Thruway, this building, the  
12 Capitol, the Legislative Office Building don't  
13 have adult sanitary changing stations so that  
14 persons with disabilities, traumatic brain  
15 injuries, veterans with injuries, and others are  
16 unable to travel more than a two-hour radius.

17           And further, they can't enjoy just  
18 the multitude of amazing amenities that New York  
19 State has to offer, whether it's Broadway,  
20 whether it's our state parks, whether it's  
21 concert venues, sporting facilities.

22           So the traveling with Dignity Act  
23 will require that public facilities install  
24 appropriate sanitary facilities or adult changing  
25 stations for persons with disabilities so that

1 they can travel beyond more than a two-hour  
2 radius, which is about the amount of time that  
3 folks have between service, as the advocates have  
4 reported it to us.

5 So this is not covered in the  
6 Americans with Disabilities Act, so therefore  
7 this is the kind of thing that we at the state  
8 level need to address.

9 I want to thank colleagues for past  
10 support on this bill.

11 I want to thank all my dear friends  
12 at CP Unlimited of the Hudson Valley, who first  
13 brought this to my attention and who advocated so  
14 hard for this bill under the leadership of  
15 Penny-Lynn Pagliaro, just a remarkable and  
16 inspirational group of folks.

17 So thank you, Madam President.  
18 Thank you to colleagues for their support.

19 And I'll be voting aye.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
21 Harckham to be recorded in the affirmative.

22 Announce the results.

23 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
24 Calendar 1049, voting in the negative:  
25 Senator Walczyk.

1                   Ayes, 58. Nays, 1.

2                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill  
3 is passed.

4                   THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
5 1078, Senate Print 9516, by Senator Kavanaugh, an  
6 act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

7                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Read the  
8 last section.

9                   THE SECRETARY:     Section 2. This  
10 act shall take effect immediately.

11                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Call the  
12 roll.

13                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

14                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Announce  
15 the results.

16                   THE SECRETARY:     In relation to  
17 Calendar 1078, voting in the negative are  
18 Senators Walczyk and Martinez.

19                   Ayes, 57. Nays, 2.

20                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill  
21 is passed.

22                   Senator Gianaris, that completes the  
23 reading of today's calendar.

24                   SENATOR GIANARIS:     I want to remind  
25 my Majority colleagues we will be having

1 conference immediately following session.

2 With that, is there any further  
3 business at the desk?

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There is  
5 no further business at the desk.

6 SENATOR GIANARIS: I move to  
7 adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 19th, at  
8 3:00 p.m.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: On motion,  
10 the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday,  
11 May 19th, at 3:00 p.m.

12 (Whereupon, at 1:00 p.m., the Senate  
13 adjourned.)

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