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18 SENATOR SHELLEY B. MAYER, Acting President

19 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: Pastor
9 Teresa A. Darden, of The Upper Room House of
10 Worship, Pomona, New York, will deliver today's
11 invocation.

12 Pastor.

13 PASTOR DARDEN: Good afternoon.
14 Let us pray.

15 Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for
16 this moment of prayer where heaven meets earth,
17 that Your will be done within this Senate
18 chambers and house.

19 May this house not be divided, as a
20 house divided cannot stand. Cause Your laws to
21 be written and values in the hearts of this,
22 Your people and Senate. May they reflect, in
23 their decision-making and actions made here today
24 and always, on a common ground of wisdom, clarity
25 and discernment.

1 We pray for the well-being and
2 safety of our Senators and their families as they
3 strive for the well-beings of us all.

4 May there be a balance in the
5 political climate, fair and free from partisan
6 politics. And may the integrity and the
7 independence of our houses of worship and
8 religious organizations be the thread and
9 lifeline and visible reminder of the God that
10 holds us all together.

11 As one nation under God,
12 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all, a
13 house that will remain standing, united, and not
14 fall, as it is founded upon the common ground, we
15 the people.

16 Bless us, we pray, in the name of
17 the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

18 In Jesus' name, Amen.

19 (Response of "Amen.")

20 PASTOR DARDEN: God bless you.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Reading of
22 the Journal.

23 THE SECRETARY: In Senate,
24 Thursday, May 28, 2026, the Senate met pursuant
25 to adjournment. The Journal of Wednesday,

1 May 27, 2026, was read and approved. On motion,
2 the Senate adjourned.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Without
4 objection, the Journal stands approved as read.

5 Presentation of petitions.

6 Messages from the Assembly.

7 The Secretary will read.

8 THE SECRETARY: Senator Hinchey
9 moves to discharge, from the Committee on
10 Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs,
11 Assembly Bill Number 5578A and substitute it for
12 the identical Senate Bill 1788A, Third Reading
13 Calendar 223.

14 Senator Comrie moves to discharge,
15 from the Committee on Energy and
16 Telecommunications, Assembly Bill Number 8151 and
17 substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7869,
18 Third Reading Calendar 632.

19 Senator Bailey moves to discharge,
20 from the Committee on Insurance, Assembly Bill
21 Number 6484A and substitute it for the identical
22 Senate Bill 5045A, Third Reading Calendar 701.

23 Senator Harckham moves to discharge,
24 from the Committee on Consumer Protection,
25 Assembly Bill Number 3228A and substitute it for

1 the identical Senate Bill 6388A, Third Reading
2 Calendar 833.

3 Senator Scarcella-Spanton moves to
4 discharge, from the Committee on
5 Consumer Protection, Assembly Bill Number 8939A
6 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill
7 9341A, Third Reading Calendar 837.

8 Senator Fahy moves to discharge,
9 from the Committee on Environmental Conservation,
10 Assembly Bill Number 11381 and substitute it for
11 the identical Senate Bill 10061, Third Reading
12 Calendar 960.

13 Senator Fahy moves to discharge,
14 from the Committee on Environmental Conservation,
15 Assembly Bill Number 11374 and substitute it for
16 the identical Senate Bill 10062, Third Reading
17 Calendar 961.

18 Senator Stec moves to discharge,
19 from the Committee on Health, Assembly Bill
20 Number 9539 and substitute it for the identical
21 Senate Bill 8658, Third Reading Calendar 981.

22 Senator Brouk moves to discharge,
23 from the Committee on Labor, Assembly Bill
24 Number 949 and substitute it for the identical
25 Senate Bill 998, Third Reading Calendar 983.

1 Senator Comrie moves to discharge,
2 from the Committee on Energy and
3 Telecommunications, Assembly Bill Number 10424
4 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill
5 Number 1236A, Third Reading Calendar 987.

6 Senator Kavanagh moves to discharge,
7 from the Committee on Banks, Assembly Bill
8 Number 9588B and substitute it for the identical
9 Senate Bill Number 9514A, Third Reading Calendar
10 1032.

11 Senator Scarcella-Spanton moves to
12 discharge, from the Committee on Investigations
13 and Government Operations, Assembly Bill
14 Number 8796 and substitute it for the identical
15 Senate Bill Number 10068, Third Reading Calendar
16 1088.

17 Senator Ashby moves to discharge,
18 from the Committee on Investigations and
19 Government Operations, Assembly Bill Number 11321
20 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill
21 Number 10162, Third Reading Calendar 1135.

22 Senator Zellner moves to discharge,
23 from the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions,
24 Assembly Bill Number 10293A and substitute it for
25 the identical Senate Bill Number 9350A,

1 Third Reading Calendar 1150.

2 Senator Gonzalez moves to discharge,
3 from the Committee on Internet and Technology,
4 Assembly Bill Number 6347 and substitute it for
5 the identical Senate Bill 1139, Third Reading
6 Calendar 1194.

7 Senator Ryan moves to discharge,
8 from the Committee on Transportation,
9 Assembly Bill Number 9209A and substitute it for
10 the identical Senate Bill 8948A, Third Reading
11 Calendar 1273.

12 Senator Skoufis moves to discharge,
13 from the Committee on Elections, Assembly Bill
14 Number 6741A and substitute it for the identical
15 Senate Bill 6253A, Third Reading Calendar 1313.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: So
17 ordered.

18 Messages from the Governor.

19 Reports of standing committees.

20 Reports of select committees.

21 Communications and reports from
22 state officers.

23 Motions and resolutions.

24 Senator Gianaris.

25 SENATOR GIANARIS: Good afternoon,

1 Madam President.

2 I wish to call up the following
3 bills, which were recalled from the Assembly and
4 are now at the desk: Senate Bills 3819A and
5 8616A.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
7 Secretary will read.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 328, Senate Print 3819A, by Senator Rivera, an
10 act to amend the Executive Law.

11 Calendar Number 1009, Senate Print
12 8616A, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the
13 General Business Law.

14 SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to
15 reconsider the vote by which these bills were
16 passed.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
18 Secretary will call the roll on reconsideration.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 52.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bills
22 are restored to their place on the Third Reading
23 Calendar.

24 SENATOR GIANARIS: I offer the
25 following amendments.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
2 amendments are received.

3 SENATOR GIANARIS: Amendments are
4 also offered to the following Third Reading
5 Calendar bills:

6 By Senator Cleare, page 17,
7 Calendar 726, Senate Print 9239;

8 And by Senator Martinez, page 52,
9 Calendar 1307, Senate Print 7421A.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
11 amendments are received, and the bills will
12 retain their place on the Third Reading Calendar.

13 Senator Gianaris.

14 SENATOR GIANARIS: Please take up
15 previously adopted Resolution 1351, by
16 Senator Oberacker, read its title and call on
17 Senator Oberacker.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
19 Secretary will read.

20 THE SECRETARY: Resolution 1351, by
21 Senator Oberacker, congratulating the Tri-Valley
22 Secondary School Girls Cross Country Team and
23 Head Coach Skylar Musa upon the occasion of
24 capturing the 2025 New York State Class D
25 Cross Country Championship.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
2 Oberacker on the resolution.

3 SENATOR OBERACKER: Thank you,
4 Madam President.

5 I'd like to welcome our Tri-Valley
6 Secondary School Cross Country champions here to
7 the Senate chamber, proudly donning their
8 school's colors of blue, red and white.

9 Their families and friends and the
10 community at large loyally supported the Bears
11 throughout their journey as the team won the
12 OCIAA Division 4, Section 9 Championship and then
13 went on, Madam President, to the New York State
14 Class D Championship, finishing undefeated with a
15 record of 4-0 in their division and 8-0 overall.

16 And I would like to take a moment to
17 personally introduce Addison Dymond -- if you
18 would stand, please -- Anna Furman,
19 Maria Gelsomino, Angelina Hinkley, Kenzie Krier,
20 Mia Murphy, Emma Richardson, Zoey Sullivan, and
21 Coaches Skylar Musa, Tyler Eckhoff, and
22 Travis Wolfe.

23 Madam President, I present to you
24 the Tri-Valley Secondary School Cross Country
25 champions. Please extend to them the courtesies

1 of the house.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,
3 Senator Oberacker.

4 To our guests, state champions from
5 Tri-Valley Secondary and their coaches and family
6 members who are here, we welcome you on behalf of
7 the Senate. We congratulate you for your great
8 victory. We recognize you and extend the
9 cordialities of the house.

10 So stay standing and we will
11 recognize you. Thank you.

12 (Standing ovation.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
14 resolution was previously adopted on
15 January 13th.

16 Senator Gianaris.

17 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,
18 we are joined today by none other than
19 Miss America, who is a proud resident of the
20 12th Senate District in Sunnyside, Queens.
21 Cassie Donegan is her name, if I could ask Cassie
22 to rise.

23 She currently serves as the
24 98th Miss America and is the eighth New Yorker to
25 hold the title, which is the most among all the

1 states in the nation.

2 She's dedicated to advocacy,
3 education and community service across the
4 nation. An Actors' Equity performer, arts
5 educator and COO, she has combined her
6 professional experience in the arts and
7 leadership with a passion for empowering young
8 people.

9 Her National Community Service
10 Initiative focuses on promoting arts education in
11 schools and expanding access to creative
12 opportunities for students of all backgrounds.
13 In an effort to bridge this gap, she is the
14 founder of three arts education scholarships.

15 Throughout her year of service as
16 Miss America, she has represented New York on
17 stages and classrooms and in communities across
18 the country, using her platform to advocate for
19 educational access, heart health awareness and
20 civic engagement.

21 Through her work and service she
22 continues to reflect the talent, resilience and
23 spirit of New York with distinction and pride.

24 And she is joined today by Miss Teen
25 New York, who is a proud Staten Islander. I'm

1 going to ask Senator Scarcella-Spanton to
2 introduce her.

3 And if you could welcome them both
4 after that with the courtesies of the house, I
5 would appreciate it.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
7 Scarcella-Spanton on the introduction.

8 SENATOR SCARCELLA-SPANTON: Thank
9 you, Madam President.

10 And I am so excited to welcome, for
11 the second time, Miss New York Teen, Nadia Anwar,
12 who was here just a few weeks ago in a different
13 seat up in the gallery. We had the privilege of
14 having Nadia come to shadow us for the day.

15 A little about Ms. Nadia Anwar. She
16 is New York's Teen 2025. A student at
17 Sacred Heart University, Nadia is double-majoring
18 in chemistry and music and is the founder of
19 Ready Set Shine, Inc.

20 Through her nonprofit she has
21 inspired more than 2,000 students and raised
22 nearly \$10,000 to support arts programs
23 throughout New York State, helping ensure that
24 young people have access to the transformative
25 power of the arts.

1 And she even got to come with us
2 last time she was here to our Committee on
3 Cultural Affairs -- which I hope you enjoyed --
4 and she got to meet the whole committee. So
5 we'll make sure that we take a look into the work
6 that you're doing more.

7 Please join me in recognizing both
8 of these incredible young women today on the
9 Senate floor.

10 Thank you.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you
12 so much.

13 We are very, very honored to have
14 both of you in our presence: Miss America,
15 Cassie Donegan; Miss Teen New York, Nadia Anwar.

16 We're particularly impressed and
17 appreciative of your advocacy for arts and
18 education. You represent New York very well.
19 We're very proud to have you. We extend the
20 privileges and cordialities of the house.
21 Congratulations.

22 Please rise, my members, and
23 recognize them.

24 (Standing ovation.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator

1 Gianaris.

2 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,
3 if I can impose on our guests to stick around a
4 few minutes, I think some of the members would
5 like to say hello to them and get some photos.

6 And we appreciate them coming to
7 join us today.

8 Please recognize Senator Hinchey for
9 an introduction.

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

12 SENATOR HINCHEY: Thank you,
13 Madam President.

14 I rise today with immense pride to
15 welcome an extraordinary group of athletes to our
16 chamber, the Hudson High School Varsity Boys
17 Basketball Team.

18 This past season the Hudson Blue
19 Hawks did something unprecedented. They rewrote
20 the school record books and lit a fire of
21 excitement across the entire City of Hudson.
22 They tore through their schedule to finish with a
23 spectacular 23-3 overall record, which included
24 being undefeated in the Patroon League to capture
25 the league title.

1 When the stakes were raised in the
2 Section 2 championship, these athletes showed us
3 what they were made of. They battled back from a
4 12-point deficit, under intense pressure, to pull
5 off a thrilling victory against Lansingburgh.

6 But that didn't stop at sectionals.
7 They kept their composure and pushed forward to
8 earn a spot in the state title game for the very
9 first time in program history.

10 Led by Head Coach Shawn Briscoe --

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: One
12 minute, Senator Hinchey. One minute.

13 Can we have some order with our
14 guests? Thank you.

15 SENATOR HINCHEY: Thank you,
16 Madam President.

17 Led by Head Coach Shawn Briscoe,
18 this team embodied unity, showing our community
19 that real success is built on hard work,
20 unselfish teamwork, and mutual respect.

21 While they didn't take home the
22 championship, they won with humility and treated
23 their opponents with the kind of sportsmanship we
24 should expect from all athletes.

25 The relentless dedication these

1 young men poured into their sport inspired
2 everyone across the City of Hudson. The trophy
3 case tells only a fraction of the story. It is
4 the unbreakable solidarity, discipline and
5 perseverance that will guide them to be better
6 teammates and friends as well as leaders in
7 whatever their futures hold.

8 This great team includes
9 Keith Robinson -- feel free to stand -- Keith
10 Robinson, Gannon Logue, Eli Conte, Dante Troy,
11 Jadiel Diaz, Ryan Conte, Elijah Walker, Kameryn
12 Clarke, Deangelo Beebe, Taydence Morrison,
13 Amarion Perry, Markel Johnson, Deandre Campbell,
14 and Capri Whitmore-McGriff.

15 Our coaches include Head Coach
16 Shawn Briscoe, Assistant Coach Tyrone Hedgepeth,
17 who's also a Hudson alum; Assistant Coach Isiah
18 Heard, also a Hudson alum; and Team Manager
19 Cooper Briscoe.

20 And we have to give a great
21 shout-out to all of the parents for their support
22 and their work through the season.

23 It has been an honor to watch you
24 all and to support you. We're so happy to have
25 you here. Thank you for being such incredible

1 leaders in our community and for inspiring the
2 entire city and County of Columbia.

3 Madam President, please welcome our
4 guests and offer them all of the privileges of
5 the chamber.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,
7 Senator Hinchey.

8 To our guests, the outstanding
9 Hudson High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team,
10 for your incredible work, all you've
11 accomplished, we are very proud of what you have
12 done. We extend to you the privileges and
13 cordialities of the Senate.

14 So please stay standing and let us
15 recognize you. And to the parents and coaches,
16 thank you as well.

17 (Standing ovation.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
19 Gianaris.

20 SENATOR GIANARIS: Let's take up
21 the calendar at this time.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
23 Secretary will read.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 134, Senate Print 5990C, by Senator Ramos, an act

1 to amend the Labor Law.

2 SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for
3 the day.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
5 is laid aside for the day.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 197, Senate Print 6258, by Senator Skoufis, an
8 act to amend the Education Law.

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: Ayes, 57.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
20 is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 223, Assembly Bill Number 5578A, by
23 Assemblymember Hunter, an act to amend the
24 Real Property Tax Law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

1 last section.

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
5 roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
8 the results.

9 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
13 488, Senate Print 8097, by Senator Bailey, an act
14 to amend Chapter 394 of the Laws of 2018.

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: Ayes, 58.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 495, Senate Print 9091, by Senator Cleare, an act
4 to amend the Elder Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
6 last section.

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

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: Ayes, 58.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
17 is passed.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
19 503, Senate Print 8151A, by Senator Martinez, an
20 act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
22 last section.

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

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the

1 roll.

2 (The Secretary called the roll.)

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
4 the results.

5 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
6 Calendar 503, voting in the negative are
7 Senators Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan and Rhoads.

8 Ayes, 55. Nays, 3.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 506, Senate Print 8961, by Senator Rhoads, an act
13 authorizing the Merrick Hook & Ladder Co. 1 to
14 receive retroactive real property tax-exempt
15 status.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
17 last section.

18 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. 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: Announce
24 the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: In relation to

1 Calendar 506, voting in the negative:

2 Senator O'Mara.

3 Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 548, Senate Print 6442, by Senator Harckham, an
8 act directing the commissioner of the Division of
9 Criminal Justice Services to study gender
10 disparity in extending outcomes.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
12 last section.

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

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 548, voting in the negative are
22 Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan,
23 Murray, O'Mara, Ortt and Walczyk.

24 Ayes, 51. Nays, 7.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 632, Assembly Bill Number 8151, by
4 Assemblymember Barrett, an act to amend the
5 Public Service Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
7 last section.

8 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
9 act shall take effect on the 30th 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: Ayes, 58.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 701, Assembly Bill Number 6484A, by
21 Assemblymember Weprin, an act to amend the
22 Insurance Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This

1 act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
3 roll.

4 SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for
5 the day, please.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
7 will be laid aside for the day.

8 SENATOR GIANARIS: Which calendar
9 was that?

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: 701.

11 SENATOR GIANARIS: Okay, I'm sorry,
12 continue with that one. I had the wrong number.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
14 last section.

15 THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This
16 act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 (Discussion off the record.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: 701.

22 This is Calendar Number 701, Senator Bailey.

23 Announce the results.

24 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 752, Senate Print 9766, by Senator Sepúlveda --

4 SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for
5 the day.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
7 will be laid aside for the day.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 796, Senate Print 626, by Senator Stavisky, an
10 act to amend the Penal Law.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
12 last section.

13 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
14 act shall take effect immediately.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
16 roll.

17 (The Secretary called the roll.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
19 the results.

20 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
21 Calendar 796, voting in the negative are
22 Senators Ashby, Borrello, Gallivan, Griffio,
23 Helming, Lanza, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo,
24 Stec, Tedisco and Walczyk. Also Senator Weber.

25 Ayes, 44. Nays, 14.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 827, Senate Print 9557B, by Senator Mayer, an act
5 to amend the Legislative Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: 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 PERSAUD: Call the
12 roll.

13 (The Secretary called the roll.)

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
15 the results.

16 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 833, Assembly Bill Number 3228A, by
21 Assemblymember Lavine, an act to amend the
22 General Business Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This

1 act shall take effect on the 180th day after it
2 shall have become a law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: This is
7 Calendar 833.

8 Announce the results.

9 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
13 837, Assembly Bill Number 8939A, by
14 Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the
15 General Business Law.

16 SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for
17 the day.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
19 will be laid aside for the day.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 940, Senate Print 6256, by Senator Skoufis, an
22 act to amend the Highway Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This

1 act shall take effect immediately.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
6 the results.

7 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
11 941, Senate Print 7928A, by Senator Mayer, an act
12 to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
14 last section.

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

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
21 Mayer to explain her vote.

22 SENATOR MAYER: Thank you,
23 Madam President.

24 This bill addresses a serious
25 challenge for particularly veterans and others

1 who participate in our treatment courts. Right
2 now the practice is, at the beginning of their
3 entry into the court, they frequently plead
4 guilty to a charge and have a mandatory license
5 revocation in order to be in the treatment court.

6 Then they successfully complete the
7 treatment court program and they withdraw their
8 prior plea and they plead to a lesser offense.

9 On the plea to the lesser offense,
10 DMV again suspends their license for a period of
11 months. And so even though they've successfully
12 completed the treatment and gone through the
13 program, they then cannot drive even though they
14 want to go back to work and be present in their
15 communities.

16 This was an issue brought to me by
17 our Veterans Advisory Board. I appreciate the
18 support of the Office of Court Administration,
19 the Unified Court System, in recognizing that we
20 want to encourage people to engage in treatment
21 courts, get the treatment they need, without
22 losing their license twice for something that
23 they successfully completed.

24 Thank you for supporting this bill,
25 and thank you for this change in the current

1 policy. I vote aye.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
3 Mayer to be recorded in the affirmative.

4 Announce the results.

5 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
6 Calendar 941, voting in the negative are
7 Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan,
8 Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins,
9 Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,
10 Palumbo, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber
11 and Weik.

12 Ayes, 38. Nays, 20.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
14 is passed.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 960, Assembly Bill Number 11381, by
17 Assemblymember De Los Santos, an act to amend the
18 Environmental Conservation Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
20 last section.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
2 the results.

3 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 961, Assembly Bill Number 11374, by
8 Assemblymember Septimo, an act to amend the
9 Environmental Conservation 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: Ayes, 58.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
21 is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 975, Senate Print 4903B, by Senator Harckham, an
24 act to amend the Public Health Law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

1 last section.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
9 the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 978, Senate Print 6717A, by Senator Bailey, an
15 act to amend the Public Health Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
17 last section.

18 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
19 act shall take effect one year after it shall
20 have become a law.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
22 roll.

23 (The Secretary called the roll.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
25 the results.

1 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
5 981, Assembly Bill Number 9539, by
6 Assemblymember Cashman, an act to authorize
7 certain healthcare professionals licensed to
8 practice in other jurisdictions to practice in
9 this state.

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: Ayes, 58.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
21 is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 983, Assembly Bill Number 949, by
24 Assemblymember Lunsford, an act to amend the
25 Workers' Compensation Law.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
2 last section.

3 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
4 act shall take effect immediately.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
9 the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 987, Assembly Bill Number 10424, by
15 Assemblymember Braunstein, an act to amend the
16 Public Service Law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
18 last section.

19 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
20 act shall take effect on the 120th day after it
21 shall 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: Ayes, 58.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 997, Senate Print 6573A, by Senator Hinchey, an
7 act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
9 last section.

10 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
11 act shall take effect on the 180th day after it
12 shall have become a law.

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: Ayes, 58.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
20 is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 1003, Senate Print 10088, by Senator Kavanagh, an
23 act to amend the County Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
25 last section.

1 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. 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 1003, voting in the negative are
10 Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,
11 Chan, Helming, Martinez, Martins, Mattera,
12 Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rolison,
13 Walczyk and Weik.

14 Ayes, 43. Nays, 15.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
16 is passed.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
18 1010, Senate Print 1100A, by Senator May, an act
19 to amend the Education Law.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
21 last section.

22 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This
23 act shall take effect on the 30th day after it
24 shall have become a law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the

1 roll.

2 (The Secretary called the roll.)

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
4 the results.

5 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
6 Calendar Number 1010, voting in the negative are
7 Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,
8 Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Lanza, Martins, Mattera,
9 O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk,
10 Weber and Weik.

11 Ayes, 41. Nays, 17.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
13 is passed.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
15 1012, Senate Print 6870A, by Senator Comrie, an
16 act to amend the Education Law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
18 last section.

19 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
20 act shall take effect immediately.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
22 roll.

23 (The Secretary called the roll.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
25 the results.

1 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
5 1013, Senate Print 8044A, by Senator Bynoe, an
6 act to amend the Education Law.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
8 last section.

9 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. 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: Ayes, 58.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 1014, Senate Print 7232, by Senator Gianaris, an
21 act to amend the General Obligations Law.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
23 last section.

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

1 shall have become a law.

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 1014, voting in the negative are
9 Senators Ashby, Palumbo, Walczyk and Weik.

10 Ayes, 54. Nays, 4.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 1017, Senate Print 7499, by Senator May, an act
15 to amend the Real Property Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
17 last section.

18 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
19 act shall take effect one year after it shall
20 have become a law.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
22 roll.

23 (The Secretary called the roll.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
25 the results.

1 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
2 Calendar 1017, voting in the negative are
3 Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,
4 Gallivan, Martins, Mattera, Oberacker, Palumbo
5 and Walczyk.

6 Ayes, 50. Nays, 8.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 1020, Senate Print 8927, by Senator Cooney, an
11 act to amend the Domestic Relations Law.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
13 last section.

14 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. 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 1020, voting in the negative:
23 Senator Walczyk.

24 Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 1032, Assembly Bill Number 9588B, by
4 Assemblymember Torres, an act to amend the
5 Banking Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
7 last section.

8 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. 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 1032, voting in the negative are
18 Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,
19 Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Martins,
20 Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo,
21 Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber
22 and Weik.

23 Ayes, 38. Nays, 20.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 1038, Senate Print 520, by Senator Persaud, an
3 act to amend the Public Health Law.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
5 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 1041, Senate Print 1418A, by Senator Liu, an act
18 to amend the Public Officers Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
20 last section.

21 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. 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: In relation to
4 Calendar 1041, voting in the negative are
5 Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,
6 Martinez, Martins, Rhoads and Walczyk.

7 Ayes, 52. Nays, 6.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
11 1052, Senate Print 5142, by Senator Myrie, an act
12 to amend the Tax Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
14 last section.

15 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. 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: Ayes, 58.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 1088, Assembly Bill Number 8796, by
2 Assemblymember Bores, an act to amend the
3 Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
5 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
14 Calendar 1088, voting in the negative:
15 Senator Martinez.

16 Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 1095, Senate Print 6758B, by Senator Fernandez,
21 an act to amend the Public Health Law.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
23 last section.

24 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This
25 act shall take effect immediately.

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: Ayes, 58.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
8 is passed.

9 There is a substitution at the desk.

10 The Secretary will read.

11 THE SECRETARY: Senator Hinchey
12 moves to discharge, from the Committee on Health,
13 Assembly Bill Number 5998B and substitute it for
14 the identical Senate Bill 6959A, Third Reading
15 Calendar 1096.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
17 Secretary will read.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
19 1096, Assembly Bill Number 5998B, by
20 Assemblymember Simon, an act to amend the
21 Social Services Law.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
23 last section.

24 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
25 act shall take effect on the first of April.

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: Ayes, 58.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 1104, Senate Print 1172, by Senator Mattera, an
11 act to amend the General Business Law.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
13 last section.

14 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
15 act shall take effect on the 30th day after it
16 shall have become a law.

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: Ayes, 58.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 1111, Senate Print 3193A, by Senator Persaud, an
2 act to amend the Public Health Law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
4 last section.

5 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
6 act shall take effect on the 90th day after it
7 shall have become a law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 1119, Senate Print 7229, by Senator Gianaris, an
18 act to amend the Public Service Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
20 last section.

21 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
22 act shall take effect on the 120th day after it
23 shall have become a law.

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 1119, voting in the negative are
6 Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,
7 Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Martins, Mattera, Murray,
8 Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Stec,
9 Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

10 Ayes, 39. Nays, 19.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 1135, Assembly Bill Number 11321, by
15 Assemblymember Simpson, an act to amend the
16 Public Officers Law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
18 last section.

19 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
20 act shall take effect immediately.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
22 roll.

23 (The Secretary called the roll.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
25 the results.

1 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
2 Calendar 1135, voting in the negative:
3 Senator Ryan.

4 Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
6 is passed.

7 There's a substitution at the desk.

8 The Secretary will read.

9 THE SECRETARY: Senator
10 Scarcella-Spanton moves to discharge, from the
11 Committee on Codes, Assembly Bill Number 1838C
12 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill
13 4922C, Third Reading Calendar 1138.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
15 Secretary will read.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 1138, Assembly Bill Number 1838C, by
18 Assemblymember Eachus, an act to amend the
19 Penal 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: Ayes, 58.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
6 is passed.

7 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
8 1146, Senate Print 9616, by Senator Ryan, an act
9 to amend the Penal Law.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
11 last section.

12 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
13 act shall take effect on the first of November.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
15 roll.

16 (The Secretary called the roll.)

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
18 Ryan to explain his vote.

19 SENATOR RYAN: Thank you. Thank
20 you, Madam President.

21 I rise today in support of this
22 bill, this legislation that I was very proud to
23 take over from our former colleague Senator
24 Hoylman-Sigal, which strengthens the
25 accountability for repeat sexual offenders in

1 New York State.

2 Under current law, prosecutors are
3 limited to looking back just 10 years when
4 determining whether someone can be charged with
5 persistent sexual abuse. That means that prior
6 convictions outside that arbitrary window may not
7 be considered, even when there is a very clear
8 pattern of predatory behavior.

9 This bill removes that limitation.

10 Sexual abuse leaves lasting trauma
11 for survivors and for entire communities. When
12 someone repeatedly commits these offenses over
13 the course of a lifetime, we should not ignore
14 that history just because time has passed. A
15 pattern of abuse is still a pattern of abuse.

16 This legislation gives prosecutors
17 the ability to review a person's full criminal
18 history of sexual offenses when determining
19 whether enhanced charges are appropriate. It
20 ensures that repeat offenders are treated as
21 repeat offenders, regardless of when those prior
22 crimes were committed.

23 I believe that this bill is a
24 commonsense update to our laws that prioritizes
25 safety, survivor protection, and accountability.

1 Because at the end of the day, that is our
2 responsibility here in state government.

3 And I proudly vote aye. Thank you.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
5 Ryan to be recorded in the affirmative.

6 Announce the results.

7 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
11 1147, Senate Print 9822, by Senator Salazar, an
12 act to repeal Section 2307 of the Public Health
13 Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
15 last section.

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

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
22 Borrello to explain his vote.

23 SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you,
24 Madam President.

25 This bill will decriminalize someone

1 knowingly spreading a sexually transmitted
2 disease. Let me tell you a story about what
3 happened in Chautauqua County, which is where I
4 live, back in the nineties.

5 Nushawn Williams, who was -- knew he
6 became infected with HIV, knowingly went out and
7 had sex with multiple partners, as many as 300
8 women in Chautauqua County and New York City.

9 His sexual conduct was intentional,
10 to infect more and more women. That's what he
11 did. He was finally convicted, but he created a
12 public health crisis -- one man created a public
13 health crisis in Chautauqua County. He went to
14 prison for his actions.

15 But this bill would no longer find
16 him guilty. This bill would let someone like
17 Nushawn Williams continue to walk the streets of
18 New York State. That's what this bill does.

19 This is a pro-sexual-predator bill,
20 an anti-woman bill, and I cannot believe that
21 something like this actually exists. Literally
22 one calendar earlier we're talking about multiple
23 repeat offenders. This guy intentionally
24 infected hundreds of women.

25 That's what this bill does. It

1 should be voted down. And I'll be voting no.

2 Thank you.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
4 Borrello to be recorded in the negative.

5 Senator Salazar to explain her vote.

6 SENATOR SALAZAR: Thank you,
7 Madam President.

8 You know, we've heard many times
9 appeals to false hypotheticals in arguments made
10 in this chamber. But I've got to say the idea
11 that any person would intentionally, deliberately
12 seek to hurt another person solely by attempting
13 to spread an STI strains credulity.

14 It is absurd. But worse, it is
15 cruelty toward individuals living with an STI to
16 suggest this. It is not actually possible, any
17 more than it would be for me, if I were to
18 contract COVID-19, to deliberately direct that
19 virus to attack another person. It is not
20 possible for someone to actually direct a virus
21 from their body to infect another person, first
22 of all.

23 But additionally, we know that this
24 cruel law harms women, particularly survivors of
25 intimate partner abuse. Abusers frequently

1 weaponize HIV criminal laws, like this existing
2 law that we are repealing, by threatening false
3 exposure claims to control or punish their
4 partners. This is well-documented.

5 Criminalization traps survivors in
6 cycles of abuse and deters them from seeking care
7 or support. Ending HIV criminalization is
8 essential to these individuals' dignity,
9 autonomy, and safety.

10 Furthermore, this is essential for
11 public health, more broadly, and ending the
12 anti-LGBTQ stigma against individuals living with
13 HIV or other STIs. And I'm proud to vote aye.

14 Thank you.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
16 Salazar to be recorded in the affirmative.

17 Senator Chan to explain his vote.

18 SENATOR CHAN: Thank you,
19 Madam President.

20 So in 1996 my partner and I
21 personally arrested a Mr. Jose Arocho, who just
22 got let out of jail after doing 17 years for
23 manslaughter. We arrested him for rape 1. On
24 the way back to the stationhouse, in the police
25 car, he had mentioned that not only did he just

1 get released from jail and that he was
2 HIV-positive. In fact, he said "I have AIDS."

3 Subsequently, he was convicted of
4 rape 1, and the judge did make him get an AIDS
5 test, a test for HIV. He is in fact positive for
6 HIV and AIDS.

7 So currently Mr. Arocho -- I just
8 checked him not long ago -- he is serving 52
9 years to life in upstate New York.

10 So yes, the notion of somebody that
11 wants to intentionally give someone this -- these
12 sexually transmitted diseases are real.

13 And I'll be voting down on this
14 bill.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
16 Chan to be recorded in the negative.

17 Senator Martins? No.

18 Announce the results.

19 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
20 Calendar 1147, voting in the negative are
21 Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,
22 Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins,
23 Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,
24 Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk,
25 Weber and Weik.

1 Ayes, 36. Nays, 22.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
5 1150, Assembly Bill Number 10293A, by
6 Assemblymember McMahon, an act in relation to
7 authorizing Michael O'Brien to take the
8 competitive civil service examination.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There is a
10 home-rule message at the desk.

11 The Secretary will read.

12 Read the last section.

13 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
14 act shall take effect immediately.

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 1150, voting in the negative:
22 Senator Brisport.

23 Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 1157, Senate Print Number 2069, by
3 Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to amend
4 the Executive Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
6 last section.

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

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: Ayes, 58.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
17 is passed.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
19 1187, Senate Print 9772, by Senator Sepúlveda, an
20 act to amend the New York City Civil Court Act.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
22 last section.

23 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
24 act shall take effect on the 90th 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 1187, voting in the negative are
8 Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan,
9 Gallivan, Griffio, Helming, Lanza, Martins,
10 Mattera, Murray, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads,
11 Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

12 Ayes, 38. Nays, 20.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
14 is passed.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 1192, Senate Print 1075, by Senator Serrano, an
17 act to create a temporary commission to study and
18 make recommendations concerning the incidence of
19 asthma in the Borough of the Bronx.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
21 last section.

22 THE SECRETARY: Section 6. 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, 58.
5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
6 is passed.
7 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
8 1194, Assembly Bill Number 6347, by
9 Assemblymember Otis, an act to amend the
10 State Technology Law.
11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
12 last section.
13 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
14 act shall take effect one year after it shall
15 have become a law.
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 1194, voting in the negative are
23 Senators Hinchey and Walczyk. Also Senator
24 Borrello. Also Senator Ryan.
25 Ayes, 54. Nays, 4.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 1200, Senate Print 1692B, by Senator Ramos, an
5 act to amend the Correction 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 1200, voting in the negative are
17 Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,
18 Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins,
19 Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,
20 Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk,
21 Weber and Weik.

22 Ayes, 36. Nays, 22.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 1206, Senate Print 4850, by Senator Ryan, an act
2 to amend the Insurance Law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
4 last section.

5 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This
6 act shall take effect on the 60th day after it
7 shall have become a law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 1208, Senate Print 6626A, by Senator Baskin, an
18 act to amend the Economic Development Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
20 last section.

21 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
22 act shall take effect on the 180th day after it
23 shall have become a law.

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, 58.
5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
6 is passed.
7 There's a substitution at the desk.
8 The Secretary will read.
9 THE SECRETARY: Senator Martinez
10 moves to discharge, from the Committee on
11 Corporations, Authorities and Commissions,
12 Assembly Bill Number 11390 and substitute it for
13 the identical Senate Bill 8397, Third Reading
14 Calendar 1224.
15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
16 Secretary will read.
17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
18 1224, Assembly Bill Number 11390, by
19 Assemblymember Bronson, an act to amend the
20 Business Corporation Law.
21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
22 last section.
23 THE SECRETARY: Section 8. This
24 act shall take effect on the 180th 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: Ayes, 58.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 1226, Senate Print 8953, by Senator Gallivan, an
11 act in relation to establishing the
12 Clarence Center Volunteer Exempt Firefighter's
13 Benevolent Association.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
15 last section.

16 THE SECRETARY: Section 8. This
17 act shall take effect immediately.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
22 the results.

23 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 1232, Senate Print 3050A, by Senator Stec, an act
3 to authorize an expedited application review
4 process for certain healthcare professionals.

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, 58.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
16 is passed.

17 There's a substitution at the desk.

18 The Secretary will read.

19 THE SECRETARY: Senator Palumbo
20 moves to discharge, from the Committee on Local
21 Government, Assembly Bill Number 10998 and
22 substitute it for the identical Senate Bill
23 10155, Third Reading Calendar 1254.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
25 Secretary will read.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 1254, Assembly Bill Number 10998, by
3 Assemblymember Schiavoni, an act to amend
4 Chapter 492 of the Laws of 1981.

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, 58.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
16 is passed.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
18 1256, Senate Print 10182A, by Senator Helming, an
19 act to amend Chapter 117 of the Laws of 1983.

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, 58.
5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
6 is passed.
7 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
8 1258, Senate Print 10244, by Senator Martinez, an
9 act to amend Chapter 459 of the Laws of 1962.
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: Ayes, 58.
20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
21 is passed.
22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 1259, Senate Print 10250, by Senator Martinez, an
24 act in relation to authorizing Christian
25 Congregation of Long Island to receive

1 retroactive real property tax-exempt status.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
3 last section.

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

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: In relation to
12 Calendar 1259, voting in the negative are
13 Senators O'Mara and Skoufis.

14 Ayes, 56. Nays, 2.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
16 is passed.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
18 1289, Senate Print 4612, by Senator Ramos, an act
19 to amend the Workers' Compensation Law.

20 (Off the record.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
22 Secretary will read Calendar 1273.

23 THE SECRETARY: Excuse me.

24 Calendar Number 1273, Assembly Bill
25 Number 9209A, by Assemblymember Conrad, an act to

1 amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
3 last section.

4 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
5 act shall take effect one year after it shall
6 have become a law.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
8 roll.

9 (The Secretary called the roll.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
11 the results.

12 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
14 is passed.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 1289, Senate Print 4612, by Senator Ramos, an act
17 to amend the Workers' Compensation Law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
19 last section.

20 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
21 act shall take effect on the 30th day after it
22 shall have become a law.

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: In relation to
4 Calendar 1289, voting in the negative are
5 Senators Lanza and Ortt.

6 Ayes, 56. Nays, 2.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 1313, Assembly Bill Number 6741A, by
11 Assemblymember Simone, an act to amend the
12 Election Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
14 last section.

15 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
16 act shall take effect on the 90th day after it
17 shall have become a law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
22 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick to explain her vote.

23 SENATOR CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK:
24 Thank you, Madam President. I'm rising to just
25 explain my vote.

1 I'm all for transparency. I
2 couldn't help but chuckle when I saw in the
3 sponsor's memo that it was stated, in order to
4 encourage informed voter participation and reduce
5 down-ballot drop-off was one of the reasons why
6 we were passing this bill.

7 But I can't help but chuckle that
8 it's a result of passing other legislation in
9 this body, moving our local elections from odd
10 years to even years that may be resulting in the
11 down-ballot drop-off. So I'm glad that the
12 sponsor realizes that this is an issue.

13 I proudly vote aye.

14 Thank you, Madam President.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
16 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick to be recorded in the
17 affirmative.

18 Announce the results.

19 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
20 Calendar 1313, voting in the negative are
21 Senators O'Mara, Rhoads and Walczyk.

22 Ayes, 55. Nays, 3.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 1315, Senate Print 7689B, by Senator Skoufis, an
2 act to amend the Election Law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
4 last section.

5 THE SECRETARY: Section 14. This
6 act shall take effect on the 30th day after it
7 shall have become a law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
12 Walczyk to explain his vote.

13 SENATOR WALCZYK: Thank you,
14 Madam President.

15 So I had the opportunity to vote
16 overseas in 2024, and I think we have a lot of
17 progress to make in the way that we handle
18 overseas balloting. I was actually concerned
19 that my absentee ballot wouldn't show up on the
20 time it was supposed to come. There's a way that
21 you can track the paper.

22 I was so fortunate, when I was
23 deployed, to actually have a computer and a
24 printer not too far off. But if you know
25 anything about a deployment environment in our

1 modern military, printers are pretty secure and
2 computers are pretty few across the whole
3 formation.

4 So the expectation that every
5 soldier is going to be getting onto an online
6 portal and then printing ballots out or dealing
7 with the Board of Elections through email isn't
8 really the right route to go.

9 I share these concerns. I think we
10 have a lot of progress to make when it comes to
11 overseas military ballots.

12 I'll be a no on this bill today
13 because I think it's the wrong direction. We
14 really need to focus on getting the paper right
15 and following the timelines through the federal
16 system that exists now.

17 So I'll be a no.

18 Thank you, Madam President.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
20 Walczyk to be recorded in the negative.

21 Senator Skoufis to explain his vote.

22 SENATOR SKOUFIS: Thank you very
23 much, Madam President.

24 I'm glad my colleague voted in the
25 2024 election. There were only 11 percent of

1 eligible overseas voters who participated in that
2 2024 election, and that's relative to,
3 domestically, a 64 percent national voter
4 turnout.

5 In 2022, a midterm, it was even
6 worse: A mere 3.4 percent of eligible overseas
7 voters participated in the 2022 election.

8 And yes, these are servicemen and
9 -women. They're also individuals who are
10 overseas for work. They're students,
11 study-abroad participants. They're expats.
12 There are many, many types of individuals who --
13 millions of individuals who are eligible but do
14 not participate in our elections.

15 And it's our own federal
16 government -- that administers what's called the
17 FPCA, the Federal Post Card Application -- that
18 highlights barriers like the ones we are looking
19 to remove in this bill as one of the primary
20 reasons why those participation rates are so low.

21 There is nothing -- just to respond
22 to one point, there is nothing in this bill that
23 requires electronic delivery of requests. People
24 can still mail if they so choose. But we are one
25 of the few states in the country, very few

1 states, that prohibits individuals overseas from
2 sending an email back to the Board of Elections
3 in New York to complete their FPCA process.

4 And so whether it's that, whether
5 it's requiring colleges to advise study-abroad
6 students in advance of this particular process to
7 vote from overseas, there are many measures in
8 this bill that will facilitate higher
9 participation rates.

10 And I vote yes for those reasons.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
12 Skoufis to be recorded in the affirmative.

13 Announce the results.

14 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
15 Calendar 1315, voting in the negative are
16 Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,
17 Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins,
18 Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,
19 Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Walczyk, Weber
20 and Weik.

21 Ayes, 37. Nays, 21.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
23 is passed.

24 Senator Gianaris, that completes the
25 reading of today's calendar.

1 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,
2 let's return to resolutions for a moment and take
3 up previously adopted Resolution 2163, by
4 Senator Brouk, read its title and recognize
5 Senator Webb on the resolution, please.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
7 Secretary will read.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 2163, by Senator Brouk, memorializing
10 Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2026 as
11 Maternal Mental Health Month in the State of
12 New York.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
14 Webb on the resolution.

15 SENATOR WEBB: Thank you,
16 Madam President.

17 I want to of course thank our
18 colleague Senator Brouk for introducing this
19 important resolution, and of course our
20 Majority Leader for continuing to lift up these
21 important issues related to maternal mental
22 health.

23 So maternal mental health issues,
24 known as MMH, are the leading complication of
25 childbirth. Over the last decade, the mental

1 health of U.S. mothers has worsened. Increasing
2 amounts of women show signs of anxiety,
3 depression and OCD during or after their
4 pregnancy.

5 Preexisting mental health conditions
6 like bipolar spectrum disorder or premenstrual
7 conditions like PMS or PMDD can often be
8 exacerbated during pregnancy.

9 Every year more than 800,000
10 families -- that's one in every five families in
11 our country -- are impacted by MMH disorders.
12 And we know this statistic is even more
13 disparaging for Black and brown mothers. Black
14 mothers are 40 percent more likely to experience
15 MMH, at nearly twice the rate of all women
16 combined.

17 These disparities are due to
18 systemic issues like racism in our healthcare
19 systems, underrepresentation of people of color
20 in the medical field, and higher levels of
21 chronic long-term stress for Black and brown
22 women.

23 Rural families have their own
24 systemic barriers, such as the lack of access to
25 healthcare in low-income and rural areas and the

1 compounded effects of poverty.

2 We must do better for our mothers
3 and our families. They deserve peace and good
4 health.

5 The stigma around MMH means that
6 many women do not seek out the help they need and
7 deserve. Mothers are often expected to show up,
8 to be strong, to prioritize their children and
9 their families before thinking about themselves.

10 But we want every mother that is
11 listening today, and most certainly beyond today,
12 to know that you cannot take care of others
13 unless you take care of yourself first.

14 And there is nothing, nothing wrong
15 with speaking to someone about your mental health
16 challenges and struggles. The strongest thing
17 that any of us can do is admit that we are
18 struggling.

19 I want to again thank Senator Brouk
20 for uplifting this issue, and of course our
21 Majority Leader for her support.

22 By bringing light to this issue, it
23 is my sincere hope that more women are encouraged
24 to seek the mental health support they deserve,
25 and that we in this chamber continue to make

1 strides in making sure more investments are made
2 through our state budget process to support
3 mental health services.

4 I proudly vote aye, and I encourage
5 my colleagues to do the same.

6 Thank you, Madam President.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,
8 Senator Webb.

9 Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick on the
10 resolution.

11 SENATOR CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK:

12 Thank you, Madam President.

13 I want to thank the sponsor and
14 thank Senator Webb for bringing this resolution
15 to the floor. My understanding is that Senator
16 Brouk is actually out on maternity leave, so I
17 hope she's doing well and watching this.

18 As a mom of three daughters and a
19 mother of four kids, it is very important that we
20 support mothers as they transition after birth to
21 being a mom and taking care of a little one.

22 It is extremely important that the
23 men in our lives listen and know that when they
24 see a woman who is a new mom, they may not be
25 able to ask for help. They may think, I'm just a

1 little overwhelmed, there's a lot of change in my
2 life. And it's hopeful that the men in our lives
3 support us and know that maybe you're struggling
4 a little too much. Maybe you need a little extra
5 help.

6 And that's what today is about,
7 bringing awareness to that and making sure that
8 we all realize that a new mom goes through an
9 awful lot -- lack of sleep, hormonal changes.

10 And there's so much that we don't
11 understand about it, and that's why it's
12 important that we bring awareness, do more
13 research and find out what we can do to support
14 those new moms in our communities.

15 Thank you, Madam President. I
16 proudly vote aye.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,
18 Senator.

19 Senator Bailey on the resolution.

20 SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you,
21 Madam President.

22 Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, you
23 took the words out of my mouth. I think this is
24 a really important call to action.

25 I thank Senator Brouk and hope that

1 she is doing well. I hope that she's, frankly,
2 not watching this and she's getting some rest and
3 some bonding time with her incredible children
4 and her great husband Brian. A shout out to
5 Brian, a very supportive gentleman, by the way.

6 And I think that's what we need more
7 of. We need more men to make sure that we
8 support the women in our lives. Giving birth is
9 no walk in the park. There's a lot of debate
10 about cesarean sections versus different types of
11 birth.

12 And my wife might yell at me for
13 this, but I want to say it anyway. She had three
14 C-sections. And a C-section is not a minor
15 surgery by any stretch of the imagination.

16 And so not only do you have to carry
17 a child, the greatest thing in the world, but
18 you're carrying a child -- she did it three
19 times. And to do so in all types of
20 temperatures, in the rain, in the snow, the sun.
21 You don't get a day off. You don't get to be
22 unpregnant when it's hot. You don't get to be
23 unpregnant when it's cold or when it's snowing.
24 You have to worry about slipping and falling on
25 snow.

1 There's so many different things
2 that you don't really think about, that I know
3 women think about when they're pregnant. And
4 they think about it not just when they're
5 pregnant, but after they give birth. And then
6 there are the added societal pressures of
7 returning to the workforce. Right? And making
8 sure that, Hey, I am a skilled worker, how do I
9 not lose my spot, lose my space in the shuffle.

10 So as people, as a society, whether
11 you have children or not, whether you're planning
12 to have children or not, this is something that
13 we should all be incredibly aware of.

14 I'm incredibly appreciative of my
15 wife all the time. But in reflection, when
16 you've given three kids and you're still able to
17 be an incredible role model and somebody that for
18 our daughters and son to look up to, you know, I
19 salute her even more.

20 Senator Webb, thank you for standing
21 in stead and delivering the word, as they say, on
22 behalf of Senator Brouk and our Majority Leader.
23 All the women of our conference who have given
24 birth, haven't given birth, thinking about giving
25 birth -- we salute you, we appreciate you, and we

1 thank you.

2 And I vote aye. Thank you,
3 Madam President.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you.
5 Senator Scarcella-Spanton on the
6 resolution.

7 SENATOR SCARCELLA-SPANTON: Thank
8 you, Madam President.

9 And thank you, Senator Brouk, if you
10 are watching, for introducing this really
11 important resolution on maternal mental health --
12 and also Senator Webb for speaking on it today.
13 This is such an important issue for women.

14 I have the privilege of representing
15 an amazing constituent, Alexis Gilles, who had a
16 traumatic birth herself. She's a resident on
17 Staten Island, and she started an organization
18 called The Post Care, which is simply just for
19 moms to get together and have conversations on a
20 weekly basis.

21 And it really turned into such a
22 bigger thing. She just got her nonprofit status,
23 and she's trying to raise the importance of
24 allowing women to have an outlet to talk about
25 these experiences.

1 I think there sometimes is so much
2 guilt associated with any sort of issue you're
3 having, whether you're depressed or you're
4 feeling more anxious, whatever comes along with
5 it, and actually talking about those things.
6 Because sometimes moms are expected to be moms
7 and shoulder the brunt and the burden of
8 everything.

9 But there are people who really go
10 through a lot. And for each cohort that Alexis
11 has, I have the privilege of actually going in
12 and speaking to these women. And I see them, and
13 I see so much of myself. Early on -- my kids are
14 bigger now, they're 10 and 12, but I see so much
15 of myself early on.

16 When I was pregnant with my
17 daughter, I was young, I was 24 years old, and I
18 was in labor for 36 hours. I also had false
19 labor the first time, too, which I did not know
20 was a thing that could happen.

21 But I didn't have that type of
22 support or that type of group around me. So when
23 I speak to these young women who just have
24 newborns and they have each other, it's so
25 critically important to have that outlet for each

1 other.

2 So her organization is called
3 The Post Care. It's Alexsis Gilles. I'm very
4 proud to have her in my district. And I thank
5 her for the work that she's doing around maternal
6 mental health.

7 And to Senator Brouk, if you're
8 watching this: Hello. We miss you. And I hope
9 you're enjoying every minute with your new baby.

10 Thank you.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you.

12 Senator Salazar to explain her vote.

13 SENATOR SALAZAR: Thank you,
14 Madam President.

15 It is amazing to have the
16 opportunity to recognize Maternal Mental Health
17 Month in the State of New York and recognize the
18 leadership of Senator Webb and of Senator Brouk
19 in bringing this to the floor and highlighting
20 this important issue for all of us.

21 It is an opportunity for us to
22 recommit our efforts to reduce maternal mortality
23 as well, and improve mental health care in our
24 state in addition to eliminating stigma about
25 mental health conditions.

1 We also raise awareness about mental
2 health disorders that particularly impact
3 pregnant and postpartum New Yorkers who may be
4 struggling in silence. Individuals who are
5 battling postpartum depression or other
6 mental health conditions should not face stigma
7 instead of care and treatment.

8 And so I just want to show my
9 gratitude to Senator Webb, Senator Brouk, to our
10 Majority Leader, for always emphasizing this
11 issue and raising awareness about it so that we
12 can continue to responsibly address a maternal
13 health crisis in our state, and not least with
14 mental health care.

15 I vote aye.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you.

17 The resolution was previously
18 adopted on May 27th.

19 Senator Gianaris.

20 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,
21 the sponsors of all of today's resolutions would
22 like to open them for cosponsorship.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
24 resolutions are open for cosponsorship. Should
25 you choose not to be a cosponsor, please notify

1 the desk.

2 Senator Gianaris.

3 SENATOR GIANARIS: Is there any
4 further business at the desk?

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

7 SENATOR GIANARIS: I move to
8 adjourn until Monday, June 1st, at 12:00 noon,
9 with the intervening days being legislative days.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: On motion,
11 the Senate stands adjourned until Monday,
12 June 1st, at 12:00 noon, with the intervening
13 days being legislative days.

14 (Whereupon, at 1:58 p.m., the Senate
15 adjourned.)

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