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FRANCIS W. PATIENCE, Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Senate will come to order.

I ask all present to please rise and join with me as we recite the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Today's invocation will be offered by the Reverend Herbert Miller, pastor of Park Slope United Methodist Church in Brooklyn.

Reverend Miller.

PASTOR MILLER: Let us take a moment to silently center ourselves, or to offer our own meditations, or to join me in prayer.

Oh, Holy One, source of all that is, we come ready to do the holy work -- yes, the holy work -- of ordering this society and the lives of Your people entrusted to our care in this State of New York in which You've placed us.

We're thankful for the opportunity to work with our colleagues surrounding us in a state full of wonder and beauty -- towering

buildings, soaring mountains, seashores, lakeshores, rivers and swamps.

Some of us come alert, energetic and hopeful, others with varying degrees of fatigue, cynicism or anxiety. But all of us come aware that we work, deliberate, and decide -- not to get our own way or to exert our own will, or even necessarily the wills of our constituents, but on behalf of the common good.

We come here with enough self-awareness to know that to a large extent, those of us gathered here are a privileged people. We are a gathering of the suits, the men and the women with good education and the best connections, people of power who know how to have our voices heard.

And so we come bearing a special responsibility, and require thus Your special guidance. We need a special measure of self-awareness and a spirit of generosity and goodheartedness, so that we can check our power and represent well those who are absent from this gathering -- the poor, the elderly, the unemployed and underemployed, minorities under threat, prisoners who live at the edge of their

constitutional rights, and the many who do not participate in our privilege.

It's easy to forget that there are those around us who live lives of deficit, cut off from power and denied access to the gains we enjoy. And so, O God, help us to yield our wills to Yours. Help us to bring order amidst our disorder. Help us to see the larger picture, to dream greater dreams, to imagine a brighter future, because we cannot realize what we cannot imagine.

Help us to discern priorities divested from our perch of privilege and to look beyond our own perceived sense of scarcity to the abundance of resources entrusted to us.

O God, help us to govern and to legislate for the sake of the lives of others until all people in this state can live lives of opportunity, lives healthy and whole.

Amen.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday, May 9th, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Sunday, May 8th, was read and

approved. On motion, Senate adjourned.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Without objection, the Journal will stand approved as read.

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

Messages from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

Reports of select committees.

Communications and reports from state officers.

Motions and resolutions.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes. On page 27 I offer the following amendments to Calendar 599, Senate Print 6497, by Senator Marchione, and ask that said bill retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The amendments are received, and the bill shall retain its place on third reading.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Also on page 27, I offer the following amendments to Calendar 604, Senate Print 4778, by Senator Venditto, and ask that said bill retain

its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The amendments are received, and the bill shall retain its place on third reading.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: On page 24, I offer the following amendments to Calendar Number 528, Senate Print 6270, by Senator Venditto, and ask that said bill retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The amendments are received, and the bill shall retain its place on third reading.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: On page number 24, I offer the following amendments to Calendar 527, Senate Print 4879B, by Senator Martins, and ask that said bill retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The amendments are received, and the bill shall retain its place on third reading.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: On page 32, I offer the following amendments to Calendar 653, Senate Print 5238, by Senator Murphy, and ask that said bill retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The amendments are received, and the bill shall retain its place on third reading.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I move that the following bill, by Senator Boyle, be discharged from its respective committee and be recommitted with instructions to strike the enacting clause. That's Senate Bill Number 5162.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: It is so ordered.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Thank you, Mr. President.

Can we now adopt the Resolution Calendar, with the exception of Resolutions 5352 and 5406.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: All in favor of adopting the Resolution Calendar, with the exception of Resolutions 5352 and 5406, indicate by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Resolution Calendar is adopted, with the exceptions noted.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Can we now take up Resolution 5406, by Senator Flanagan, read it in its entirety and call on Senator Flanagan to speak, followed by Senator Klein, Senator Stewart-Cousins, and then also Senator Hassell-Thompson.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: I'd ask for some order in the house as the Secretary reads.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative Resolution Number 5406, by Senators Flanagan, Klein and Stewart-Cousins, congratulating the 2016 New York State Senate Women of Distinction.

"WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge and celebrate Women of Distinction who significantly add inspiration and encouragement to the people of this great Empire State; and

"WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Women of Distinction program was created in 1998 as part of our state celebration of Women's History Month, to honor exemplary women from across New York State whose singular professional

or personal achievements, commitment to excellence and accomplishments merit special recognition; honorees are selected from nominations submitted from across the state; and

"WHEREAS, Women of every economic, ethnic and religious background have made significant contributions that are reflected across all aspects of society; and

"WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to individuals of remarkable character who have shown initiative and commitment in constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, as well as acting as role models to all women in their community; and

"WHEREAS, On behalf of the New York State Senate, I take this opportunity to congratulate Jill Alford-Hammitt, Sherlita Amler, MD, MS, FAAP, Yvonne P. Armstrong, Cora D. Austin, Vikki Barbero, Cheryl Lynn Brannan, Sister Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D., Elizabeth Shell Carr, Claudia Coger, Ruth Johnson Colvin, Sister Mary Doris, Eva M. Doyle, Rosemary Durso, Audrey Sparks Fussa, Gail Goodson, Debora M. Hayes, Karen A. Heggen, Cindy Doring Hollowood, Ellen Holmes, Mary Iapalucci, Ellen R. Imbimbo,

Doryne Isley, Mary Frances Jeffrey, Candace S. johnson, Ph.D., Nicole Johnson, Jahmila K. Joseph, Reverend Ann Kansfield, Virginia M. Krebs, Thomasina Laidley-Brown, Annmarie Lanesey, Linda M. LeMura, Ph.D., April Leong, Blanca P. Lopez, Heidi Macpherson, Ph.D., Janet McEneaney, Jill Estabrook Morris, Lesli C. Myers, Ed.D, Donna Christina Oliverio, Meghan Ortega, MaryAnn Pfeiffer, Trudy Pogue, Pia J. Raymond, Inez Rodriguez, Bonnie Ross, Florence Santini, Vita Scaturro, Anita Seefried-Brown, Mardie Sheiken, Ph.D., Tatiana Shlomovich, Chitra Singh, Honorable Deborah A. Slezak, Dawn R. Smith, Marjorie J. Smith, Carmen Tapia, Yudelka Tapia, Wendy Tepfer, Barbara Toborg, Ann Torcivia, and Constance A. Wille as 2016 New York State Senate Women of Distinction, to be celebrated on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at the Annual Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony in The Well of the Legislative Office Building; and

"WHEREAS, Women have become part of New York's lasting heritage by fighting against stereotypes, prejudice, and seemingly insurmountable obstacles; and

"WHEREAS, From the women's suffrage

movement just over 150 years ago to the present day, women have played and continue to play a crucial role in adding strength, understanding, and inspiration to the diversity and quality of life of the people of the State of New York; and

"WHEREAS, New York State has been, and continues to be, the home to many distinguished women who have made their mark in history as pioneers in their field, therefore laying the foundation for women after them to succeed; and

"WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes that New York State is the home to countless women who are strong and colorful threads, vital to the fabric of our rich heritage, who have contributed, and continue to add to the advancement of our culture through their traditional and nontraditional roles in society; and

"WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great

Empire State; now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the 2016 New York State Senate Women of Distinction; and be it further

"RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned Women of Distinction."

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Flanagan.

SENATOR FLANAGAN: Thank you, Mr. President.

I know we have Senator Stewart-Cousins, and Senator Klein will be speaking also. And we have a wonderful ceremony that's going to take place honoring all the women that are here today.

I think this is a fantastic time-honored tradition in the Senate. It is nonpartisan or bipartisan, to say the least. And I have two favorite things about this day. The first is that I, like everybody else, have the opportunity to pick out and recognize a Woman of Distinction from the district that I'm fortunate enough to represent. And really probably the

funnest part of this whole day is to hear about women all across the State of New York from different walks of life who have accomplishments.

And I know, for example, the lady that I chose this year, her name is Ellen Holmes. She was shocked to be picked, she was happy to be picked, she felt that she was undeserving to be picked. And those were all the reasons that I picked her, because she didn't think that she was worthy of consideration -- and I'm sure many of my colleagues feel that same way. We can pick out somebody who's got a lot of public accolades and things of that nature, but I picked out a lady that I met as a constituent, picked out a lady that frankly I met when I was campaigning at her house and she ended up become friendly with us, volunteering. And she's turned out to be a fantastic mom, great community person.

And what I'm saying is no different than everybody else. I don't want to steal Senator DeFrancisco's thunder, but he has a very unique individual that he's honoring today.

So this is not only appropriate, it's fitting. And I am very grateful that we have the opportunity to recognize women all

across the State of New York for their small and big and legendary accomplishments.

Mr. President, thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank you, Senator Flanagan.

Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President.

It is certainly appropriate that year after year we celebrate Women of Distinction across our great state, because I think everyone knows the illustrious history of women as trailblazers, pioneers and, most importantly, beacons of light to the lives of millions of Americans. From Susan B. Anthony to Eleanor Roosevelt, Lucille Ball to Harriet Tubman, we celebrate the women of yesteryear but certainly recognize the great Women of Distinction in the present.

I think everybody knows some woman in their lives that had a major impact on their own life. And certainly today I'm very proud to recognize my Woman of Distinction, Rosemary Durso, who's up in the gallery. She's someone who I've had the privilege of knowing for a very,

very long time. She's always been active in the community, active on behalf of the community she loves so much.

And presently, and certainly since 1998, she's served as director of the Regional Aid Interim Needs Center, known as RAIN. RAIN is the most prominent senior services organization in the Bronx. They run now probably every senior center that exists in the Bronx, senior housing, the Meals on Wheels program that exists in the Bronx. And Rosemary runs the Boston Road RAIN Senior Center, which is in my district, which is I think one of the nicest RAIN centers. And she really has dedicated her life, dedicated her life to making sure that our senior citizens can live out their golden years in comfort and dignity.

And as a way of, I guess, Bronx political trivia, her late husband, who was a very dear friend of mine, Mike Durso, once ran for the Senate seat that I now represent. He was a community banker, head of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce -- again, someone that was so active in the community in the Bronx. And now Rosemary's granddaughter, Michelle, works in my Senate office, in my district office.

So there's certainly a tradition of community service and public service. And she is somebody that certainly can be considered, under any definition, a Woman of Distinction.

Thank you, Rosemary. And thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank you, Senator Klein.

Senator Hassell-Thompson.

SENATOR HASSELL-THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise and thank my leader of the Democratic Conference, Andrea Stewart-Cousins, for asking me to stand in her stead today to congratulate and to say how pleasurable it is for us today to be honoring such women across the state.

Each of the men who have spoken have already taken my thunder in terms of the historical perspective. But certainly in the present we have an extraordinary group of women that we are honoring today, some of which, as I looked at the list, were people that I know from places in the state. And even though they're not all my honorees, I feel that the relationship

that I have shared with them over the years has helped me to become the person that I am.

And so I think that while I am so pleased to be able to honor my own personal honoree, Doryne Isley -- who, kicking and screaming, did not want the honor. She said that "I love it, I love the idea of it, but I really don't like the spotlight." And I, like Senator Flanagan, said that that's the reason she should be on it. Because there are a lot of people who work from behind the scenes and who make our lives better just because they live.

And she is one of those women, and I'm very honored to know her and certainly to honor her along with all of the other women today.

So thank you, Mr. President, for the opportunity to welcome all of the women who are being honored today, and certainly to my honoree.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank you, Senator Hassell-Thompson.

The question is on the resolution. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The resolution is adopted.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I would just recommend to everybody who's in the audience to come to the ceremony at 5:30. It's in one of the hearing rooms in the LOB. And all of us want to speak about our Woman of Distinction. But in order to get there on time, we just asked the leaders to speak today. So I'd invite everyone to this wonderful ceremony.

Would you please now recognize Senator Hassell-Thompson to recognize a group.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Hassell-Thompson.

SENATOR HASSELL-THOMPSON: Thank you again, Mr. President.

I am pleased to be able to welcome a group of students and their chaperones who have come annually -- this is their eighth year. They come from the State of Ohio. And they're from Crenshaw Middle School in Canton, Ohio, and Buchtel Community Learning Center in Akron, Ohio.

They're here with their chaperones

and the organizer, Mr. Mark Favors -- I need my glasses -- Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Allebach, Mr. Busch, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Rosser, Mrs. Widder, Mr. Powers, and Mr. Marcell.

These students have come to learn about government, and they, like the students that have preceded them the prior seven years, had a very rousing and engaged conversation today, and I feel that they learned a great deal. And they are -- they make us very proud, because they really do care about their government.

So I would appreciate if we would just give them a New York welcome. Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank you, Senator Hassell-Thompson.

We welcome the youngsters -- please rise. We welcome you to the house.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: We welcome you to the house and hope you enjoy your visit.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: First of all, I neglected to open the Women of Distinction

resolution up for cosponsorship. And if someone does not want to cosponsor it, they should notify the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Resolution 5406 is open for cosponsorship. Should you choose not to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Okay, can we now take up previously adopted Resolution 5191, by Senator Little, read the title only, and recognize Senator Little.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative Resolution Number 5191, by Senator Little, memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 8-15, 2016, as Fibromyalgia Awareness Week in the State of New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Little.

SENATOR LITTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. And thank you for having this resolution here today.

Fibromyalgia is an illness that

affects over 10 million people in the United States. And while it is predominantly affecting women, there are men and children who contract fibromyalgia. The biggest problem that they have is that it's very difficult to get a diagnosis of fibromyalgia. It can take up to five years, mainly because there isn't enough medical education being done to prepare people to look for fibromyalgia.

Some of its symptoms are extreme fatigue, muscle pain, anxiety and depression. Having fibromyalgia can be a big cost, not just physically but economically, to people in their inability to work and the impact that it has on their family and those around them.

The Fibromyalgia Task Force has come out with a report, of which they have already distributed 5,000 copies and just had 2,000 more copies printed. The purpose of the report is to raise awareness, advocacy and action to try to find a cure -- a treatment first, and then a cure for fibromyalgia. Their goals are to establish a fibromyalgia center and to have legislation that will make fibromyalgia part of the medical education for our doctors and health

professionals.

The task force is represented here today by Dr. Sue Shipe, the chair; Mr. Ira Mendleson, III, an attorney; Mrs. Agnes Welch, Fibromyalgia Support Group founder; Mr. Ron Monson, physician assistant; Mr. Joe Hazen, health coach; and Ms. Kelly Nicholas, massage therapist. Very important, because in anything and anyone with fibromyalgia, the treatment is having a team of health professionals who work together to help that person endure their illness and hopefully be able to live with it.

So I thank you very much for having this resolution here today, and I appreciate the support of the chamber. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank you, Senator Little.

As indicated, the resolution was adopted on May 4th of this year.

Senator DeFrancisco, without objection, Senator Little has requested the resolution to be opened for cosponsorship.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I was just going to suggest that.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: If you

choose not to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Thank you.

Now can we take up previously adopted Resolution 5233, by Senator Serino, read it in its entirety, and call on Senator Serino to speak.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative Resolution Number 5233, by Senator Serino, memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 10, 2016, as Senior Citizens Day in the State of New York.

"WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 10, 2016, as Senior Citizens Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of May being declared as National Older Americans Month; and

"WHEREAS, The more than 3 million residents of New York State 60 years of age and older bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in

today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and a valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

"WHEREAS, These senior citizens have contributed to the state by building and helping preserve the customs, traditions and ideals of many ethnic groups that make up the mosaic of New York State; and

"WHEREAS, The wisdom and experience of senior citizens constantly enrich the lives of the young people of our state" --

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Can I have some order in the house, please.

The Secretary will continue.

THE SECRETARY: "And WHEREAS, The wisdom and experience of senior citizens constantly enrich the lives of the young people of our state through a strong tradition of volunteerism; and

"WHEREAS, Since 1962, the month of May has been declared, by Presidential Proclamation, Older Americans Month, in order for communities around the nation to set time aside to celebrate and reflect on the unique role older

Americans play in the fabric of our society; and

"WHEREAS, The legislative and executive branches of New York State government have as a primary goal the improvement of the quality of life of older New Yorkers and the assurance of their continued dignity; and

"WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and celebrate the legacy of New York's senior citizens who have experienced tumultuous changes in the 20th century, including the dawn of the nuclear age, the rise of the computer, and the proliferation of the automobile, television, technology, and so many other innovations of the American spirit, and who now represent a vast and willing source of knowledge available to our great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 10, 2016, as Senior Citizens Day in the State of New York; and be it further

"RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause further to urge the residents of New York State to honor all our senior citizens,

who are the cornerstone of the strength of our nation and to whom a debt of gratitude is owed; and be it further

"RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York."

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Serino.

SENATOR SERINO: Thank you, Mr. President.

Our seniors have spent their lives building the state that we know and love. And today I am thrilled to be able to put the spotlight on them by recognizing May 10th as Senior Citizens Day here in New York.

Earlier today I had the pleasure of joining seniors from just about all of our counties at a luncheon at the Event Center, seniors who have dedicated their lives to service and volunteerism. Many of the seniors that were recognized today are here in the gallery with us now. And let me tell you, I am in absolute awe of their accomplishments.

From my district we have here with

us today George D'Alessandro, who at age 87 instructs a fitness class at a local Friendship Center. And just in case anyone was thinking about skipping the gym tonight, think again.

And I especially want to acknowledge Mr. R. Murray Suggitt, who, while he couldn't make the trip here today, has been named Senior of the Year by all of us here in the Senate for his unwavering dedication to the Fishkill Food Pantry.

For over 20 years, and with little fanfare, Mr. Suggitt has overseen the growth of a food pantry that started in a basement and has evolved into an operation of 40 staff members who work to ensure that those in need have a place that they can count on to turn to.

I am not only incredibly inspired by all of our seniors here today, I am absolutely humbled. On behalf of the State of New York Senate, and as chair of the Aging Committee, I thank each and every one of you for your commitment to making our communities and our state better each and every day.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank

you, Senator Serino.

The question is on the resolution. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The resolution is adopted.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, this too should be open for cosponsorship.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The resolution is open for cosponsorship. Should you choose not to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, can we now take up Resolution 5352, by Senator Kennedy, read the title only, and then call on Senator Kennedy, please.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative Resolution Number 5352, by Senator Kennedy, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of

Miss Barbara's School of Dance in Buffalo, New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of an extraordinary institution in Buffalo, New York, Miss Barbara's School of Dance, and to honor its wonderful owner, Barbara D. Glover, affectionately known in the community as Miss Barbara. She joins us here today on the floor of the Senate, along with her brother Allen and her sister-in-law Thea.

Miss Barbara's School of Dance was started in 1966 in the Humboldt Branch YMCA, and it's the oldest African-American-owned dance studio in Buffalo. Miss Barbara founded her school not just to spread her knowledge of dance, but also to instill character and passion for learning in all her students, seeing potential in everyone no matter their talent. And believe me, I found this out the hard way.

But let me tell you, her knowledge of dance is second to none. She trained in tap

and jazz locally in Buffalo as well as internationally. She immersed herself in African dancing through an intense one-month study while in Senegal and The Gambia. Today she offers classes in tap, jazz, African, gymnastics and hip-hop.

Her wide knowledge has translated into success. Over its fifty-year career, the school has been located in seven different buildings across Buffalo, moving each time the school outgrew the ability of the building.

But the school's success is not just evident through the number of buildings the school has inhabited; it is clear through the achievements of its students. Miss Barbara's careful instruction has provided the lessons and structure needed for her students to go on to careers in areas such as law, business, education and entertainment.

Like any good teacher, Miss Barbara takes pride in the accomplishments of all of her students. In fact, I myself am a student of Miss Barbara's. For the past few years, Miss Barbara has helped me prepare for a dancing competition in Buffalo among elected leaders. She taught me

you've got to get down to get up.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR KENNEDY: Somehow she put the swing into these shoes and got me up onto that stage. And let me tell you, I hung on for dear life. And quite frankly, she's the reason I made it through the night.

By the way, for those of you keeping score -- and I know you're all keeping score -- we had a perfect score. I couldn't have asked for a better dance partner and a more patient teacher.

If she was able to teach me, by the way, to dance, she can teach anyone to dance. Just ask her.

But Miss Barbara's teaching isn't confined to the walls of her school. She gives back to our community tenfold, outside of her own school. Whether it's through the Miss Young, Gifted and Black Pageant program, which she created, her church, the Lutheran Church of our Savior, or as an active member of organizations like the NAACP, the Buffalo Niagara Partnership, and the National Association of Dance and Affiliated Artists, among many, many other things

that Miss Barbara is involved with, she absolutely does it all.

We're so proud to call her a Buffalonian. We're so proud to call her one of our own. And I am truly privileged to call her my friend.

So to Miss Barbara's School of Dance, congratulations on your 50th anniversary. And to Miss Barbara Glover, Buffalo and New York State owes you a debt of gratitude for everything you've done to help our young people learn and our community grow in Western New York and across this great state.

We congratulate you on this amazing achievement. We are honored to have you in our presence.

Mr. President, if you could open up this resolution for cosponsorship and extend the honor of the floor of the house to Miss Barbara Glover.

Thank you very much.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Kennedy, any individual who can teach and deal with you should be canonized perhaps today.

(Laughter.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The question is on the resolution. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Opposed?

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The resolution is adopted.

We want to welcome Miss Barbara and her family and friends who are here today, congratulate you, and extend our best wishes and the courtesies of the house.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The resolution is open for cosponsorship. Should you choose not to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Yes, we have one more resolution, by Senator Hamilton, 5296. Could we please read the title only and recognize Senator Hamilton.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: On Resolution Number 5296, the Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Legislative

Resolution Number 5296, by Senator Hamilton, recognizing the Barbados' National Heroes Day Lecture 2016 "Developing Tomorrow's Heroes Today" on April 28, 2016.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Hamilton.

SENATOR HAMILTON: Yes, Mr. President, I rise to recognize Barbados' National Heroes Day.

As you know, Barbados is the island country of my family, the most literate country in the world, with a 100 percent literacy rate, always stressing education, education, education.

I'd like to also recognize the 50th anniversary for Barbados this year for its independence. And I'd also like to recognize my great uncle, Robert Tate, who will be 101 years old this year. Hopefully I can live longer than him.

And I just want to say God bless the island country of Barbados.

Thank you so much.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: This resolution has already been adopted in the Resolution Calendar today.

Thank you, Senator Hamilton.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: It's also open for cosponsorship.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The resolution is also open for cosponsorship. Should you choose not to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: All right, now can we take up the noncontroversial reading of the calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 169, by Senator LaValle, Senate Print 2926, an act in relation to authorizing.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: There is a home-rule message at the desk.

The Secretary will read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 260, by Senator Funke, Senate Print 3144A, an act to amend the General Municipal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 5. this act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 260, those recorded in the negative are Senators Comrie, Espaillat, Hoylman, Montgomery, Peralta, Perkins and Squadron.

Ayes, 51. Nays, 7.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 310, by Senator Griffo, Senate Print 2715, an act

to amend the Banking Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect on the first of November.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 310, those recorded in the negative are Senators Hassell-Thompson, Montgomery and Perkins.

Ayes, 55. Nays, 3.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 346, by Senator Golden, Senate Print 4919A, an act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 347, by Senator Díaz, Senate Print 463, an act to amend the Penal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 347, those recorded in the negative are Senators Montgomery, Parker and Perkins.

Ayes, 55. Nays, 3.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 462, by Senator Kennedy, Senate Print 1417, an act to amend the Penal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This

act shall take effect on the first of November.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 473, by Senator Marcellino, Senate Print 2173, an act to amend the Civil Rights Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 550, by Senator Seward, Senate Print 7104, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 615, by Senator Lanza, Senate Print 7181, an act to amend Chapter 704 of the Laws of 1991.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Lay the bill aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 641, by Senator Gallivan, Senate Print 6790, an act to amend the General Municipal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Krueger to explain her vote.

SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to explain my vote no on this bill.

Some people might read this bill and just think it's expanding the possibility of 50/50 charitable raffles. But if you actually read the bill and think about it a bit, it would actually allow major sporting teams in other locations to have almost rolling ongoing raffles in an electronic lottery-like model as long as they could find some not-for-profit organization to participate.

And I fear that we would actually be replacing or supplementing a new lottery for the State of New York at sporting events with little oversight and very little discussion or questioning whether this legislative body wants to expand what I call video crack that goes on in bars throughout this state to every site where there are sporting events.

And I have to say we continue to pass bills in this house that expand gambling

without all of the muss and fuss of the licensing process for lottery and casinos and racetracks, and we just are creating a secondary tier of legal-but-nobody's-really-looking-at-it giant gambling models.

So I'm voting no, Mr. President. And I hope that before this becomes a law in the State of New York, other people take a look at what the ramifications could be.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Krueger to be recorded in the negative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57. Nays, 1. Senator Krueger recorded in the negative.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 642, by Senator Gallivan, Senate Print 70B, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 643, by Senator Gallivan, Senate Print 150A, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57. Nays, 1. Senator Espaillat recorded in the negative.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 644, by Senator Marcellino, Senate Print 458, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This

act shall take effect on the first of November.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 646, by Senator Marcellino, Senate Print 732, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 647, by Senator Robach, Senate Print 1961, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Krueger to explain her vote.

SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to explain my no vote.

While certainly nobody wants anyone to be driving vehicles while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, when you look at the research about the validity of swab tests in a street police-stop situation, there's an enormous possibility of a false positive.

It will potentially mean many people who currently would not be dragged into a police precinct to have to be brought in for follow-up blood and urine tests.

It could potentially result in large numbers of people who take legal prescribed drugs that are not mind-altering but are some of the most common drugs Americans take -- Lipitor, for example, high blood pressure medicine -- testing positive with the swabs at the side of a road.

And in fact it raises the additional question of now the police have your DNA from this swab. Even though they may never bring any charge at all and you did nothing wrong, your DNA would then be in the system. And I don't think this bill reasonably addresses the handling of DNA collected from all these swabs, on top of my concerns that this actually isn't a model that would provide legitimate information to police officers making the judgment call at the time on the side of the road.

So I am voting no, Mr. President, in the hopes that more research can be done about how or why these swabs would be valuable to law enforcement, could ensure not having so many false positives, potentially having citizens brought into police headquarters unnecessarily, and finally our needing to address the question of who has the rights to that DNA from that swab since in many circumstances you would never even be arrested.

And I know that this legislative body has dealt with, in complicated ways, the question of when does the government have the right to keep and store your DNA if you have

neither been charged with anything or found guilty.

So I'll be voting no for all those reasons, Mr. President. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Krueger to be recorded in the negative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 647, those recorded in the negative are Senators Hoylman, Krueger, Montgomery, Panepinto and Perkins.

Ayes, 53. Nays, 5.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 650, by Senator Lanza, Senate Print 4050, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

Senator Perkins recorded in the negative.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 650: Ayes, 57. Nays, 1. Senator Perkins recorded in the negative.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill passes.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 652, by Senator Martins, Senate Print 4649A, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the 90th day.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57. Nays, 1. Senator Perkins recorded in the negative.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 655, by Senator Croci, Senate Print 6586, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the 90th day.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 658, by Senator Gallivan, Senate Print 401A, an act to amend the State Administrative Procedure Act.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 658, those recorded in the negative are

Senators Avella, Comrie, Hassell-Thompson, Hoylman, Krueger, Montgomery, Perkins, Rivera, Serrano and Squadron. Also Senator Espaillat.

Ayes, 47. Nays, 11.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 659, by Senator Gallivan, Senate Print 406A, an act to amend the State Administrative Procedure Act.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 659, those recorded in the negative are Senators Hassell-Thompson and Hoylman.

Ayes, 56. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 677, by Senator Klein, Senate Print 852A, an act

to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 682, by Senator Carlucci, Senate Print 1422, an act to direct.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

684, by Senator Marcellino, Senate Print 1921A, an act to amend the Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 685, by Senator Larkin, Senate Print 2254, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 689, by Senator Ortt, Senate Print 3113, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 694, by Senator Ritchie, Senate Print 6613, an act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57. Nays, 1. Senator Espaillat recorded in the negative.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 695, by Senator Avella, Senate Print 887A, an act to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 706, by Senator Felder, Senate Print 7395, an act to amend the General City Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

Senator DeFrancisco, that completes the noncontroversial reading of today's active-list calendar.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Can we read the one bill on the controversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Secretary will ring the bell.

And the Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 615, by Senator Lanza, Senate Print 7181, an act to amend Chapter 704 of the Laws of 1991.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Some order in the house, please.

Senator Squadron.

SENATOR SQUADRON: Thank you, Mr. President. If the sponsor would yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Lanza, do you yield?

SENATOR LANZA: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The Senator yields.

SENATOR SQUADRON: I thank the sponsor.

This is a bill that extends New York's broken ticket-reselling law. I'd like to ask the sponsor, in what way is this bill different than the bill that extended the ticket-reselling law in 2015?

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, there are no substantive changes over last year's extender.

SENATOR SQUADRON: Thank you. If the sponsor would continue to yield.

SENATOR LANZA: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR SQUADRON: And substantive changes since 2014?

SENATOR LANZA: There are none, Mr. President.

SENATOR SQUADRON: And the sponsor will continue to yield?

SENATOR LANZA: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR SQUADRON: For purposes of

time, substantive changes since 2013, 2012, 2011, or 2010's ticket-reselling bill?

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, the improvement in this legislation, this extender, is that if action is not taken, the current law will sunset on midnight of this month, the 14th. And I think most people with sense realize that this legislation is a tremendous improvement over what would occur if we were not to act with this extender.

SENATOR SQUADRON: If the sponsor would continue to yield.

SENATOR LANZA: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR SQUADRON: Is the sponsor aware that a member of the minority in this house, in voting against this bill up against the deadline, said "A report has to be done, some study has to be done. The chairman of the Investigations Committee, my colleague, could well have done this -- should have, in my mind, done this as a service and issued a report himself, as a committee should have issued a report on this thing and let us know what's going

on here. We need to know the facts on this bill, and until we do -- and I don't often do this -- I'm going to agree with NYPIRG, because I think they're correct. I think the taxpayers are getting the shaft on this one and they're not getting their fair share."

Is the sponsor aware that a member of the minority, in voting against this bill up against the deadline, said exactly that?

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, I'll take Senator Squadron's word, and therefore I am now aware.

SENATOR SQUADRON: If the sponsor will continue to yield.

SENATOR LANZA: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR SQUADRON: Would it surprise the sponsor to hear that that member of the minority was a member of the sponsor's conference in 2009 when a very similar bill was being extended up against the deadline?

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, I think that is no surprise to anyone in this chamber, given where Senator Squadron is going

this afternoon.

SENATOR SQUADRON: Thank you. And I thank the sponsor for anticipating where I was going. And if he would continue to yield.

SENATOR LANZA: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR SQUADRON: Thank you.

Is the sponsor also aware that the chair of the Investigations and Government Operations Committee promised in 2014 that we would talk about amendments to that bill -- as the sponsor has said, substantively identical to this bill, quote, in the coming weeks, and that those conversations, here two years later, have never happened?

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, Senator Squadron continues to enlighten me.

SENATOR SQUADRON: If the sponsor will continue to yield.

SENATOR LANZA: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR SQUADRON: Thank you.

In that context in which we are now

on the seventh iteration of an identical bill that both from the perspective of voting against the bill in the minority and from the perspective of hearing that a member of your own conference has agreed we need more information on before we just extend it, doesn't the sponsor agree that we need significantly more understanding of this issue and substantive conversation before yet again giving another year to this broken law?

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, first, I'm not sure that I agree with Senator Squadron's characterization that this is a broken law.

I know for a fact that most people with good sense would agree that if we were not to act, we would certainly revert to a broken law, and that would occur on May 14th of this year. And so I think it is important that we act in order to avoid what clearly folks on both sides of the aisle in two houses, and the Governor, all agreed was truly a broken law.

SENATOR SQUADRON: If the sponsor would continue to yield.

SENATOR LANZA: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR SQUADRON: Is the sponsor

aware of -- for the record, since I know the answer and I appreciate the conversations we've had on this -- for the record, is the sponsor aware of the Attorney General's report from this past year called "Obstructed View: What's Blocking New Yorkers from Getting Tickets" that highlighted a large number of problems with the existing law?

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, yes, I am.

And in fact as chair of the Investigations Committee, I have engaged in many conversations with the Attorney General and have worked with others within the subject matter here to move forward with respect to what, if any, changes need to be made to the current law.

And in fact there are a number of pieces of legislation that are pending -- for instance, with respect to so-called bots. I am confident that very shortly we will be introducing and hopefully voting upon legislation in this chamber which will make the bots -- which will become the strongest anti-bots legislation in the nation.

SENATOR SQUADRON: And if the

sponsor would continue to yield.

SENATOR LANZA: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR SQUADRON: First of all, I appreciate the work the sponsor has done on that in coordination with the Attorney General and look forward to that bill and do believe that the potential for that bill to deal with the bots issue is real. I would rather we saw them at the same time.

But let's move past the bots issue for that reason. Is the sponsor aware that in the Attorney General's report it was also -- the Attorney General said that some brokers sell speculative tickets, meaning that they sell tickets they do not have but expect to be able to purchase after locking in a buyer, which are a risk to consumers and drive up prices even before tickets are released?

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, yes, I am aware.

And in fact the current law, which we would be extending today, deals with that very issue. If this bill were not to pass and become

law, we would revert to the old law, which does nothing to address that issue.

SENATOR SQUADRON: If the sponsor would continue to yield.

SENATOR LANZA: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR SQUADRON: It's critical that we don't revert to a law passed in the 1920s for long. But is the sponsor's contention that if this bill is not signed into law by May 14th, that will be the impact and chaos will reign in the ticket-selling market in New York State?

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, it's my contention that if we do not extend the current law, it will sunset, by operation of law, on midnight, May 14th.

And so as a matter of law, yes, that's precisely what will happen. We will go back to the old law, which didn't work, which truly was broken. And to reminisce about my childhood, when that law was in existence, it meant that only the well-heeled, the wealthy, or the well-connected even had access to a concert or to a Yankees playoff game or a Yankees World

Series game or, for Joe Robach, even a Mets World Series game.

And so the current law has allowed for a free market for resale. It has required licensing for ticket resellers. It has created buffer zones, where tickets cannot be resold near venues. It has provided for civil penalties for bots to procure tickets. I think we all agree that that is where the real problem currently exists with respect to the initial offering of tickets, where because of the actions of bots, many of those tickets, for all intents and purposes, are not available to any of us.

And as I've said, I'm very confident that we will soon be voting on the strongest bots legislation in the nation, which will impose criminal sanctions with respect to the use of bots and I think will go a long way in creating greater access at the initial offering prices and of course would still allow for the secondary market to allow for the access that currently exists to tickets for events and sporting events in this state, which really did not exist unless, as I said, you were well-heeled, wealthy, or well-connected.

SENATOR SQUADRON: If the sponsor would continue to yield.

SENATOR LANZA: And, Mr. President, I think it would be a mistake to go back to that sort of system.

SENATOR SQUADRON: If the sponsor would --

SENATOR LANZA: And that's what would happen if we were not to vote and enact this extender.

Yes, Mr. President, I yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR SQUADRON: Is the sponsor aware of the fact that in both 2009 and 2010, the law expired before being renewed? In the case of 2010, it was renewed with some modifications.

The law was not passed in 2009 until June 1st, it was not passed in 2010 until June 30th, and chaos did not reign. The ticket market continued to sputter along in the way that it has, with an enormous advantage for brokers and venues at the cost of consumers and fans, with things like speculative sales and early sales to brokers with well more than 50 percent

of tickets, according to the Attorney General, not being made available for sale to the public, with markups that were shocking, and sort of a continual withholding of tickets that creates a shortage situation -- that all did continue in 2009 and '10, but the law did not. And chaos did not reign.

So I would ask, since we know that we did this twice before, could we delay this, do some hearings, figure out improvements beyond the bots, and hope to have a better ticket-reselling law so that Groundhog's Day does not continue to reign in this chamber?

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, first of all, it is Senator Squadron's characterization that there would be chaos, it is not mine, but I'll work with him.

In the past, budgets were not passed on the date by law they should have been passed either, but that's not the way we ought to proceed.

As a matter of law, if this is not extended on May 14, 2016, we will revert to the old law. Now, call it chaos or give it any other description that you might want to assign to it,

the bottom line is as a matter of law, we would be operating under the old law. And under the old law, perhaps not chaotic but certainly a system that allowed only the well-heeled, the wealthy, and the well-connected to have access to tickets, to concerts, events and sporting events.

So while I would not say or call that chaotic, I would call that a great shame and wrong. And we should not go back there. We should do our duty and extend the law.

And I want to point out, because Senator Squadron -- I understand this, saying that there is a better way. But Senator Squadron I've watched, on numerous occasions, often use a bill's one-house status as reason to oppose it. And as he knows, in order to get something done in our state legislatively, you need the Senate, the Assembly, and the Governor.

And with respect to this issue, there is only one bill where there is agreement between the Senate, the Assembly, and the Governor. And it is this extender. Which is why I think it is imperative for us to vote for this extender today.

And of course we can continue the

conversation with respect to where we can find further agreement between the Assembly, the Senate and the Governor on continued improvements. As I've already indicated, I think the major piece that we can all agree on is further prohibitions with respect to the issue of bots.

SENATOR SQUADRON: If the sponsor will continue to yield.

SENATOR LANZA: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR SQUADRON: The sponsor continually refers to the well-heeled, the well-connected and the wealthy benefiting under the old system. So just to clarify, the sponsor does not believe that large venues like Madison Square Garden, large ticket sellers like Ticketmaster, and brokers who are able to purchase thousands upon thousands of tickets at a time are well-connected, well-heeled and wealthy, they're the regular fans that this law benefits?

SENATOR LANZA: So, Mr. President, Senator Squadron knows that under the old law the people that I've described repeatedly -- let's

just say this. The ordinary citizen of our state rarely had access to desirable events in this state. And that is a fact that anyone over the age of I would say 25 can certainly attest to with respect to their experience.

SENATOR SQUADRON: If the sponsor would continue to yield.

SENATOR LANZA: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR SQUADRON: Does the sponsor believe that brokers, according to the Attorney General, marking up the price of tickets by an estimated 49 percent, on average, makes it easier for regular folks to purchase those tickets?

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, this is what I do know. Because of the creation of a secondary free market with respect to tickets for events in this state, tickets are now more accessible to more people than they ever have been before and certainly were under the old law.

We cannot go or revert back to the old law when only the wealthy, the well-heeled and the well-connected had access to tickets. And that's what I'm speaking about,

Mr. President. I'm not talking about who is making money, how they're making the money, where they're making the money. I'm talking about access to tickets.

And I think the goal for all of us ought to be to the extent that we care about this issue, that there be access to as many folks and citizens across the state, regardless of whether or not they are wealthy, well-connected or well-heeled.

SENATOR SQUADRON: If the sponsor will continue to yield.

SENATOR LANZA: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR SQUADRON: Does the sponsor not believe that the ability to buy and sell tickets on the web is what has driven easier access to the tickets, as opposed to a system that the Attorney General of this state has clearly said benefits brokers and venues who deal with them by preventing huge percentages of tickets from ever going on sale by creating average markups 50 percent, almost, above face value, and frequently for popular shows, markups

more like a thousand times what you see -- excuse me, ten times what you see, a thousand percent of the face value, and a system where bots have proliferated?

Which of those systems, the web or the system that the Attorney General describes, has made tickets more available for everyday fans?

SENATOR LANZA: So, Mr. President, under the old law there clearly would not be a market on the web for the resale of tickets, which would mean that we would revert to a system where there really was no access in the broader market to consumers for tickets in the State of New York.

With respect to the bots issue, I completely agree with you. With respect to brokers, the way they are able to amass huge numbers of tickets is primarily through the bots, the application and the utilization of these bots programs. It is something where there is bipartisan agreement.

We have -- as I've said, there have been discussions over the last several months, including with the Attorney General, Eric

Schneiderman, and we have a bill that I think will go a long way, if not end permanently the practice of bots in the State of New York.

And so I think primarily the problem or the issue being discussed by Senator Squadron is a result, more than anything else, of the utilization of bots. Which I hope we together very shortly will pass legislation to end.

SENATOR SQUADRON: If the sponsor will continue to yield.

SENATOR LANZA: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR SQUADRON: The sponsor claims that under the old law the ability to buy and sell tickets on the web would not exist, and therefore we need to pass law a bill that the sponsor agrees has significant flaws when it comes to bots, that the Attorney General has been clear makes it much easier, much more possible for the wealthy to buy tickets than the average fan, because ticket prices are sent into astronomical levels.

And so just to be very clear on this, the sponsor's view is that either we have

the old law or the exact law we have today and there's nothing else possible, even though there's a history of this law expiring for a few weeks and there being no consequence out there on the ground.

SENATOR LANZA: First, with respect to Senator Squadron's first point, I disagree. I think everyone agrees that bots are the problem. And I will very shortly -- I think it has been introduced, and I hope to see it on the floor very shortly, the strongest legislation dealing with bots in the country.

With respect to what will happen if this bill is not extended, it is very clear as a matter of law that the current law will sunset in a few days.

So I think, if I'm understanding Senator Squadron correctly, he's suggesting that we allow that to happen and then hope that after that occurs, we will all be able to arrive at a three-way agreement which we have not arrived at today.

I would rather -- or I should say I believe the proper way to proceed is to make sure that we don't revert to the old law, that we

extend it, and that we continue to do, in earnest, what Senator Squadron is suggesting, which is to see whether or not we can come to an agreement between the houses and the Governor for further improvement.

But I don't think we ought to be playing this game of chicken with this law, hoping for a good outcome, when we know if that agreement is not arrived at, we will be stuck with a very bad law that I think everyone, including Senator Squadron, agrees we should not have in this state.

SENATOR SQUADRON: If the sponsor would continue to yield.

SENATOR LANZA: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR SQUADRON: If the sponsor is so concerned about that despite the clear history, would the sponsor consider amending this bill to extend only until June 30th of this year so that we can address issues like the fact that only 46 percent of tickets, on average, are reserved for the public at the time they go on sale -- that means 54 percent for the

well-heeled, the well-connected and the wealthy, 54 percent under the current system, a lot of which are going to brokers -- so that we can pass a law that prohibits brokers from using every possible system under the sun in addition to bots, including signing up for fan clubs, obtaining codes, specific credit cards that are authorized for presales, direct relationships with the venues and the sports teams, to give them a leg up in the market?

Would the sponsor be willing to pass a bill for the next six weeks so that those issues could be dealt with so that fewer tickets are available to exclusively the well-heeled, the well-connected and the wealthy, and more available to the regular fan?

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, I'm glad I have Senator Squadron speaking my language.

If Senator Squadron cares so much about the issue, I think the prudent and responsible course of action for us is to ensure that we do not revert to the old law, that we today vote for and pass this extender because it is the only bill where there is presently

three-way agreement, and then we can continue the conversation.

But I don't think that we ought to play this game of chicken, as I've said, and allow this bill to sunset and revert to the old law.

SENATOR SQUADRON: If the sponsor would continue to yield.

SENATOR LANZA: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR SQUADRON: Is that an agreement to pull this bill today, amend it so that it expires on June 30th of this year so there's real pressure to have this conversation?

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, I don't know that I could be any more clear. This extender before this house has a same-as in the Assembly. In fact, I believe it passed yesterday, if not today.

This bill is before this house right now as we speak. I have every assurance and confidence that this bill is the one that will be signed by the Governor. I know that because he signed it last year.

And so I think the most responsible course of action -- unless you believe that it's all right to revert to the old law -- that we have before us is to vote for this extender.

SENATOR SQUADRON: If the sponsor would continue to yield.

SENATOR LANZA: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR SQUADRON: Final question. What assurance can the sponsor give that between now and 13 months from now there will be substantive public discussion and amendments to the bill next year in order to crack down on the kinds of behavior the AG was talking about beyond bots, such as more than half of tickets never going on sale to the general public, such as an average resale price 50 percent above the face value, such as brokers using any number of other advantages, sometimes fraudulently, in order to get early tickets, and such as brokers operating without a license frequently on New York vendors?

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, first I'll start with the last point. The current law requires licensing. To the extent that anyone is operating without a license, they are in violation of the current law.

With respect to 50 percent of tickets not being available to the general public, 90 percent of that 50 percent not being available is a result of bots. So to say "aside from bots, what are we going to do" -- doing something about bots is doing a heck of a lot.

And Senator Squadron has my assurance that my bill will be moved and I hope that we all agree that it is the most important thing we can do on this issue if we truly are concerned about guaranteeing access to tickets.

And with respect to who is making the money and what is being charged for tickets, all I know is this: Not too long ago in this state, ordinary people did not have access to playoff games and World Series and big-ticket events. And now because of the secondary market, because of the current law, with all the imperfections as described or perceived by Senator Squadron, now in today's society, with the Internet and because of the secondary market and because of this law, people can go on StubHub or somewhere else and at least have the opportunity to get a ticket that they, under the old law, never would have had the opportunity.

And we all know that's what happens in our communities if people want to go to a Yankee game or a Met game or a concert and they're not wealthy, well-heeled and well-connected. Under the current law, they go to StubHub. And you may not like the price they're paying, but at least they can get the ticket. And before, and if we revert to the old law, they will not be able to get that ticket.

SENATOR SQUADRON: It's disturbing that the sponsor is not willing to commit to any public substantive conversations on this bill, on fixing the bill, on making tickets more available in the future, much as has --

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President --

SENATOR SQUADRON: On the bill, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Lanza.

SENATOR LANZA: No, no. Point of personal privilege.

That's absolutely not true, Senator Squadron. I've engaged in numerous conversations, both public within this body, with the Attorney General, with many stakeholders, if

you will, with my constituents on the issue. And I'll talk to anybody anywhere who would like to continue the conversation on this issue. And you and I have had conversations about it, Senator Squadron, as well. And I'm always open to those conversations.

SENATOR SQUADRON: If the sponsor would continue to yield.

SENATOR LANZA: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR SQUADRON: Does that extend to public conversations in a committee or roundtable forum?

SENATOR LANZA: Senator Squadron, there is nothing preventing you from having a public meeting in your district, in Albany, or anywhere else in the state as you see fit.

SENATOR SQUADRON: If the sponsor would yield.

SENATOR LANZA: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR SQUADRON: Will the sponsor participate if we schedule it accordingly?

SENATOR LANZA: I'll have to see what the venue is and what you have in mind. And

I'm certainly open to it.

SENATOR SQUADRON: Thank you.

On the bill, Mr. President. It's disturbing --

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Squadron on the bill.

SENATOR SQUADRON: It's certainly true the sponsor is happy to engage in this conversation. I have done so, as the sponsor says. It is disturbing the sponsor is not willing to commit to a public conversation on this, as the prior sponsor of this bill, a member of his conference, committed to in 2014 and has never happened. As has not happened in the year between 2010-'11, '11-'12, '12-'13, '13-'14 when it was committed, '14-'15, and '15-'16. And when we get more of the same this coming year, I don't know why folks are so concerned about talking about this bill.

But as I said, on the bill, Mr. President.

I've spoken in the past about the way in which charitable events are also the victims of profiteering under this law. The 12/12/12 Sandy Relief Concert, which sold out in

minutes, resellers posted tickets at prices up to $6,500. Billy Joel's charity concert to benefit Long Island Cares in 2013, where tickets were resold for up to $4,000. And the MusiCares MAP Fund Benefit Concert in 2015, for which tickets were resold for over $1,250.

In fact, this past year, in September, I was joined by Cardinal Dolan and Senator Schumer as we spoke out against speculating surrounding the papal visit. Free tickets for the procession were reportedly listed on sites including eBay and Craigslist.

This year, for Hamilton, the hot Tony-nominated Broadway show, computer programs, or bots, have taken huge numbers of seats. It's been reported that $30,000 from every performance goes to ticket resellers, not to the artists and producers of that show. A producer said to the New York Times that a broker with a bot purchased 20,000 tickets to this show.

As we've discussed, Attorney General Schneiderman's report showed over 50 percent of tickets to big shows are never offered to the general public, and resold tickets are sold at an average of 49 percent above face value.

I've long carried bills to increase ticket industry transparency, create price caps, and ban charity ticket profiteering. As we've discussed year after year, the majority again pushes through the same bill with the same damage to consumers and fans, with the same promises that maybe next year something will change.

Whether it's profiteering off the Pope's visit, a Sandy benefit concert, or getting a ticket to the great new American musical, it seems that our broken ticket laws have been caught up in the Benjamins. So I thought I would take you through an abridged and modified rendition of the musical Hamilton.

For those who have been able to score tickets, you may recognize some of this. For those who have not seen the musical, rest assured the real thing is better. With apologies to Lin-Manuel Miranda and the entire cast and crew of Hamilton.

The first song of the show, "Alexander Hamilton": What's my name, Senator DeFrancisco? State Senator Squadron. My name is State Senator Squadron.

And there's a million fans having no

fun. But they just wait, they just wait. In New York you cannot be a real fan, oh, no. In New York you cannot be a real fan.

"Aaron Burr, Sir" --

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator DeFrancisco, why do you rise?

(Laughter.)

SENATOR SQUADRON: I'm going to have to start again, Senator DeFrancisco.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Would you yield for a question?

SENATOR SQUADRON: I would be happy to yield for a question. You did interrupt my flow, Senator DeFrancisco.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: No, I just have one quick question. That is, after hearing that rendition, does anybody really want to buy tickets to this damn thing?

(Laughter.)

SENATOR SQUADRON: I'm happy to answer the Senator's question. I'm also happy to have a backup chorus member at any point.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO:

Senator --

SENATOR SQUADRON: I appreciate that.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Squadron, break a leg.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR SQUADRON: Thank you very much.

So that was a little bit like a cellphone going off at the end of the opening number.

We're at the second song of the show, "Aaron Burr, Sir": While we're talking, let me offer you some free advice. Extend less, reform more. Let's let them know what we're against and what we're for.

"My Shot," next song: We're just giving away our shot, we're just giving away our shot. New York's law is junky, old, rotten and clunky, and we're just giving away our shot.

"You'll Be Back": Brokers rise, true fans fall. We have seen no reform through it all. And when push comes to shove, lobbyists will send a fully armed battalion to remind Sens of their love. Da da da dat da dat da da da da

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(Laughter.)

SENATOR SQUADRON: "Non-Stop": Tickets go on sale at the very same time. Real suddenly they begin to climb. How to account for this rise to the top? Man, the bots are nonstop.

I know I talk too much, I'm abrasive. Bots are incredible at tix. They're speedy, evasive; the fans need a strong defense. Not this solution. What do we need? A ticket revolution.

And from here on out, it's the real Hamilton lyrics: "Corruption's such an old song that we can sing along in harmony, and nowhere is it stronger than in Albany."

"The Room Where It Happens" -- still real lyrics: "No one really knows how the game is played, the art of the trade, how the sausage gets made. We just assume that it happens, but no one else is in the room where it happens, the room where it happens, the room where it happens."

Then at the end of the musical -- spoiler alert -- Burr shoots Hamilton in a duel, and he dies. Then at the end of the speech --

spoiler alert -- every year since 2010 fans across New York have been promised a better ticket-selling law. Things have not ended well for Alexander Hamilton or New York's consumers.

So, citing the musical's final number: What passes, what fails, who tells this story? Or actually, which New Yorkers have access to this great story of Alexander Hamilton, this great musical, and so many other shows and events to which currently they are prevented from going?

Let's not throw away our shot. Please join me in voting no on this bill.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Thank you, Senator Squadron.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator DeFrancisco.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: I just wanted to make a public service announcement. Tickets are now free --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: -- in front of the theater. And you've got plenty of

tickets, you don't need the bill any longer.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Krueger, are you still going to costar?

(Laughter.)

SENATOR KRUEGER: Well, I just want to stand and rise and say I actually don't want to try to go after that.

Thank you, Senator Squadron. I agree with you. I do want to highlight that unfortunately you can't get a free ticket, Senator DeFrancisco. You can't get a ticket to Hamilton at all anymore, because when you try to go and buy a ticket, they tell you: We're done, we're not selling tickets ever again at this point.

But if you go online through a broker, you can see tickets for $3,500 to go see Hamilton. Which I think highlights the point my colleague made so much more eloquently. And I respect his position on this completely, and I also will be voting no.

But I will point out that perhaps the actual cast of Hamilton has nothing to fear about Senator Squadron trying to get their job. I apologize on that.

I vote no, Mr. President. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Nor does the $10 bill.

(Laughter.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Seeing and hearing no other Senator that wishes to be heard, the debate is closed. The Secretary will ring the bell.

The Secretary will read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Boyle to explain his vote.

Can I have some order in the house, please.

SENATOR BOYLE: Mr. President, to explain my vote.

While I'm sympathetic to Senator Squadron and his concerns on this legislation, I intend to vote in favor of it. I just do want to

mention, with his representation of the play Hamilton, Bay Shore High School, in my district, has an arts foundation and recently sent the entire junior class to see that play -- $70,000 they raised for this. And Bay Shore is number one.

But I'm voting aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Boyle to be recorded in the affirmative.

Senator Hamilton to explain his vote.

Can we have some order, please.

SENATOR HAMILTON: Mr. President, I rise to explain my vote.

As you know, I'm related to Hamilton, he's part of my family. And I haven't got any money from the proceeds of the play, the Hamilton. So I have to vote no until -- stop.

I'm going to have to vote no on this bill for the mere fact that a lot of people are not getting their fair share of tickets, including my family, the Hamilton family. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: Senator Hamilton to be recorded in the negative.

The Secretary will announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 615, those recorded in the negative are Senators Breslin, Dilan, Espaillat, Hamilton, Hassell-Thompson, Hoylman, Krueger, Montgomery, Parker, Peralta, Perkins, Persaud, Rivera, Serrano, Squadron and Stewart-Cousins.

Ayes, 42. Nays, 16.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: The bill is passed.

Senator DeFrancisco, that completes the reading of the controversial calendar.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Is there any further business at the desk?

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: There is no further business at the desk.

Can I have some order in the house, please? I think you'll be interested in Senator DeFrancisco's announcement.

SENATOR DeFRANCISCO: Everybody will want to hear this.

I move to adjourn until Wednesday, May 11th at 10:00, that is 10:00 a.m.

ACTING PRESIDENT GRIFFO: On

motion, the Senate will stand adjourned until Wednesday, May 11th, at 10:00 a.m. The Senate will stand adjourned until Wednesday, May 11th, at 10:00 a.m.

The Senate is adjourned.

(Whereupon, the Senate adjourned at 5:12 p.m.)