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14 REGULAR SESSION

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18 SENATOR BRIAN A. BENJAMIN, Acting President

19 ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
14 reading of the Journal.

15 THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday,  
16 May 20, 2019, the Senate met pursuant to  
17 adjournment. The Journal of Sunday, May 19,  
18 2019, was read and approved. On motion, Senate  
19 adjourned.

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

22 Presentation of petitions.

23 Messages from the Assembly.

24 The Secretary will read.

25 THE SECRETARY: On page 20,

1 Senator Sanders moves to discharge, from the  
2 Committee on Banks, Assembly Bill Number 1940 and  
3 substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 2245,  
4 Third Reading Calendar 414.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
6 substitution is so ordered.

7 THE SECRETARY: On page 32,  
8 Senator Rivera moves to discharge, from the  
9 Committee on Health, Assembly Bill Number 1084  
10 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill  
11 874, Third Reading Calendar 618.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
13 Substitution so ordered.

14 THE SECRETARY: On page 34,  
15 Senator Sepúlveda moves to discharge, from the  
16 Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and  
17 Corrections, Assembly Bill Number 6849 and  
18 substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 4566,  
19 Third Reading Calendar 633.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
21 Substitution so ordered.

22 THE SECRETARY: On page 40,  
23 Senator Mayer moves to discharge, from the  
24 Committee on Education, Assembly Bill Number  
25 6671A and substitute it for the identical Senate

1 Bill 5323, Third Reading Calendar 709.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

3 Substitution so ordered.

4 THE SECRETARY: On page 42,  
5 Senator May moves to discharge, from the  
6 Committee on Finance, Assembly Bill Number 7206  
7 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill  
8 4575, Third Reading Calendar 731.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

10 Substitution so ordered.

11 THE SECRETARY: On page 43,  
12 Senator Gounardes moves to discharge, from the  
13 Committee on Aging, Assembly Bill Number 5626 and  
14 substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 4407,  
15 Third Reading Calendar 741.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
17 substitution is so 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: Mr. President,

1 on behalf of Senator Gaughran, I wish to call up  
2 Senate Print 2979, recalled from the Assembly,  
3 which is now at the desk.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
5 Secretary will read.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
7 207, Senate Print 2979, by Senator Gaughran, an  
8 act to incorporate the Volunteer Exempt  
9 Firefighter's Benevolent Association of  
10 Huntington Manor and providing for its powers and  
11 duties.

12 SENATOR GIANARIS: I move to  
13 reconsider the vote by which this bill was  
14 passed.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
16 Secretary will call the roll on reconsideration.

17 (The Secretary called the roll.)

18 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 53.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
20 bill is restored to its place on the  
21 Third Reading Calendar.

22 SENATOR GIANARIS: I offer the  
23 following amendments.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
25 amendments are received.

1                   SENATOR GIANARIS:    On behalf of  
2   Senator Savino, on page 42 I offer the following  
3   amendments to Calendar 728, Senate Print 4080A,  
4   and ask that said bill retain its place on Third  
5   Reading Calendar.

6                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    The  
7   amendments are received, and the bill shall  
8   retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

9                   SENATOR GIANARIS:    On behalf of  
10   Senator Kennedy, I move that the following bills  
11   be discharged from their respective committees  
12   and be recommitted with instructions to strike  
13   the enacting clause:   Senate 3023 and 5405.

14                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    It is  
15   so ordered.

16                  SENATOR GIANARIS:    Please recognize  
17   Senator Griffo.

18                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    Senator  
19   Griffo.

20                  SENATOR GRIFFO:    Thank you,  
21   Mr. President.

22                  I would like to move, on behalf of  
23   Senator O'Mara, that Senate Bill 1884 be  
24   discharged from its respective committee and be  
25   recommitted with instructions to strike the

1       enacting clause.

2                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     It is  
3       so ordered.

4                   Senator Gianaris.

5                   SENATOR GIANARIS:     Mr. President, I  
6       move to adopt the Resolution Calendar, with the  
7       exception of Resolutions 1462, 1463, 1520, 1521,  
8       1544, 1546, and 1566.

9                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     Senator  
10      Gianaris.

11                  SENATOR GIANARIS:     Mr. President,  
12      let me revise that list, please.

13                  So I move to adopt the Resolution  
14      Calendar, with the exception of Resolutions 1521,  
15      1544, 1546, and 1566 only.

16                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     Senator  
17      Gianaris.

18                  SENATOR GIANARIS:     And 1564.

19                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     All in  
20      favor of adopting the Resolution Calendar, with  
21      the exception of Resolutions 1521, 1544, 1546,  
22      1564 and 1566, please signify by saying aye.

23                  (Response of "Aye.")

24                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
25      Opposed, nay.

1 (No response.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
3 Resolution Calendar is adopted.

4 Senator Gianaris.

5 SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now take  
6 up Resolution 1564, by Leader Stewart-Cousins,  
7 read that resolution in title only, and recognize  
8 Senator Brooks on the resolution.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
10 Secretary will read.

11 THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution  
12 1564, by Senator Stewart-Cousins, honoring the  
13 distinguished veterans from the State of New York  
14 upon the occasion of their induction into the  
15 New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame, to  
16 be celebrated on May 14, 2019.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
18 Brooks on the resolution.

19 SENATOR BROOKS: Thank you,  
20 Mr. President.

21 Today the Senate honors our  
22 veterans. Each of us had the opportunity to  
23 nominate an individual to be enrolled in our Hall  
24 of Fame. My nominee is here in the chambers, Pat  
25 Yngstrom. Pat is a Vietnam vet, he's an



1     Airborne. He served with distinction in Vietnam.  
2     He's also ran the Nassau County Veterans  
3     Association, and currently serves on my veterans  
4     advisory committee.

5             Pat, like so many veterans, when  
6     they return back to this country, continue to  
7     work to help and provide assistance to those who  
8     served with them.

9             We had the opportunity to recognize  
10    four of our veterans today, men and women who  
11    served this country and continue to serve this  
12    country. We welcome all of them to this chamber.  
13    We thank them for the service they gave to this  
14    country while in uniform and the service they  
15    continue to give this country today.

16            So Mr. President, it is my honor to  
17    recognize all of our veterans here in the  
18    chamber. And we say to them thank you for the  
19    service you've given, we wish you Godspeed, and  
20    God bless America and all of you for the service  
21    you've provided to this nation.

22            Thank you, Mr. President.

23            (Standing ovation.)

24            ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
25    question is on the resolution. All in favor

1 signify by saying aye.

2 (Response of "Aye.")

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

4 Opposed, nay.

5 (No response.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
7 resolution is adopted.

8 Senator Gianaris.

9 SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now take  
10 up Resolution 1544, by Senator Martinez, read its  
11 title only, and recognize Senator Martinez.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
13 Secretary will read.

14 THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution  
15 1544, by Senator Martinez, commending Grace  
16 African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church of  
17 Patchogue, New York, upon the occasion of  
18 celebrating its 100th Anniversary on May 18,  
19 2019.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
21 Martinez on the resolution.

22 SENATOR MARTINEZ: Good afternoon,  
23 Mr. President.

24 I am proud to stand here today to  
25 draw special attention to a church in my district

1 known as Grace A.M.E. Zion Church and celebrating  
2 100 years of establishment.

3 Grace A.M.E. Zion Church was founded  
4 in 1918 by a community of neighbors seeking a  
5 safe and welcoming space for their congregants.  
6 The church was founded on the strong belief that  
7 God is God all the time and for everybody. The  
8 mission of the church is to minister to the  
9 emotional, intellectual, spiritual, environmental  
10 and physical needs of all the people by spreading  
11 the Gospel of Jesus Christ through both word and  
12 deed.

13 The church serves as a model for  
14 groups who support and uplift through outreach  
15 and faith. And I would extend my congratulations  
16 and best wishes on behalf of my fellow colleagues  
17 to Grace A.M.E. Zion Church located in Patchogue,  
18 New York, on this great honor.

19 Thank you.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
21 question is on the resolution. All in favor  
22 signify by saying aye.

23 (Response of "Aye.")

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
25 Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
3 resolution is adopted.

4 Senator Gianaris.

5 SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President,  
6 can we now move to Resolution 1521, by  
7 Senator May, read its title only, and recognize  
8 Senator May.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
10 Secretary will read.

11 THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution  
12 1521, by Senator May, memorializing Governor  
13 Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 21, 2019, as  
14 Older New Yorkers Day in the State of New York.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
16 May on the resolution.

17 SENATOR MAY: Thank you,  
18 Mr. President.

19 As chair of the Senate Committee on  
20 Aging, I am pleased to highlight the importance  
21 of older New Yorkers to our communities, our  
22 state, and society as whole.

23 One in six New Yorkers is 65 or  
24 older, which is why we work so hard on  
25 legislation to ensure that we have the resources

1 and supports in place to meet the evolving needs  
2 of older New Yorkers.

3 But we shouldn't view older  
4 New Yorkers as a problem to be solved. They are  
5 a deep reservoir of talent, experience, energy  
6 and expertise, from which we can draw as we  
7 strive to build stronger communities and advance  
8 a higher quality of life for all.

9 Older New Yorkers are the lifeblood  
10 of our communities. They contribute nearly  
11 120 million volunteer hours in service to others.  
12 These services have an estimated value of many  
13 billions of dollars, and an immeasurable impact  
14 on people's lives and on society as a whole.

15 Older New Yorkers live in every  
16 corner of our state, and they are models of a  
17 strong tradition of volunteerism and engaged  
18 citizenship. They both challenge and inspire us  
19 to follow their example.

20 In 1963, President Kennedy declared  
21 the month of May to be Older Americans Month, so  
22 that each year communities around the nation  
23 might celebrate and reflect on the unique role  
24 older Americans play in our communities, our  
25 state, our nation and the world.

1           In the spirit of that proclamation,  
2   I ask that we too pause in our deliberations to  
3   recognize and thank older New Yorkers for all  
4   they have done and continue to do for our  
5   neighborhoods, our communities, our state and the  
6   world, and to memorialize Governor Cuomo to  
7   proclaim this day, May 21, 2019, as Older  
8   New Yorkers Day in the State of New York.

9           I'm going to continue, because  
10   several Senators have resolutions in recognition  
11   of particular older New Yorkers, and I am going  
12   to read mine about the Senate's honoree for  
13   outstanding contribution by an older New Yorker.

14           It's my distinct honor today to  
15   recognize Ruth Johnson Colvin as the New York  
16   State Senate honoree for outstanding contribution  
17   by an older New Yorker. Last week at a luncheon  
18   in her honor, Ruth told us this: "Age is just a  
19   number," she said. "I just happen to have a big  
20   number, 102." Then she went on to describe how  
21   she plays three rounds of golf a week, works out  
22   twice weekly at the gym, while also still writing  
23   and volunteering in the community.

24           But Ruth is not just wonderful for  
25   her longevity. An educator, a humanitarian, and

1 a world citizen at heart, she has done amazing  
2 things with her 102 years. Born in Chicago, Ruth  
3 Colvin earned a degree in business from Syracuse  
4 University in 1959. Two years later, she  
5 discovered that more than 11,000 people in  
6 Syracuse were functionally illiterate, and she  
7 set out to rectify the problem. She assembled a  
8 community network of literacy tutors and worked  
9 with professional reading specialists to develop  
10 tutor training and instructional resources for  
11 the volunteer network. She called the initiative  
12 Literacy Volunteers.

13 That grassroots network would grow  
14 in to Literacy Volunteers of America. It is now  
15 known as ProLiteracy Worldwide, with a thousand  
16 member organizations across the United States and  
17 more than 100,000 volunteers and students engaged  
18 in its work.

19 Ruth's success in starting a global  
20 literacy movement has earned her the Presidential  
21 Medal of Freedom, induction into the National  
22 Women's Hall of Fame, and nine honorary degrees.  
23 Today, at age 102, she continues to be deeply  
24 engaged in the local community as a literacy  
25 tutor, as a life member of the ProLiteracy and

1 LiteracyCNY boards of directors, and she's at  
2 work on her 13th book about her remarkable life  
3 journey.

4 Ruth's motto is if you believe in  
5 your idea, you go from there. If you do it with  
6 love, it will work out. We are fortunate that  
7 Ruth Colvin believed in her idea and pursued it  
8 with love.

9 She exemplifies the power of one  
10 person to make a positive difference in the  
11 world, and she challenges and inspires us all to  
12 do the same.

13 I would ask that this legislative  
14 body recognize Ruth Johnson Colvin as its 2019  
15 honoree for outstanding contribution by an older  
16 New Yorker, and offer her the privileges of the  
17 house. Thank you.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
19 Serino on the resolution.

20 SENATOR SERINO: Thank you,  
21 Mr. President.

22 And I would just like to say I  
23 second all the wonderful things that Senator May  
24 said, and congratulations to Ruth today.

25 I rise as the Aging Committee



1 ranking member to congratulate all the seniors  
2 who are honored here today and to thank them for  
3 their tremendous contributions to our communities  
4 and our state. Our seniors have spent their  
5 lives building and shaping the communities that  
6 we know and love, and today's annual event is an  
7 important reminder of their continued commitment  
8 to service and volunteerism.

9           Each year, reading through the  
10 biographies of the seniors who are honored, I am  
11 always blown away by the incredible list of  
12 accomplishments. Through their work, they are  
13 sending a clear message: There is no age limit  
14 on service.

15           And you know, it's so nice to see  
16 all the young people here today and that you're  
17 listening to this, because this is a lesson that  
18 I think that we can all learn from.

19           It's so easy to get caught up in our  
20 lives, in the day-to-day. But throughout their  
21 lives these individuals have always found time to  
22 give back by making it a priority.

23           Today I also wanted to remind this  
24 body that our efforts to honor New York's over  
25 3 million seniors should not be contained only to

1 resolutions like this one. I urge my colleagues  
2 to truly listen to the needs of seniors and their  
3 communities who are urging leaders to make  
4 New York a better place to age.

5 Today we recognize just how much our  
6 seniors are contributing to our communities. And  
7 it's an important opportunity for all of us just  
8 to say thank you. But we have a true duty to  
9 ensure that they have the resources they need to  
10 age in place, at home and in the communities that  
11 they love, with dignity.

12 Our seniors deserve to see real  
13 action on the part of the state, and that means  
14 passing measures that actually reduce their cost  
15 of living, considering how new taxes, no matter  
16 how small we might think they are, will impact  
17 them before they're passed into law. Whether  
18 it's a five-cent tax on a plastic bag or a new  
19 tax on their energy bills, it all adds up. It  
20 means more effectively combating elder and  
21 financial abuse --

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
23 Serino, please stay germane to the resolution.  
24 You're going into laws.

25 SENATOR SERINO: Okay, yup.

1                   And it means funding the services  
2                   that improve quality of life by bettering  
3                   transportation options, empowering caregivers,  
4                   and providing for the community resources they  
5                   need to stay in their homes as long as possible.

6                   I thank Senator May once again for  
7                   bringing this resolution to the floor to honor  
8                   today's New York seniors. But moreover, I hope  
9                   all of us here today take this message to heart  
10                  and give voice to our seniors here in Albany.

11                  Thank you, Mr. President.

12                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    Senator  
13                  Montgomery on the resolution.

14                  SENATOR MONTGOMERY:    Thank you,  
15                  Mr. President.

16                  I want to thank Majority Leader  
17                  Stewart-Cousins and to Senator May and to  
18                  Senator Serino.

19                  I have a senior from my own district  
20                  who is being honored, and I would like to call  
21                  her out, because I'm very proud that there is  
22                  someone from the Bedford-Stuyvesant community in  
23                  the 25th Senate District. And she is Susan  
24                  Ponds, who is being honored here today as an  
25                  outstanding senior in the State of New York. She

1 is a resident of the Sandy F. Ray Senior Citizen  
2 Houses in Bedford-Stuyvesant. And as a resident,  
3 she is an active participant at the Tompkins Park  
4 Neighborhood Senior Center, assisting seniors in  
5 her building. Because she is an official IRS  
6 expert, she helps seniors in her residence fill  
7 out their income tax. So even the seniors are  
8 busy paying taxes. Thank you, senior citizens.

9 Ms. Ponds is originally from South  
10 Carolina, so she has brought to New York City a  
11 level of activism and of being a determined and  
12 active citizen in her community, has added to her  
13 community in many different ways, is a volunteer  
14 at the Kings County Hospital and volunteers in  
15 her church community, and continues to be an  
16 active person in her community in my district.

17 And I rise to thank her for all of  
18 the many, many years that she has provided such  
19 leadership in the Borough of Brooklyn.

20 Thank you, Mr. President. And I  
21 thank and honor Susan Ponds today. Thank you.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
23 question is on the resolution. All in favor  
24 signify by saying aye.

25 (Response of "Aye.")

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

2   Opposed?

3                   (No response.)

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    The  
5   resolution is adopted.

6                   To our seniors who are here today, I  
7   welcome you on behalf of the Senate. We extend  
8   to you all the privileges and courtesies of this  
9   house. Please rise and be recognized.

10                  (Standing ovation.)

11                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    Senator  
12   Gianaris.

13                  SENATOR GIANARIS:    Mr. President,  
14   it was mentioned that in addition to our  
15   distinguished older New Yorkers, there are  
16   several young New Yorkers here today. And in  
17   part that's because the League of Women Voters  
18   has its Legislative Shadow program ongoing today.

19                  So I just wanted to recognize all of  
20   those who are here as part of that program. And  
21   if you wouldn't mind welcoming them to the  
22   chamber today, Mr. President.

23                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

24   Absolutely. To our guests, I welcome you on  
25   behalf of the Senate. We extend to you all the

1 privileges and courtesies of this house. Please  
2 rise and be recognized.

3 (Standing ovation.)

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
5 Gianaris.

6 SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now take  
7 up Resolution 1566, by Senator Ramos, read that  
8 resolution in its entirety, and recognize  
9 Senator Ramos.

10 And before we do that,  
11 Mr. President, let me also, while we're engaging  
12 in these resolutions, call an immediate meeting  
13 of the Rules Committee in Room 332. And we'll  
14 continue our business, proceeding with the  
15 resolutions, while that committee meets.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: There  
17 will be an immediate meeting of the Rules  
18 Committee in Room 332.

19 The Secretary will read the  
20 resolution.

21 THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution  
22 1566, by Senator Ramos, honoring the Lexington  
23 School for the Deaf upon the occasion of hosting  
24 the 23rd Annual Esther Lustig Memorial Basketball  
25 Classic vs. Assembly/Senate All-Stars on Tuesday,

1 May 21, 2019.

2 "WHEREAS, It is the sense of this  
3 Legislative Body to recognize and commend those  
4 institutions of true purpose and high achievement  
5 whose exemplary programs and accomplishments  
6 clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of  
7 excellence in the education of deaf youth in the  
8 Empire State; and

9 "WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern,  
10 and in full accord with its long-standing  
11 traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud  
12 to honor the Lexington School for the Deaf upon  
13 the occasion of hosting the 23rd Annual Esther  
14 Lustig Memorial Basketball Classic, to be held at  
15 the Kipp Tech Valley Charter School Gymnasium on  
16 Tuesday, May 21, 2019; and

17 "WHEREAS, This annual contest will  
18 feature the Lexington School for the Deaf versus  
19 the Assembly/Senate All-Stars; this special event  
20 is named the Esther Lustig Memorial Basketball  
21 Classic in loving memory of dear friend and  
22 colleague Esther Lustig; and

23 "WHEREAS, The Lexington School for  
24 the Deaf was founded in 1864 when the first class  
25 of six children and an instructor convened at the

1 home of Isaac and Hannah Rosenfeld; and

2 "WHEREAS, Due to constantly  
3 increasing enrollment, the school moved several  
4 times until it settled in 1882 at 904 Lexington  
5 Avenue, with 161 students; in 1934, it officially  
6 became the Lexington School for the Deaf; and

7 "WHEREAS, The Lexington School for  
8 the Deaf continued to grow and in 1968, its new  
9 home was inaugurated on a seven-acre site at  
10 30th Avenue and 75th Street in Jackson Heights,  
11 Queens; and

12 "WHEREAS, Today, the Lexington  
13 School for the Deaf, with a student body over  
14 350, is the largest school for the deaf in  
15 New York State, and its student body resides  
16 throughout the five boroughs of New York City;  
17 and

18 "WHEREAS, A charter member of the  
19 4201 Association, New York State-supported  
20 private schools for disabled children, the  
21 Lexington School for the Deaf houses the only  
22 high school in New York City under the auspices  
23 of the 4201 charter; and

24 "WHEREAS, The Lexington School for  
25 the Deaf has been recognized at the local,



1 national and international levels for its  
2 pioneering programs, including the first nursery  
3 program for deaf children on the East Coast in  
4 1937, a research department to promote the  
5 investigation of educational, developmental and  
6 vocational issues affecting deaf children and  
7 adults in 1960, and a special education unit for  
8 deaf children of all ages with serious emotional  
9 problems in 1979; and

10 "WHEREAS, In the 1980s, the  
11 Lexington School for the Deaf became known as the  
12 Lexington School for the Deaf/Center for the Deaf  
13 after establishing several affiliate agencies to  
14 support the needs of deaf and hard-of-hearing  
15 children and adults, including the Lexington  
16 Center for Mental Health Services, the Lexington  
17 Hearing and Speech Center, and the Lexington  
18 Vocational Services, a New York State Education  
19 Department/Vocational and Educational Services  
20 for Individuals with Disabilities-funded program;  
21 and

22 "WHEREAS, The Lexington School for  
23 the Deaf developed a new approach to teaching in  
24 the mid-1990s; it became the first Mediated  
25 Learning educational model in a school for the

1 deaf, which earned it the federal designation of  
2 a Most Effective Practices school; and

3 "WHEREAS, In addition to its strong  
4 academic program, the Lexington School for the  
5 Deaf offers a broad range of physical and  
6 cultural education programs, including a highly  
7 regarded basketball team; and

8 "WHEREAS, In 1995, Joseph Crowley, a  
9 former member of the New York State Assembly  
10 representing the Lexington School for the Deaf,  
11 established the Lexington School versus the  
12 New York State Legislature Basketball Game; and

13 "WHEREAS, For more than 15 years,  
14 New York State Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry,  
15 Speaker Pro Tempore, has enthusiastically  
16 supported the Annual Lexington School for the  
17 Deaf versus the New York State Assembly/Senate  
18 All-Stars, and for the continued partnership with  
19 Assemblyman Michael G. DenDekker, representative  
20 of Assembly District 34, the district in which  
21 the Lexington School for the Deaf is located;  
22 this event will be played on Tuesday, May 21,  
23 2019, at the Kipp Tech Valley Charter School  
24 gymnasium; and

25 "WHEREAS, It is the practice of this

1 Legislative Body to extend its highest  
2 commendation to all of the individuals who have  
3 been involved with the Lexington School for the  
4 Deaf, past and present, noting the importance of  
5 their work and their enduring commitment to deaf  
6 children; now, therefore, be it

7 "RESOLVED, That this Legislative  
8 Body pause in its deliberations to honor the  
9 Lexington School for the Deaf upon the occasion  
10 of hosting the 23rd Annual Esther Lustig Memorial  
11 Basketball Classic; and be it further

12 "RESOLVED, That copies of this  
13 resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to  
14 Donald A. Galloway, CEO/Superintendent;  
15 Cindy Casson, Assistant to CEO/Superintendent;  
16 Carl Sorrentino, Athletic Director; Adam Pagan,  
17 Boys Basketball Coach; Sheldon Clarke, Boys  
18 Basketball Assistant Coach; Gerard Sorrentino,  
19 Girls Basketball Coach; and Amanda Geffen,  
20 Girls Assistant Basketball Coach."

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
22 Ramos on the resolution.

23 SENATOR RAMOS: Thank you,  
24 Mr. President.

25 Yes, I rise today in honor of a

1 local gem in my district, which is the Lexington  
2 School for the Deaf. We've been joined by many  
3 of their faculty, teachers, students on the  
4 occasion of its 23rd Esther Lustig Basketball  
5 Classic.

6 Now, I am not an Assembly or Senate  
7 Basketball All-Star, so I won't be playing  
8 tonight. But nevertheless, go Blue Jays!

9 Thank you for everything that you  
10 do. We know that the Lexington School for the  
11 Deaf not only has demonstrated a broad range of  
12 programming to really ensure that our youth that  
13 are deaf can take part in our world in every  
14 single way that they deserve, but you've actually  
15 opened your doors up to the community at large.

16 I know for my parents, who have been  
17 involved in transnational politics for a long  
18 time, the Lexington School for the Deaf has been  
19 a poll site for Colombian elections, for many  
20 other countries. And of course, as we all know,  
21 because of the diversity of my district, ensuring  
22 that these institutions really do open up their  
23 doors to our communities is really, really  
24 important.

25 But more than that, to conclude, as

1 the daughter of a mother who is deaf in one  
2 ear -- and she is the person who taught me to  
3 read and write and everything I know, I know for  
4 certain that the Lexington School for the Deaf  
5 really has changed the lives of so many students  
6 and so many families in our community and beyond  
7 in the five boroughs.

8 Thank you for all you do.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
10 Stavisky on the resolution.

11 SENATOR STAVISKY: I just wanted to  
12 thank Senator Ramos for her comments and to  
13 mention the fact that the tournament I believe is  
14 dedicated to the memory of Esther Lustig, who was  
15 a good friend of mine and served both in  
16 government and in public service for many years.

17 And I'm delighted that you are  
18 recognizing Esther's legacy today. Thank you.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
20 question is on the resolution. All in favor  
21 signify by saying aye.

22 (Response of "Aye.")

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
24 Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    The  
2 resolution is adopted.

3                   To our guests from the Lexington  
4 School for the Deaf, I welcome you on behalf of  
5 the Senate. We extend to you all of the  
6 privileges and courtesies of this house. Please  
7 rise and be recognized.

8                   (Standing ovation.)

9                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    Senator  
10 Serrano.

11                  SENATOR SERRANO:    Thank you,  
12 Mr. President.

13                  Please take up Resolution 1087, by  
14 Senator Kaminsky, read the title only, and call  
15 on Senator Kaminsky, please.

16                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    The  
17 Secretary will read.

18                  THE SECRETARY:    Senate Resolution  
19 1087, by Senator Kaminsky, mourning the death of  
20 Eugene J. Murray, the longest-serving mayor in  
21 the history of the Village of Rockville Centre,  
22 distinguished citizen and devoted member of his  
23 community.

24                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    Senator  
25 Kaminsky on the resolution.

1                   SENATOR KAMINSKY:    Thank you,  
2   Mr. President.

3                   I rise today to speak in honor of a  
4   great man, a man who represented the Greatest  
5   Generation and whose service on behalf of the  
6   public was exemplary and second to none. I'm  
7   talking about Mayor Eugene J. Murray, the  
8   longest-serving mayor in the history of  
9   Rockville Centre.

10                  He served 20 years as mayor, beloved  
11   by basically everyone. And stories are replete  
12   of people who woke up the next day after a storm  
13   and found the mayor knocking on their door to see  
14   how they were doing, or who made a complaint to  
15   the water department and found the mayor at their  
16   door the next day to check on what was going on.

17                  Someone who served the fire  
18   department of Rockville Centre for 72 years.  
19   Someone who fought for our country in World  
20   War II and saw action in Europe.

21                  What Gene Murray meant to Rockville  
22   Centre cannot really be put in words. He really  
23   stood for the essence of what it meant to be a  
24   community, of what it meant to be fighting for  
25   all of your residents and to be there day in, day

1 out. We're talking about an Irish Catholic man  
2 who was honored by more Jewish organizations than  
3 you could imagine, someone who was an important  
4 member of his church, his fire department, and of  
5 course decided to step up in the most difficult  
6 way and run for office. And after that, it was  
7 just simply his town to run. And run it well he  
8 did, with public support all the way.

9               Although it is true we are mourning  
10 his life today, today should really be a  
11 reflection and a celebration of a life  
12 well-lived, of someone who gave all he had to his  
13 family, his children and his grandchildren. And  
14 his son Fran Murray and his wife Barbara are here  
15 today. Fran is now the mayor of Rockville  
16 Centre, carrying on that proud tradition and  
17 walking in his father's footsteps. And I know  
18 how proud his father was of the work that he did.  
19 And we're so happy to have you here in Albany  
20 today.

21               So let me close by saying that today  
22 we honor and we celebrate the life of Gene  
23 Murray, a man the likes of whom we probably may  
24 never see again, but whose example we must follow  
25 each and every day. I was so proud to get to



1 know him. I was so proud to see him at every  
2 fire event and city event. There was no more  
3 revered person in just a really great village.  
4 And he stood and looked at that village and could  
5 know that every day he contributed to making it  
6 the great place it was. I hope we can all turn  
7 around at the end of our lives and say the same  
8 thing about our public service.

9 To Fran and Barbara, our  
10 thoughts are with you. And we know that his  
11 memory will be with all of us.

12 Mr. President, if you could extend  
13 them the cordialities of the Senate, it would be  
14 greatly appreciated.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: To the  
16 family of Mayor Gene Murray, I welcome you on  
17 behalf of the Senate. We extend to you all the  
18 privileges and courtesies of this house. Please  
19 rise and be recognized at this time.

20 (Standing ovation.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
22 resolution was previously adopted on April 30th.

23 Senator Serrano.

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

1                   Can you please call on Senator  
2                   Martinez for an introduction.

3                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     Senator  
4                   Martinez for an introduction.

5                   SENATOR MARTINEZ:     Thank you, and  
6                   good afternoon once again.

7                   Along the lines of our Senior Day  
8                   today, I would like to welcome and recognize a  
9                   special guest from my district. Her name is  
10                  Laura Lorenzo. She is our 2018 Ms. New York  
11                  Senior America 1st runner-up. She's an  
12                  outstanding vocalist and continues to perform  
13                  throughout Long Island. At 61 years young,  
14                  Ms. Lorenzo was crowned Ms. New York Senior  
15                  America 1st runner-up, representing women over  
16                  age 60 across the State of New York with  
17                  elegance, grace and distinction.

18                  I want to extend my sincere and  
19                  heartfelt congratulations and best wishes on  
20                  behalf of my colleagues to Laura Lorenzo and her  
21                  entire family. Thank you for being with us here  
22                  today. Congratulations.

23                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     To  
24                  Laura Lorenzo, I welcome you on behalf of the  
25                  Senate. We extend to you all the privileges and

1 courtesies of this house. Please also rise and  
2 be recognized.

3 (Standing ovation.)

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
5 Serrano.

6 SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you very  
7 much, Mr. President.

8 Please take up Resolution 1546, by  
9 Senator Martinez, read the title only of the  
10 resolution, and then please call on  
11 Senator Martinez.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
13 Secretary will read.

14 THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution  
15 1546, by Senator Martinez, commemorating the  
16 30th Anniversary of Keep Islip Clean to be  
17 celebrated on May 16, 2019.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
19 Martinez on the resolution.

20 SENATOR MARTINEZ: Thank you. It's  
21 a busy time in the district, but I would like to  
22 take the privilege of recognizing Keep Islip  
23 Clean, also known as KIC, for their commitment  
24 and dedication to beautifying the Town of Islip  
25 in all of the 18 hamlets it represents.

1                   The KIC program encourages  
2 participation at the grassroots level, providing  
3 residents with the opportunity to be active and  
4 finding solutions to improving our communities by  
5 picking up litter, covering graffiti, and so  
6 forth. It has been their mission for 30 years,  
7 and I look forward to our continued work with  
8 them.

9                   I would like to take this  
10 opportunity to congratulate Keep Islip Clean and  
11 all the work that they do, and wish them the best  
12 moving forward.

13                   Thank you.

14                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    The  
15 question is on the resolution. All in favor  
16 signify by saying aye.

17                   (Response of "Aye.")

18                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
19 Opposed?

20                   (No response.)

21                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    The  
22 resolution is adopted.

23                   Senator Gianaris.

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

1                   Can we now take up previously  
2                   adopted Resolution 137, by Senator Jordan, read  
3                   its title only, and recognize Senator Jordan.

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    The  
5                   Secretary will read.

6                   THE SECRETARY:    Senate Resolution  
7                   137, by Senator Jordan, congratulating the  
8                   Stillwater High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team  
9                   upon the occasion of capturing the 2018 New York  
10                  State Public High School Athletic Association  
11                  Class C Soccer Championship on November 11, 2018.

12                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    Senator  
13                  Jordan on the resolution.

14                  SENATOR JORDAN:    Thank you,  
15                  Mr. President and my colleagues.

16                  I'm proud to congratulate the  
17                  Stillwater High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team  
18                  on capturing the 2018 New York State Public High  
19                  School Athletic Association Class C Soccer  
20                  Championship on Sunday, November 11, 2018, at  
21                  Cortland High School.

22                  The Warriors defeated Little Falls  
23                  high school in a decisive, powerful 5-0 victory  
24                  to win their very first championship. The  
25                  community strongly supported the Warriors

1 throughout their journey as they ended their  
2 successful season with an impressive 22-0-1  
3 overall record.

4 Soccer is a fast-moving,  
5 athletically demanding and popular sport  
6 requiring skill, dexterity and speed. If a team  
7 is going to take it to the championship level,  
8 there has to be a true commitment to the sport.  
9 This team obviously has that commitment.

10 There also has to be team  
11 coordination and camaraderie to make many players  
12 play as one trained unit. Lady Warriors, this  
13 camaraderie on and off the field is something  
14 you'll always remember. It's a bond you will  
15 forever have with your teammates and your  
16 coaches. Keep it close to your heart.

17 Head Coach Christine Ihnatolya and  
18 Assistant Coaches Katie Carlin and Cassidy  
19 Chapko, you've done a fantastic job building and  
20 shaping this terrific team. I'd also like to  
21 recognize Stillwater's Athletic Director Michael  
22 Kinney and Athletic Trainer Jay Peacock.

23 I'm honored to recognize and  
24 congratulate the members of the Stillwater High  
25 School Girls Varsity Soccer Team joining us today

1 up in our visitors gallery. Great job to you all  
2 in capturing the 2018 New York State Public High  
3 School Athletic Association Class C Soccer  
4 Championship and being a true credit to your  
5 school and community. Recognize that your hard  
6 work delivered top results, and know that you can  
7 carry that work ethic through your life to  
8 achieve whatever it is that you'd like.

9 Cherish the experience, your  
10 victories, and each other. Congratulations.

11 Thank you, Mr. President and  
12 colleagues.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: To our  
14 guests from Stillwater High School, I welcome you  
15 on behalf of the Senate. We extend to you all of  
16 the privileges and courtesies of this house.

17 Please rise and be recognized.

18 (Standing ovation.)

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
20 resolution was previously adopted on  
21 January 15th.

22 Senator Gianaris.

23 SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now take  
24 up previously adopted Resolution 1132, by Senator  
25 Metzger, read that resolution in its entirety,

1 and recognize Senator Metzger.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
3 Secretary will read.

4 THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution  
5 1132, by Senator Metzger, memorializing Governor  
6 Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 19-21, 2019, as  
7 the 84th Annual 4-H Capital Days in the State of  
8 New York.

9 "WHEREAS, In the course of the  
10 evolving development of this Empire State, if the  
11 ingredients of shared concern and responsive  
12 endeavor combine in the symmetry of a commitment  
13 to governance, there have emerged among the  
14 facilities of the State of New York certain dates  
15 which warrant commemoration; and

16 "WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern,  
17 and in full accord with its long-standing  
18 traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative  
19 Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to  
20 proclaim May 19-21, 2019, as the 84th Annual 4-H  
21 Capital Days in the State of New York; and

22 "WHEREAS, The event, which is  
23 coordinated by the New York State Association of  
24 Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth  
25 Development Educators, will involve approximately



1 100 participants representing every county in  
2 New York State; and

3 "WHEREAS, The objectives of 4-H  
4 Capital Days are to achieve a better  
5 understanding of the public policy process from a  
6 state government perspective; to gain a better  
7 understanding of state-local government  
8 relations; to provide an opportunity for  
9 delegates to meet and interact with their  
10 legislators; to create an awareness of career  
11 opportunities in New York State government; and  
12 to meet and exchange experiences with delegates  
13 from other counties; and

14 "WHEREAS, The rich history of 4-H  
15 Capital Days is recorded in the Cooperative  
16 Extension's Archives, with photographs of 4-H  
17 members with past Governors; in the 1940s, a meal  
18 at the Governor's Mansion was part of this event  
19 and a treasured memory for all those who  
20 attended; and

21 "WHEREAS, The 4-H Capital Days  
22 program is specifically designed to allow for  
23 greater participation in the machinery of  
24 governance; this program focuses upon the  
25 legislative process, with an explanation of

1 procedures and methods; and

2 "WHEREAS, Through their sustained  
3 interest in the method and process of governance,  
4 the 2019 participants in the 84th Annual 4-H  
5 Capital Days program will so advance that spirit  
6 of united purpose and shared concern which is the  
7 unalterable manifestation of our American  
8 experience; now, therefore, be it

9 "RESOLVED, That this Legislative  
10 Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize  
11 Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 19-21,  
12 2019, as the 84th Annual 4-H Capital Days in the  
13 State of New York, fully confident that this  
14 program is so clearly in accord with our shared  
15 commitment to preserve and to enhance the legacy  
16 which is our American heritage; and be it further

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

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
22 Metzger on the resolution.

23 SENATOR METZGER: Thank you very  
24 much, Mr. President.

25 As chair of the Senate Agriculture

1 Committee, and as the mother of a child who spent  
2 many wonderful years as a member of our local 4-H  
3 club, Feathered Friends, it is my pleasure to  
4 introduce a resolution in honor of the 4-H clubs'  
5 84th annual Capital Days.

6 4-H is America's largest youth  
7 development organization. In 4-H, kids complete  
8 hands-on projects in areas like health, science,  
9 agriculture and civic engagement in a positive  
10 environment where they receive guidance from  
11 adult mentors and are encouraged to take  
12 proactive leadership roles. Kids experience 4-H  
13 in New York in in-school and after-school  
14 programs, school and community clubs, and 4-H  
15 camps in both rural and urban areas.

16 Students participate in positive  
17 youth developmental programs that have three  
18 major components: Positive and sustained  
19 relationships between youth and adults,  
20 activities that build important life skills, and  
21 creating opportunities for youth to apply what  
22 they are learning to improve their communities.  
23 And this is both as participants and as leaders.

24 Through participating in 4-H, young  
25 people learn competence, confidence, connection,

1 character, caring, and contribution. Research  
2 from Tufts University shows that youth involved  
3 in 4-H lead healthier, more productive lives, are  
4 less likely to suffer from depression and are  
5 less likely to participate in risky behaviors  
6 like drinking and smoking.

7 4-H Capital Days is an opportunity  
8 for participants to achieve a better  
9 understanding of state government and the policy  
10 process, to gain a better understanding of  
11 state-local government relations, to provide an  
12 opportunity for delegates to meet and interact  
13 with their legislators, to create an awareness of  
14 career opportunities in New York State  
15 government, and to meet and exchange experiences  
16 with delegates from other counties.

17 New York State's 4-H program is  
18 managed by Cornell Cooperative Extension, and  
19 they have records dating back to the 1940s of 4-H  
20 Capital Days.

21 In New York, 4-H focuses on  
22 cultivating young producers of dairy, beef,  
23 sheep, goats, swine, poultry and horses. 4-H  
24 even sponsors agricultural field days for  
25 students to learn about and build connections to

1 New York State agriculture.

2           The 4-H Pledge provides rules we  
3 should all live by: I pledge my head to clear  
4 thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands  
5 to larger service, and my health to better living  
6 for my club, my community, my country and my  
7 world.

8           With us in the chamber today are  
9 over one hundred -- well, many members, let's  
10 say. There have been a hundred members today of  
11 the 4-H clubs, and I want to welcome the members  
12 from the 42nd District here today. It is such an  
13 honor to introduce this resolution, and I ask the  
14 president to please extend to our guests the  
15 courtesies of the house.

16           Thank you very much.

17           ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: To our  
18 guests from 4-H, I welcome you on behalf of the  
19 Senate. We extend to you all the privileges and  
20 courtesies of this house. Please rise and be  
21 recognized.

22           (Standing ovation.)

23           ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
24 resolution was previously adopted on April 30th.  
25           Senator Gianaris.

1                   SENATOR GIANARIS:   Previously  
2   adopted Resolution 426, by Senator Gallivan --  
3   please read its title only and recognize Senator  
4   Tedisco to speak.

5                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:   The  
6   Secretary will read.

7                   THE SECRETARY:   Senate Resolution  
8   426, by Senator Gallivan, memorializing Governor  
9   Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 19 to 25, 2019,  
10   as Emergency Medical Services Week in the State  
11   of New York, in conjunction with the observance  
12   of National EMS Week.

13                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:   Senator  
14   Tedisco on the resolution.

15                  SENATOR TEDISCO:   Thank you,  
16   Mr. President.

17                  And I want to give my personal  
18   special thanks to Senator Gallivan, who  
19   diligently every year offers this resolution,  
20   brings it forth, makes sure we pass it, and makes  
21   sure it's brought up so we can give consideration  
22   and respect and make sure the week is put forth  
23   as EMS Personnel Week in New York State, in  
24   conjunction with the national United States EMS  
25   Personnel Week, to thank them and show our

1 appreciation for their protection and for the  
2 fact that when an emergency takes place, they are  
3 always there for us.

4           Senator Gallivan and I wanted you to  
5 know there are more than 50,000 men and women  
6 across New York State who serve on what many  
7 consider the front line of healthcare. They make  
8 up our emergency medical service system. These  
9 include doctors, nurses, emergency medical  
10 technicians, paramedics, firefighters, law  
11 enforcement officers, dispatchers, medical  
12 volunteers, and many others.

13           Many of these highly trained  
14 professionals make this lifesaving work a career;  
15 others volunteer their time and service to our  
16 communities.

17           To that end, joining us in the  
18 chamber today are outstanding members of the  
19 Clifton Park and Halfmoon Emergency Corps. This  
20 unit proudly serves the towns of Clifton Park,  
21 Halfmoon, and the City of Mechanicville in  
22 Saratoga County. The Clifton Park and Halfmoon  
23 Emergency Corps was called to order in August of  
24 1950 and consists of nearly 100 paramedics, EMTs  
25 and staff members, and responds to over 6500

1 calls per year.

2 In terms of community outreach, the  
3 Clifton Park and Halfmoon Corps services extend  
4 far beyond just the back of an ambulance. They  
5 are dedicated to building community partnerships  
6 and promoting health, safety and education, with  
7 initiatives such as Community CPR and First Aid,  
8 Safe Sitter babysitting, blood pressure clinics,  
9 educational presentations, and car seat  
10 installations.

11 This week and every week we thank  
12 all of our EMS personnel and first responders for  
13 their bravery and commitment to keep our  
14 communities safe.

15 Mr. President, I would like to  
16 introduce to you now those from our communities,  
17 myself and Senator Jordan, who will be speaking  
18 after me: Executive Director Alan Bell; Deputy  
19 Director of Operations Patrick Bornt; Paramedic  
20 and Community Outreach Coordinator Gina  
21 Wierzbowski; Paramedic Patrick Lurenz;  
22 Paramedic Caitlin Overholt; and Emergency Medical  
23 Technician Tyrone Mitchell.

24 After Senator Jordan is speaking,  
25 I'm sure you will welcome them and offer them all



1 the cordialities of the house and show our  
2 appreciation for what they mean for our safety  
3 and the families across the State of New York.

4 Thank you, Mr. President.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
6 Jordan on the resolution.

7 SENATOR JORDAN: Mr. President and  
8 my colleagues, I rise to speak on Senator  
9 Gallivan's resolution, Emergency Medical Services  
10 Week in New York State.

11 Thank you, Senator, for your work on  
12 this and for highlighting our ever-important EMS  
13 professionals.

14 This designation also coincides with  
15 the observance of the National EMS Week.  
16 National Emergency Medical Services Week honors  
17 and recognizes our public safety professionals  
18 serving on the front lines, individuals whose  
19 skills, training and dedication help save lives.

20 Emergency medical services teams are  
21 always prepared to provide lifesaving services,  
22 24/7, 365 days a year. Physicians, nurses,  
23 emergency medical technicians, paramedics,  
24 firefighters, law enforcement officers,  
25 dispatchers and medical volunteers all make up

1     our emergency medical services system.

2                   Emergency medical services team  
3     members go through thousands of hours of  
4     specialized training and continuing education to  
5     keep their skills razor-sharp. Approximately  
6     2.8 million calls are handled by New York's  
7     emergency medical services providers annually.  
8     In my lifetime, I've had to call EMS six times.  
9     Two of those calls were a matter of life and  
10    death. What a relief it was to have trained  
11    professionals arrive in minutes to take over. I  
12    am forever grateful. They often do make the  
13    difference between life and death.

14                  I'm thrilled that the Clifton Park  
15    Halfmoon EMS are joining us in today's session.  
16    They are the EMS that serves my neighborhood and  
17    have an annual call volume of 6,733. Thank you  
18    for all you do.

19                  And thanks for all of our emergency  
20    medical service providers across New York State  
21    for all of your hard work skill and dedication to  
22    ensure public safety for all New Yorkers. You  
23    serve and protect our families and communities,  
24    and all New Yorkers appreciate your service and  
25    excellence.

1                   Thank you, Mr. President.

2                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    To our  
3                   guests, I welcome you on behalf of the Senate.  
4                   We extend to you all the privileges and  
5                   courtesies of this house.   Please rise and be  
6                   recognized.

7                   (Standing ovation.)

8                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    Senator  
9                   Gianaris.

10                  SENATOR GIANARIS:    Mr. President,  
11                  can we open for cosponsorship all of the various  
12                  resolutions we dealt with today.

13                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    The  
14                  resolutions are all open for cosponsorship.  
15                  Should you choose not to be a cosponsor of the  
16                  resolutions, please notify the desk.

17                  Senator Gianaris.

18                  SENATOR GIANARIS:    Can you now  
19                  recognize Senator Biaggi for purposes of an  
20                  introduction.

21                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    Senator  
22                  Biaggi for an introduction.

23                  SENATOR BIAGGI:    Thank you,  
24                  Mr. President.

25                  Mr. President, it is my distinct

1 honor to welcome to the New York State Senate  
2 chamber members of the New Leaders Council,  
3 Capital District Region. In no particular order:  
4 Lauren Ford, Linden Horvath, Tabettha Wilson,  
5 Meghan Keeghan, Zakhar Berkovich, Desiree Farley,  
6 Jason Chura, Brett Jordan, Tydie Abreu, Katherine  
7 Stephens, Michaelle Mugisha, and Angelica  
8 Martinez.

9           Nationally, NLC has trained nearly  
10 8,000 leaders from all sectors across 50 chapters  
11 in the United States in the much-needed skills to  
12 run for office, start a non-for-profit, or to  
13 launch a business.

14           As a progressive millennial-led  
15 organization, NLC recognizes the importance of  
16 training young leaders and the significance that  
17 millennials will play in the United States as the  
18 soon-to-be largest voting bloc in American  
19 history.

20           NLC has played a central role in my  
21 ability to even be here today. I hold an  
22 incredibly special place in my heart for the NLC  
23 community, as it is the place where I was a  
24 fellow in 2015 and also where I met my fiancé  
25 Nathaniel.

1                   Mr. President, please extend all of  
2 the courtesies and privileges of the house to our  
3 guests today.

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     Sure.

5                   To our guests from NLC, I welcome  
6 you on behalf of the Senate. We extend to you  
7 all the privileges and courtesies of this house.  
8 Please -- oh, you already rose. All right,  
9 please be recognized at this time.

10                  (Laughter; standing ovation.)

11                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     Senator  
12 Gianaris.

13                  SENATOR GIANARIS:     Can we now take  
14 up the reading of the calendar.

15                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     the  
16 Secretary will read.

17                  THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
18 156, Senate Print 2187A, by Senator Bailey, an  
19 act to amend the Elder Law.

20                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     Read  
21 the last section.

22                  THE SECRETARY:     Section 2. This  
23 act shall take effect on April 1, 2020.

24                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     Call  
25 the roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)

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

4 SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you,  
5 Mr. President.

6 I thank my colleagues for supporting  
7 this very important piece of legislation, because  
8 quite frankly, as our chair of our Aging  
9 Committee, Senator May, has indicated, seniors  
10 matter. And being able to do anything that we  
11 can to be able to allow our seniors to be able to  
12 afford the medication that they may need to keep  
13 themselves alive after they've done so much for  
14 us and our communities is something that is  
15 incumbent upon us as a legislature.

16 So just because you may get a slight  
17 bump in Social Security benefits or a slight bump  
18 in pension benefits, that should not push you out  
19 of the EPIC program, which is a program that's in  
20 New York State that really helps a lot of seniors  
21 being able to manage their medication issues.

22 So I thank all my colleagues for  
23 voting for this important piece of legislation.  
24 I vote in the affirmative, Mr. President.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator

1 Bailey to be recorded in the affirmative.

2 Announce the results.

3 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
5 bill is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
7 170, Senate Print 2352B, by Senator Parker, an  
8 act to amend the Energy Law.

9 SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for  
10 the day.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
12 bill will be laid aside for the day.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
14 171, Senate Print 2068, by Senator Jordan, an act  
15 to amend the Public Officers Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
17 the last section.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
21 the roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
24 Announce the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

1           ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    The  
2 bill is passed.

3           Senator Gianaris.

4           SENATOR GIANARIS:    Please recognize  
5 Senator Griffo.

6           ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    Senator  
7 Griffo.

8           SENATOR GRIFFO:    Mr. President,  
9 thank you.

10           I'd like to congratulate Senator  
11 Jordan. That was her first bill passed as a  
12 member of the New York State Senate.

13           Congratulations, Senator Jordan.  
14 (Standing ovation.)

15           ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    The  
16 Secretary will continue.

17           THE SECRETARY:    Calendar Number  
18 403, Senate Print 3064A, by Senator Ortt, an act  
19 to amend the Executive Law.

20           ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    Read  
21 the last section.

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

25           ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    Call



1 the roll.

2 (The Secretary called the roll.)

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

4 Announce the results.

5 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
7 bill is passed.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
9 414, Assembly Print Number 1940, substituted  
10 earlier by Assemblymember Zebrowski, an act to  
11 amend the Banking Law.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
13 the last section.

14 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
15 act shall take effect on the 60th day after it  
16 shall have become a law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
18 the roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

21 Announce the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
24 bill is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 436, Senate Print 1283, by Senator Gianaris, an  
2 act to amend the Public Service Law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
4 the last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
9 the roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
12 Announce the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
14 Calendar Number 436, those Senators voting in the  
15 negative are Senators Akshar, Antonacci, Boyle,  
16 Griffo, Helming, Jacobs, Jordan, O'Mara, Ortt,  
17 Ranzenhofer, Ritchie, Serino, Seward and Tedisco.

18 Ayes, 47. Nays, 14.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
20 bill is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
22 470, Senate Print 2469, by Senator Sanders, an  
23 act requiring the State University of New York  
24 and the City University of New York to examine  
25 and conduct a study on the availability of campus

1 services.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
3 the last section.

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

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
7 the roll.

8 (The Secretary called the roll.)

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
10 Announce the results.

11 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
13 bill is passed.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
15 512, Senate Print 4925A, by Senator Parker, an  
16 act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law and  
17 Chapter 568 of the Laws of 2005.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
19 the last section.

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
23 the roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

1 Announce the results.

2 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
4 bill is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
6 530, Senate Print 5122A, by Senator Gaughran, an  
7 act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
9 the last section.

10 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This  
11 act shall take effect on the 30th day after it  
12 shall have become a law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
14 the roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
17 Flanagan to explain his vote.

18 SENATOR FLANAGAN: Thank you,  
19 Mr. President. I will be brief but sincere.

20 I support this bill, happy to be a  
21 cosponsor with Senator Gaughran. This is a  
22 dramatically important issue to the people that I  
23 represent and that we both represent. And this  
24 is not an isolated instance. This type of thing  
25 has occurred in other communities throughout the

1 State of New York. And we are extraordinarily  
2 focused on how to protect ratepayers but equally,  
3 if not more important, on how to protect  
4 taxpayers.

5 This is an important step in the  
6 right direction. There are other things that are  
7 going to have to be done. I'm happy to work with  
8 Senator Gaughran on an issue that is exceedingly  
9 important to the people of Huntington, Suffolk  
10 County, Long Island. And it's the type of thing  
11 that has ramifications across the State of  
12 New York.

13 I'm going to be voting aye. Thank  
14 you.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
16 Flanagan to be recorded in the affirmative.

17 Senator Gaughran to explain his  
18 vote.

19 SENATOR GAUGHRAN: Yes. First I  
20 would like to thank the leader for allowing this  
21 vote to take place today.

22 And I would also like to thank my  
23 colleague Senator Flanagan, our Minority Leader,  
24 for his support and leadership with me on this  
25 issue. And I agree with Senator Flanagan, we're

1 going to be facing this across the state and  
2 across Long Island. Long Island Power Authority  
3 is now being prepared to go into almost every  
4 single community and bring one of these tax  
5 certioraris. And all it does is shift the burden  
6 onto our schools, which hurts our taxpayers and  
7 which hurts our students.

8 So thank you very much,  
9 Mr. President, and I vote in the affirmative.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
11 Gaughran to be recorded in the affirmative.

12 Senator Boyle to explain his vote.

13 SENATOR BOYLE: Thank you,  
14 Mr. President, to explain my vote.

15 I want to thank the majority for  
16 bringing this to the floor. I particularly want  
17 to thank Senator Flanagan for his leadership on  
18 this issue. I proudly vote yes.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
20 Boyle to be recorded in the affirmative.

21 Announce the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
24 bill is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1     618, Assembly Print Number 1084, substituted  
2     earlier by Assemblymember Gottfried, an act to  
3     amend the Social Services Law.

4             ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     Read  
5     the last section.

6             THE SECRETARY:     Section 2.     This  
7     act shall take effect on the 30th day after it  
8     shall have become a law.

9             ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     Call  
10    the roll.

11             (The Secretary called the roll.)

12             ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
13    Announce the results.

14             THE SECRETARY:     Ayes, 61.

15             ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     The  
16    bill is passed.

17             THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
18    624, Senate Print 5113, by Senator Rivera, an act  
19    to amend the Public Health Law.

20             ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     Read  
21    the last section.

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

24             ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     Call  
25    the roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
3 Rivera to explain his vote.

4 SENATOR RIVERA: Thank you,  
5 Mr. President.

6 This bill simply would make it so  
7 that the New York State Advisory Council on Lead,  
8 which currently exists, we would change some of  
9 the rules that exist about its quorum.

10 I'm only speaking about it on the  
11 floor of the Senate because I would suggest that  
12 we actually do this for all councils or  
13 committees that currently exist.

14 As we know, there are many of these  
15 councils and committees that exist, but  
16 unfortunately many of them, like the New York  
17 State Advisory Council on Lead, even though it  
18 has 15 members in the committee, has only eight  
19 members that are currently appointed --  
20 therefore, with seven slots that are vacant, and  
21 the Governor has not named anyone. What that  
22 means is that the Advisory Council on Lead can't  
23 even meet because they can't reach a quorum.

24 So what this bill would do, it  
25 simply would say however many people are actually



1 appointed -- in this case, eight -- it would  
2 require a quorum of that number to be able to  
3 actually operate. And I think it's a pretty  
4 sane, commonsensible thing.

5           Unfortunately, there's many of these  
6 councils that although they might do many good  
7 things around the state, unfortunately they can't  
8 do their work because they do not have enough  
9 members that are currently appointed.

10           So this bill would just simply  
11 change it for this commission. There's a couple  
12 of other ones that we passed out of my Committee  
13 on Health. And I would suggest to my colleagues  
14 that we should do this for every council and  
15 commission that we currently have operational.

16           Thank you so much, Mr. President. I  
17 vote in the affirmative.

18           ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
19 Rivera to be recorded in the affirmative.

20           Senator Little -- Senator Flanagan  
21 to explain his vote.

22           Senator Little to explain her vote.

23           SENATOR LITTLE: Thank you,  
24 Mr. President.

25           I'm going to vote yes on this,

1 because I understand the need to make a quorum.

2 But I think that there's no  
3 incentive here to -- once you have a quorum with  
4 so few members, to actually get the other members  
5 appointed. And I think that, for instance, if  
6 you had a 10-member council and only three were  
7 actually appointed, three people could be running  
8 the whole thing.

9 So I'd like to see an emphasis on  
10 getting more of these appointments made. There  
11 are many commissions, many in my district as  
12 well, that need appointments.

13 Thank you. I vote aye.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
15 Little to be recorded in the affirmative.

16 Senator Flanagan to explain his  
17 vote.

18 SENATOR FLANAGAN: Thank you,  
19 Mr. President. I'm sorry for confusing the  
20 order. I appreciate the opportunity to explain  
21 my vote.

22 I have every belief that this bill  
23 is well-intentioned. I know that the sponsor and  
24 a lot of our colleagues feel it is important to  
25 make sure that the business of these councils,

1     paid, unpaid or otherwise, that it gets done on  
2     behalf of the people that we represent.

3                 My concern is not with this council.  
4     My concern is not with another council. My  
5     concern is with the failure in the process. It's  
6     not directed at Senator Rivera, it's not directed  
7     at somebody else.

8                 We have an appointments process.  
9     These boards are not up to snuff in the sense  
10    that we don't even have enough members. That's a  
11    failure that can be rectified without having to  
12    take an approach like this. I share the concern  
13    raised by Senator Little that if we have a board  
14    that's supposed to have 10 or 15 members and all  
15    of a sudden three or four are constituting a  
16    quorum and able to conduct business, we're really  
17    not having representative democracy. And in  
18    essence, we're not only flouting the law, we're  
19    flouting the legislative intent in terms of what  
20    should be done.

21                I agree with the goals of the  
22    sponsor, but the Governor controls these  
23    appointments. That process is followed through  
24    in this house. And I'm sure if Senator Rivera or  
25    Senator Serrano or any of our members had the

1 opportunity to move those appointments instead of  
2 them languishing, they would do so. And in  
3 reality, we all try very hard, when we have the  
4 opportunity to make an appointment -- I'll look  
5 at Senator Serino. If we had an appointment on a  
6 task force on the aging and she gave me a name  
7 that I could submit, she doesn't want it to take  
8 six months or nine months.

9                   So again, I don't mean to belabor  
10 the point. I think it's a systemic problem. And  
11 unfortunately, in my personal opinion, I don't  
12 think this is the appropriate way to address it.

13                   I'll be voting no.

14                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
15 Flanagan to be recorded in the negative.

16                   Announce the results.

17                   THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
18 Calendar 624, those Senators voting in the  
19 negative are Senators Amedore, Boyle, Flanagan,  
20 Griffo, Jacobs, O'Mara, Ortt, Ranzenhofer, Robach  
21 and Seward.

22                   Ayes, 51. Nays, 10.

23                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
24 bill is passed.

25                   THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1     633, Assembly Print 6849, substituted earlier by  
2     Assemblymember Weprin, an act to amend the  
3     Correction Law.

4             ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     Read  
5     the last section.

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

8             ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     Call  
9     the roll.

10            (The Secretary called the roll.)

11            ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     Senator  
12     Sepúlveda to explain his vote.

13            SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA:     Thank you,  
14     Mr. President, for allowing me to explain this  
15     vote.

16            Corrections Law Section 146 gives  
17     legislators permission to enter prisons and jails  
18     throughout the state at any time.     Any time any  
19     member wants to go, there's nothing that prevents  
20     you from going there and visiting every single  
21     facility.

22            I take staff with me to all the  
23     correction facilities that I visit, and I've made  
24     a commitment to visit every single one of them in  
25     the next two years.     And generally speaking, we

1 don't have a problem bringing staff in.

2 But recently at a jail, an  
3 Assemblymember, Assemblymember Weprin, went to  
4 visit a jail and the staff there told him that  
5 only he can enter, but that his staff could not  
6 enter. And we all know that our staff is an  
7 integral part of what we do every day, and their  
8 assistance is always needed, especially when  
9 you're visiting the facilities, so they can take  
10 notes and have conversations and give you ideas  
11 of what maybe you had missed.

12 So I've never had that problem, but  
13 Assemblyman Weprin had that problem, and I want  
14 to make sure that no other legislator here or in  
15 the Assembly ever has to deal with this problem  
16 again.

17 So what this is doing is codifying  
18 allowing our staff members to enter any facility  
19 as long as they're with us, not on their own.  
20 But if you go into a facility, you can bring any  
21 staff member with you.

22 And I also want to take this  
23 opportunity to encourage all of you to visit a  
24 prison facility. Or, if you'd like, I go on a  
25 monthly basis, I see about two facilities a

1 month -- if any of you would like to come and  
2 join us, join our staff, you're welcome to  
3 attend.

4 I vote affirmatively.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
6 Sepúlveda to be recorded in the affirmative.

7 Announce the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
9 Calendar Number 633, those Senators voting in the  
10 negative are Senators Jacobs and Ranzenhofer.

11 Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
13 bill is passed.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
15 709, Assembly Print 6671A, substituted earlier by  
16 Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend  
17 Chapter 374 of the Laws of 2014.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
19 the last section.

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
23 the roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

1 Announce the results.

2 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
4 bill is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
6 717, Senate Print 297, by Senator Gianaris, an  
7 act to amend the Banking Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
9 the 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 BENJAMIN: Call  
14 the roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
17 Announce the results.

18 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
19 Calendar Number 717, those Senators voting in the  
20 negative are Senators Amedore, Antonacci, Boyle,  
21 Flanagan, Gallivan, Helming, Jacobs, Jordan,  
22 LaValle, O'Mara, Ortt, Robach, Seward and  
23 Tedisco.

24 Ayes, 47. Nays, 14.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The



1 bill is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
3 725, Senate Print 3548, by Senator Stavisky, an  
4 act to amend the State Finance Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
6 the last section.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
10 the roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
13 Announce the results.

14 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
16 bill is passed.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
18 729, Senate Print 4347, by Senator Krueger, an  
19 act to amend the Tax Law.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
21 the last section.

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

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
25 the roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
3 Krueger to explain her vote.

4 SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you,  
5 Mr. President.

6 I appreciate any of my colleagues  
7 who are voting with me today.

8 This is a pretty simple bill. It  
9 keeps in place standards we have lived with in  
10 this country for as long as we've had  
11 not-for-profits, which is to establish that  
12 not-for-profit organizations, 501(c)(3)  
13 organizations doing charitable work, should not  
14 get involved in spending on political campaigns.

15 Now, you'd think, well, who wanted  
16 that in the first place? Perhaps no one. But  
17 the federal government seems to be moving towards  
18 striking down the standard we've had for so long  
19 and allowing not-for-profits to get involved in  
20 political campaign spending and work.

21 We're moving this bill today to make  
22 clear that in New York State it's not broken, we  
23 don't want the federal government fixing it.  
24 There are tens of thousands of not-for-profit  
25 organizations, religious organizations around the

1 country who are urging their states to take  
2 exactly this action. They don't want to be  
3 involved in political work or political campaign  
4 work, they don't believe their money, as  
5 charitable organizations, should go for that  
6 purpose.

7 So that's all that this bill does  
8 today, makes sure that we don't break a system  
9 that's been working.

10 Thank you, Mr. President.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
12 Krueger to be recorded in the affirmative.

13 Announce the results.

14 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
15 Calendar Number 729, those Senators voting in the  
16 negative are Senators Amedore, Antonacci, Boyle,  
17 Flanagan, Gallivan, Griffio, Helming, Jacobs,  
18 Jordan, LaValle, Little, O'Mara, Ortt, Ritchie,  
19 Robach, Serino, Seward and Tedisco.

20 Ayes, 43. Nays, 18.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
22 bill is passed.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
24 731, Assembly Print 7206, substituted earlier by  
25 Assemblymember Stirpe, an act to amend the

1 Economic Development Law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
3 the last section.

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

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
8 the roll.

9 (The Secretary called the roll.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
11 May to explain her vote.

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

14 We call this bill "Encore  
15 Entrepreneurship," and I am grateful to my  
16 colleagues for supporting it and the leader for  
17 bringing to the floor.

18 A lot of older New Yorkers, starting  
19 in midlife, decide to change careers. And many  
20 of them decide they want to be entrepreneurs, but  
21 they don't necessarily know how to go about it or  
22 they may face some age discrimination in getting  
23 loans and that sort of thing.

24 So this bill will address some of  
25 those issues and just help older New Yorkers

1 start that new career that they are excited  
2 about.

3 So I am grateful to you for  
4 supporting it and look forward to the businesses  
5 that will be formed as a result of this.

6 Thank you.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator  
8 May to be recorded in the affirmative.

9 Announce the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
12 bill is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
14 741, Assembly Print Number 5626, substituted  
15 earlier by Assemblymember Weinstein, an act to  
16 amend the Real Property Law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
18 the last section.

19 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
20 act shall take effect on the 90th day after it  
21 shall have become a law.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
23 the roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

1     Announce the results.

2                 THE SECRETARY:     In relation to  
3     Calendar Number 741, voting in the negative:  
4     Senator Flanagan.

5                 Ayes, 60.   Nays, 1.

6                 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     The  
7     bill is passed.

8                 THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
9     742, Senate Print 4408, by Senator Gounardes, an  
10    act to amend the Real Property Law.

11                ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     Read  
12    the last section.

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

16                ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:     Call  
17    the roll.

18                (The Secretary called the roll.)

19                ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
20    Announce the results.

21                THE SECRETARY:     In relation to  
22    Calendar 742, those Senators voting in the  
23    negative are Senators Flanagan, Gallivan and  
24    Jordan.

25                Ayes, 58.   Nays, 3.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    The  
2 bill is passed.

3                   There is a substitution at the desk.

4                   The Secretary will read.

5                   THE SECRETARY:    On page 44, Senator  
6 May moves to discharge, from the Committee on  
7 Aging, Assembly Bill Number 4948 and substitute  
8 it for the identical Senate Bill 5489, Third  
9 Reading Calendar 744.

10                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:   The  
11 substitution is so ordered.

12                  The Secretary will read.

13                  THE SECRETARY:    Calendar Number  
14 744, Assembly Print Number 4948, by  
15 Assemblymember Bronson, an act to amend the  
16 Elder Law.

17                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:   Read  
18 the last section.

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

21                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:   Call  
22 the roll.

23                  (The Secretary called the roll.)

24                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
25 Announce the results.

1 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
3 bill is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
5 745, Senate Print 5557, by Senator  
6 Stewart-Cousins, an act to amend the Real  
7 Property Tax Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
9 the last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
13 the roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
16 Announce the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
19 bill is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
21 752, Senate Print 5291, by Senator Gounardes, an  
22 act to amend the Civil Service Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
24 the last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 11. This



1 act shall take effect on the 90th day after it  
2 shall have become a law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
4 the roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
7 Announce the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
10 bill is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
12 767, Senate Print 2740A, by Senator Addabbo, an  
13 act to amend the Tax Law and the State Finance  
14 Law.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
16 the last section.

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

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
20 the roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
23 Announce the results.

24 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The

1 bill is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
3 770, Senate Print 4477A, by Senator Kaplan, an  
4 act to amend the Executive Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read  
6 the last section.

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

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call  
11 the roll.

12 (The Secretary called the roll.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
14 Announce the results.

15 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
17 bill is passed.

18 Senator Gianaris, that completes the  
19 reading of today's calendar.

20 SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President,  
21 can we return to reports of standing committees.

22 I believe there's a Rules Committee  
23 report at the desk.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: We will  
25 return to reports of standing committees.

1           There is a report of the  
2 Rules Committee at the desk.

3           The Secretary will read.

4           THE SECRETARY:   Senator  
5 Stewart-Cousins, from the Committee on Rules,  
6 reports the following bills:

7           Senate Print 218B, by Senator  
8 Benjamin, an act to amend the Public Health Law;  
9           Senate Print 753A, by Senator  
10 Montgomery, an act to direct the Office of  
11 Children and Family Services to examine, evaluate  
12 and make recommendations on the availability of  
13 childcare and childcare assistance;

14          Senate Print 3421A, by Senator  
15 Savino, an act to amend the Social Services Law;

16          Senate Print 3563A, by Senator  
17 Serrano, an act to amend the Social Services Law;

18          Senate Print 3788A, by Senator  
19 Carlucci, an act to amend the General Business  
20 Law;

21          Senate Print 3904, by Senator  
22 Martinez, an act in relation to entitling Robert  
23 V. Vassallo, Sr. to reapply for a disability  
24 retirement from New York State Police;

25          Senate Print 4165, by Senator

1 Addabbo, an act to amend Chapter 288 of the Laws  
2 of 2014 amending the Environmental Conservation  
3 Law;

4 Senate Print 4181, by Senator  
5 Salazar, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

6 Senate Print 4807, by Senator  
7 Carlucci, an act to amend the General Business  
8 Law;

9 Senate Print 4916, by  
10 Senator Harckham, an act in relation to granting  
11 James G. Lynch retirement from the New York State  
12 and Local Employees' Retirement System on June  
13 10, 2016;

14 Senate Print 5409, by Senator  
15 Martinez, an act to amend Chapter 618 of the Laws  
16 of 1998, amending the General Municipal Law and  
17 the Education Law;

18 Senate Print 5538, by Senator  
19 Brooks, an act directing the commissioner of the  
20 Office for People With Developmental Disabilities  
21 to conduct a study on the feasibility of allowing  
22 the use of debit cards for residents' cash  
23 accounts; and

24 Senate Print 6146, by Senator  
25 Hoylman, an act to amend the Tax Law and the

1 Administrative Code of the City of New York.

2 SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President,  
3 move to accept the report of the Rules Committee.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: All in  
5 favor of accepting the report of the Rules  
6 Committee signify by saying aye.

7 (Response of "Aye.")

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  
9 Opposed, nay.

10 (Response of "Nay.")

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
12 Rules Committee report is accepted.

13 SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now take  
14 up the reading of the supplemental calendar.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: There  
16 is a substitution at the desk.

17 The Secretary will read.

18 THE SECRETARY: On page 1, Senator  
19 Carlucci moves to discharge, from the Committee  
20 on Consumer Protection, Assembly Bill Number 6292  
21 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill  
22 4807, Third Reading Calendar 821.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The  
24 substitution is so ordered.

25 The Secretary will read.

1                   THE SECRETARY:   Calendar Number  
2   821, Assembly Print Number 6292, by  
3   Assemblymember Mosley, an act to amend the  
4   General Business Law.

5                   ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:   Read  
6   the last section.

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

10                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:   Call  
11   the roll.

12                  (The Secretary called the roll.)

13                  ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:   Senator  
14   Carlucci to explain his vote.

15                  SENATOR CARLUCCI:   Thank you,  
16   Mr. President.

17                  I want to thank Leader  
18   Stewart-Cousins and all of my colleagues for  
19   supporting our veterans and honoring and paying  
20   tribute to our veterans like we did, but also the  
21   commitment that we've made to protect and improve  
22   the quality of life of our veterans throughout  
23   New York State.

24                  And this legislation goes to stomp  
25   out a problem that we've seen on the rise.   And

1 I'm sure many of you have seen it in your  
2 district offices, where you're talking to someone  
3 that unfortunately has been scammed, has been  
4 scammed out of a little bit of money, sometimes a  
5 lot of money. Sometimes it's everything they  
6 have.

7                   And so this Pension Poaching  
8 Prevention Act will put in place protections to  
9 hold lawyers, financial advisors, insurance  
10 agents accountable and require them to disclose  
11 that the services that they're trying to offer  
12 can be provided for free from the Department of  
13 Veteran Affairs.

14                   We've seen case after case where  
15 unscrupulous con artists, I'll call them, have  
16 swindled money away from our veterans, many  
17 elderly and disabled veterans out of everything  
18 they've had, and we can't do anything about it.  
19 That stops here. We need to pass this law to  
20 protect our veterans, improve their quality of  
21 life, and make sure they have the dignity and  
22 respect in retirement that they deserve.

23                   So I support this legislation. I  
24 want to thank my colleagues for doing the same.

25                   Thank you, Mr. President.

1           ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    Senator  
2    Carlucci to be recorded in the affirmative.

3           Announce the results.

4           THE SECRETARY:    Ayes, 61.

5           ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    The  
6    bill is passed.

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

9           SENATOR GIANARIS:   Is there any  
10   further business at the desk?

11          ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    There  
12   is no further business at the desk.

13          SENATOR GIANARIS:    I move to  
14   adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 22nd, at  
15   11:00 a.m.

16          ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:    On  
17   motion, the Senate stands adjourned until  
18   Wednesday, May 22nd, at 11:00 a.m.

19                 (Whereupon, at 5:07 p.m., the Senate  
20   adjourned.)

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