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SENATOR JAMAAL T. BAILEY, Acting President

ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Senate will come to order.

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

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

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

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Wednesday, May 4, 2022, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Tuesday, May 3, 2022, was read and approved. On motion, the Senate adjourned.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Without objection, the Journal stands approved as read.

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Kavanagh

moves to discharge, from the Committee on Higher Education, Assembly Bill Number 9279A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 5027C, Third Reading Calendar 262.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: So ordered.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Hinchey moves to discharge, from the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications, Assembly Bill Number 7696 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7122, Third Reading Calendar 524.

Senator Lanza moves to discharge, from the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Assembly Bill Number 9510 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8357, Third Reading Calendar 774.

Senator Mattera moves to discharge, from the Committee on Local Government, Assembly Bill Number 8254 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7395, Third Reading Calendar 780.

Senator Kennedy moves to discharge, from the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications, Assembly Bill Number 3768A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill

8327A, Third Reading Calendar 920.

And Senator Kaplan moves to discharge, from the Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business, Assembly Bill Number 8620 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7913, Third Reading Calendar 926.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: So ordered.

Messages from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

Reports of select committees.

Communications and reports from state officers.

Motions and resolutions.

Senator Liu.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President, amendments are offered to the following Third Reading Calendar bills:

On page 23, Senate Print 1078A, Calendar Number 412, by Senator Gounardes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The amendments are received, and the bill will retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

Senator Liu.

SENATOR LIU: Also, sponsored by Senator Rivera, on page 38, Calendar Number 762, Senate Print Number 5299.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The amendments are received, and the bill will also retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

SENATOR LIU: And sponsored by Senator Mayer, on page 43, Calendar Number 814, Senate Print Number 240A.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The amendments are received, and the bill will retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President, I now move that these bills retain their place on the order of third reading.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: So ordered.

Senator Liu.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President, I wish to call up Senator May's bill, Senate Print Number 954, recalled from the Assembly, which is now at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

(Pause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Liu.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President, let me correct myself. Previously I said Number 954. It's Print Number 554, recalled from the Assembly, which is now at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 584, Senate Print 554, by Senator May, an act to amend the Elder Law and the Economic Development Law.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President, I now move to reconsider the vote by which this bill was passed.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is restored to its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President, I now offer the following amendments.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The amendments are received, and the bill will retain

its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President -- Mr. President, I wish to call up a bill by Senator Sanders, Print Number 3178, recalled from the Assembly, which is now at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 208, Senate Print 3178, by Senator Sanders, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President, I now move to reconsider the vote by which this bill was passed.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is restored to its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President, I now offer the following amendments.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The amendments are received, and the bill will retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

SENATOR LIU: I wish to call up a

bill by Senator Comrie, Print Number 3150, recalled from the Assembly, which is now at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 238, Senate Print 3150, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President, I now move to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is restored to its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President, I now offer the following amendments.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The amendments are received, and the bill will retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President, I wish to call up a bill by Senator Kennedy, Print Number 3468A, recalled from the Assembly, which

is now at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 259, Senate Print 3468A, by Senator Kennedy, an act to amend the Executive Law.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President, I now move to reconsider the vote by which this bill was passed.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is restored to its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President, I now offer the following amendments.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The amendments are received, and the bill will retain its place on Third Reading Calendar.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President, I wish to call up Senator Krueger's bill, Senate Print Number 7278B, which is now at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 451, Senate Print 7278B, by Senator Krueger, an act to amend the Real Property Law.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President, I now move to reconsider the vote by which this bill was passed and ask that the bill be restored to the order of third reading.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is restored to its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President, I now move to discharge, from the Committee on Judiciary, Assembly Print Number 8185B and substitute it for this identical bill.

The Senate bill on first passage was voted unanimously. I now move that the substituted Assembly bill have its third reading at this time.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The

Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 451, Assembly Print Number 8185B, by Assemblymember Rozic, an act to amend the Real Property Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is restored to its place on the Third Reading Calendar. The bill is passed.

Senator Liu.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President, please call on Senator Persaud for an introduction.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Persaud for the purposes of an introduction.

SENATOR PERSAUD: Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President and my colleagues, it gives me great pleasure, as a member of the world's largest volunteer organization, the Lions group, to introduce to you today and to welcome

to our chamber Lions Club International President Douglas Alexander.

First I'll tell you about us as Lions. Our motto is "We Serve." When caring people join together, we roll up our sleeves and we take action to make our communities better, and that's what we are.

The benefits of being a Lion: When you become a Lion, you become a part of a global network of volunteers working together to make a difference. And what do you do? You join a community of good. There are 40,000 Lions Clubs around the world, and each is filled with people who have decided to take action and serve others.

And we have a number of global causes, but amongst them are diabetes, environment, hunger, vision and childhood cancer. We're also known because we received a charge from Helen Keller to be Knights of the Blind.

So, Mr. President, Lion Doug Alexander, or as we say, Lion Doug -- but officially, Lion Douglas X. Alexander -- is a family man. He comes from a very large family, and Lionism is about being a global family and one in which the only requirement is pure and

simple: A heart for service. These are the feelings of our 105th International President, Lion Douglas X. Alexander.

Lion Alexander is from Brooklyn. As we all know, Brooklyn is everywhere. He has been serving as the International President since 2021. He was nominated and confirmed at the convention on June 25th through June 29th, 2021.

President Alexander is a retired vice president from JPMorgan Chase Bank. He's a member of the Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club. He's been a member since 1984. He has held many offices within the association -- and I'm going to name them for you, because many of us wish that we can become -- go through all of these levels in Lionism because, again, our motto is "We Serve."

Lion Doug has been club president, zone chair, region chair, vice district governor, district governor, cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer, and district governor elect group leader.

He's also served as a Lions Eye Bank transporter, a member of the District and Multiple District Past District Governors

Association, and a trustee of the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, and was appointed as a Lions representative to UNICEF-New York from 2012 to 2014. He has served on the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning and Host Committees and has been a presenter at several USA/Canada Forums.

In recognition of his service to the association he has received numerous awards, many of them too numerous for us to mention, but they are high awards within Lionism. He has been a Dr. Franklin G. Mason Fellow, a W.P. Woods Fellow, and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. We all aspire, as Lions, to receive all of those fellowships.

In addition to his Lions activities, President Alexander is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as chairperson of the advisory board for the New York Urban League and as a board member of the St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf. He is also a recipient of the Congressional Record Award.

President Alexander has two daughters, and his partner in service is

Shabiki Cazabon, who is also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Mr. President, in Lion Douglas Alexander's term, his motto -- every club has a motto, every president has a motto, every governor has a motto. And his theme for his Lionistic term is "Service from the Heart."

We serve with love and compassion in communities around the world. The selfless giving of our time and effort is precisely what makes Lions special. When we give, we expect nothing in return -- yet we gain so much. Our service offers hope and connection in the face of great need and also extends an invitation to the world to join us. We embrace the joy that comes with "Service from the Heart."

Mr. President, please welcome Lion Douglas X. Alexander, Lions Club International President, and accord him all the cordialities of the house.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Persaud.

To our guest, I welcome you on behalf of the Senate. And indeed, Brooklyn is in

the house! We extend to you all of the privileges and courtesies of this house.

Please rise and be recognized.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Liu.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President, please take up the reading of the calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 262, Assembly Print Number 9279A, by Assemblymember Englebright, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Rath to explain his vote.

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

To start, I'm going to quote Yogi Berra: It is deja vu all over again. Last week I stood here and addressed numerous concerns and points as to why this bill is problematic, not only for businesses but, as well, for consumers across New York State.

I am disappointed but not surprised to see that none of those concerns were addressed in this amended bill today. Neither the original print nor the A, B or C prints addresses the fact that this bill will increase costs for consumers to renovate their homes in New York.

During a period of skyrocketing inflation, this bill will only exacerbate prices for residents in the State of New York. New Yorkers at the lower end of the earning spectrum will undoubtedly be hit the hardest. Instead, savvy buyers in New York will turn to alternative flooring -- ironically, leaving the proposed collection system to be supported by fewer and fewer consumers.

For these reasons and many more I will skip for the sake of brevity, I will be voting in the negative and I urge all of my colleagues to do the same.

Thank you, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Rath to be recorded in the negative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 262, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Cooney, Felder, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Oberacker, Rath, Ritchie, Stec, Tedisco and Weik. Also Senator Serino. Also Senator Boyle.

Ayes, 47. Nays, 15.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 524, Assembly Print Number 7696, by Assemblymember Barrett, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator

Borrello to explain his vote.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you, Madam President.

I rise to speak on the Hinchey bill. I want to thank the sponsor, the chairman of the Ag Committee, as well for this bill.

I will be honest with you: I struggled a little bit with this bill because it is, in the essence, telling farmers what they can and cannot do with their land. But not really, actually, because if a farmer feels that they would like to bring renewable energy onto their land, they may do so. It just won't be with this bill-ready program here in New York State.

And I think that's appropriate, because quite frankly New York State is filled with brownfields, with closed landfill cells and even fallow farmland that hasn't been productive in years. If we're going to do this irresponsible blanketing of our land with renewables, we should at least do it in places that are not going to be used for anything else, like closed landfills and former toxic waste dumps.

The reality is right now we have a

whole lot of charlatans and con artists that have come from all over the world to try and blanket us with solar panels in particular, in order to make a quick buck courtesy of the taxpayers. Because you see, folks, Wall Street figured out a long time ago this is guaranteed return. You will not lose, thanks to the taxpayers of New York State. You will make a profit, guaranteed.

And that's exactly what's going on. This is nothing more than an investment scam. And in New York we are losing productive farmland at a dramatic rate. We are losing our ability to feed ourselves. And quite frankly, there are a lot of farmers that are only growing wind turbines and solar panels and not the food that we need to sustain ourselves and to ensure that our food supply chain is strong here in New York State.

So I am certainly in favor of anyone's right to do what they wish with their land, but not with a subsidy that is encouraging the loss of productive farmland at an alarming rate.

So Madam President, I vote aye.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Borrello to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 524, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Akshar, Boyle, Gallivan, Griffo, Martucci, Mattera, Oberacker, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath, Ritchie, Stec, Weik. Also Senator O'Mara. Also Senator Serino.

Ayes, 47. Nays, 15.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 774, Assembly Print Number 9510, by Assemblymember Cusick, an act to amend Chapter 306 of the Laws of 2011.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 780, Assembly Print Number 8254, by Assemblymember Fitzpatrick, an act in relation to authorizing the assessor of the Town of Smithtown, County of Suffolk, to accept from the New Horizons Counseling Center an application for exemption from real property taxes.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 780, voting in the negative: Senators Akshar and O'Mara.

Ayes, 60. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 782, Senate Print 8497, by Senator Kaminsky, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 808, Senate Print 286A, by Senator Myrie, an act to amend the Election Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 808, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Lanza, Martucci, Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath, Ritchie, Serino, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

Ayes, 43. Nays, 19.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 831, Senate Print 3345, by Senator Felder, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 879, Senate Print 5355A, by Senator Breslin, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect two years after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Borrello to explain his vote.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you, Madam Chair. I lost my place, I apologize. Which bill are we on? Anybody? Anybody?

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Breslin.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Oh, thank you very much.

I rise -- I'm in favor of this bill, Madam President, but I have a concern, and that concern is we're creating another licensing here

in New York State.

Anyone who has had issues trying to get a new member of healthcare -- a surgeon, a doctor, a nurse -- to move from another state into New York State has probably experienced the tremendous bottleneck we have in our licensing here in New York State.

I've spoken with the folks over there at SED, and they've told me that they are understaffed and overworked and that's why we have such a tremendous backlog.

And it takes, in some cases, months if not years to get someone, a life-saving person like a doctor, a surgeon -- who wants to actually practice in rural parts of New York -- approved, even though they have experience in other states -- for many years, in many cases -- conducting surgery. But because it was another state, we have a very lengthy process here in New York.

And so now we're adding one more onto the pile, one more thing that we're going to license.

And I'm told also by some of the folks at SED that we license a lot of unnecessary

things here in New York State, a lot of professions that quite frankly don't need to be licensed. And that has further exacerbated the backlog.

So while I'm in favor of this, I am very concerned about the concerns that have been expressed to me by those folks who are in charge of licensing new professionals here in New York State. So I'm a reluctant aye on this one.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Borrello to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 895, Senate Print 3049, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 895, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Akshar, Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Lanza, Martucci, Oberacker, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath, Stec and Tedisco.

Ayes, 50. Nays, 12.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 907, Senate Print 3959A, by Senator Kennedy, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 919, Senate Print 8204A, by Senator Mannion, an act to amend the Canal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 920, Assembly Print Number 3768A, by Assemblymember Cusick, an act to amend the Public Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 924, Senate Print 556, by Senator May, an act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator May to explain her vote.

SENATOR MAY: Thank you, Madam President.

New York is home to some of the greatest apple-growing concerns anywhere in the

world. My district is home to Beak & Skiff Orchards, which was founded in 1911, and they took that fact and turned it into the 1911 Established cider concern that they have that produces some of the best hard cider that you can get here in New York State.

There are other cideries in my district as well, and across the state we make some of the best hard cider anywhere.

This bill would allow cider shipment within the state and direct to consumers and also interstate cider shipment, putting cider on a par with wine in New York State and enabling the development of this really important industry.

So we've passed this twice before. I hope the third time is the charm and this time it will actually get to the Governor's desk.

I am proud to vote aye. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator May to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

926, Assembly Print Number 8620, by Assemblymember Barrett, an act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 926, voting in the negative: Senator Ramos.

Ayes, 61. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 941, Senate Print 7609, by Senator Kaminsky, an act authorizing the Chabad of Oceanside, Inc., to receive retroactive real property tax exempt status.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 941, voting in the negative: Senators Akshar and O'Mara.

Ayes, 60. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 944, Senate Print 8247, by Senator Thomas, an act in relation to authorizing the County of Nassau assessor to accept an application for a retroactive real property tax exemption.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 944, voting in the negative: Senators Akshar and O'Mara.

Ayes, 60. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 945, Senate Print 8248, by Senator Thomas, an act in relation to authorizing the County of Nassau assessor to accept an application for a retroactive real property tax exemption.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 945, voting in the negative: Senators Akshar and O'Mara.

Ayes, 60. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 949, Senate Print 8717, by Senator Gaughran, an act to amend Chapter 308 of the Laws of 2012.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 950, Senate Print 8718, by Senator Gaughran, an act to amend Chapter 122 of the Laws of 2015.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 970, Senate Print 1273A, by Senator Brooks, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 62.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

Senator Liu, that completes the

reading of today's calendar.

SENATOR LIU: Madam President, is there any further business at the desk?

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

SENATOR LIU: Then, Madam President, I move to adjourn until Monday, May 9th, at 3:00 p.m., intervening days being legislative days.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Monday, May 9th, at 3:00 p.m., intervening days being legislative days.

(Whereupon, at 11:57 a.m., the Senate adjourned.)