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18 SENATOR SHELLEY B. MAYER, Acting President

19 ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: 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 MAYER: 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 MAYER: Reading of
the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday,
May 30, 2022, the Senate met pursuant to
adjournment. The Journal of Sunday, May 29,
2022, was read and approved. On motion, the
Senate adjourned.

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

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Krueger

1 moves to discharge, from the Committee on
2 Investigations and Government Operations,
3 Assembly Bill Number 8092B and substitute it for
4 the identical Senate Bill 1958A, Third Reading
5 Calendar 384.

6 Senator Jackson moves to discharge,
7 from the Committee on Labor, Assembly Bill Number
8 286A and substitute it for the identical Senate
9 Bill 1997A, Third Reading Calendar 393.

10 Senator Harckham moves to discharge,
11 from the Committee on Alcoholism and
12 Substance Abuse, Assembly Bill Number 9344A and
13 substitute it for the identical Senate Bill
14 8057A, Third Reading Calendar 550.

15 Senator Brisport moves to discharge,
16 from the Committee on Children and Families,
17 Assembly Bill Number 2150A and substitute it for
18 the identical Senate Bill 6900, Third Reading
19 Calendar 684.

20 Senator Kaplan moves to discharge,
21 from the Committee on Insurance, Assembly Bill
22 Number 8869B and substitute it for the identical
23 Senate Bill 7658B, Third Reading Calendar 765.

24 Senator Ramos moves to discharge,
25 from the Committee on Corporations, Authorities

1 and Commissions, Assembly Bill Number 9622C and
2 substitute it for the identical Senate Bill
3 8419B, Third Reading Calendar 845.

4 Senator Kaplan moves to discharge,
5 from the Committee on Finance, Assembly Bill
6 Number 9278 and substitute it for the identical
7 Senate Bill 8363, Third Reading Calendar 873.

8 Senator Brooks moves to discharge,
9 from the Committee on Transportation,
10 Assembly Bill Number 9081 and substitute it for
11 the identical Senate Bill 8512, Third Reading
12 Calendar 915.

13 Senator Breslin moves to discharge,
14 from the Committee on Insurance, Assembly Bill
15 Number 8617 and substitute it for the identical
16 Senate Bill 4329, Third Reading Calendar 1085.

17 Senator May moves to discharge, from
18 the Committee on Finance, Assembly Bill Number
19 9298A and substitute it for the identical Senate
20 Bill 8290A, Third Reading Calendar 1225.

21 Senator Kennedy moves to discharge,
22 from the Committee on Elections, Assembly Bill
23 Number 7748A and substitute it for the identical
24 Senate Bill 3855A, Third Reading Calendar 1423.

25 Senator Gounardes moves to

1 discharge, from the Committee on Rules,
2 Assembly Bill Number 10190 and substitute it for
3 the identical Senate Bill 9056, Third Reading
4 Calendar 1465.

5 Senator Parker moves to discharge,
6 from the Committee on Transportation,
7 Assembly Bill Number 7016B and substitute it for
8 the identical Senate Bill 5899A, Third Reading
9 Calendar 1534.

10 Senator Mannion moves to discharge,
11 from the Committee on Finance, Assembly Bill
12 Number 7357A and substitute it for the identical
13 Senate Bill 6274B, Third Reading Calendar 1535.

14 Senator Sanders moves to discharge,
15 from the Committee on Banks, Assembly Bill Number
16 9659 and substitute it for the identical Senate
17 Bill 7202A, Third Reading Calendar 1540.

18 Senator Breslin moves to discharge,
19 from the Committee on Transportation,
20 Assembly Bill Number 9906 and substitute it for
21 the identical Senate Bill 7297, Third Reading
22 Calendar 1543.

23 Senator Brooks moves to discharge,
24 from the Committee on Transportation,
25 Assembly Bill Number 9067A and substitute it for

1 the identical Senate Bill 7620A, Third Reading
2 Calendar 1546.

3 Senator Stavisky moves to discharge,
4 from the Committee on Insurance, Assembly Bill
5 Number 8537 and substitute it for the identical
6 Senate Bill 7881, Third Reading Calendar 1548.

7 Senator Ortt moves to discharge,
8 from the Committee on Transportation,
9 Assembly Bill Number 8534 and substitute it for
10 the identical Senate Bill 8056, Third Reading
11 Calendar 1551.

12 Senator Kaminsky moves to discharge,
13 from the Committee on Local Government,
14 Assembly Bill Number 8600 and substitute it for
15 the identical Senate Bill 8082, Third Reading
16 Calendar 1552.

17 Senator Jackson moves to discharge,
18 from the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions,
19 Assembly Bill Number 9738 and substitute it for
20 the identical Senate Bill 8584, Third Reading
21 Calendar 1565.

22 Senator Palumbo moves to discharge,
23 from the Committee on Transportation,
24 Assembly Bill Number 9632 and substitute it for
25 the identical Senate Bill 8607, Third Reading

1 Calendar 1569.

2 Senator Kaplan moves to discharge,
3 from the Committee on Children and Families,
4 Assembly Bill Number 9664 and substitute it for
5 the identical Senate Bill 8677, Third Reading
6 Calendar 1570.

7 Senator Addabbo moves to discharge,
8 from the Committee on Racing, Gaming and
9 Wagering, Assembly Bill Number 9962 and
10 substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9009,
11 Third Reading Calendar 1582.

12 Senator Cooney moves to discharge,
13 from the Committee on Investigations and
14 Government Operations, Assembly Bill Number 10066
15 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill
16 9013, Third Reading Calendar 1583.

17 Senator Brouk moves to discharge,
18 from the Committee on Investigations and
19 Government Operations, Assembly Bill Number
20 10198A and substitute it for the identical
21 Senate Bill 9092A, Third Reading Calendar 1591.

22 Senator Ramos moves to discharge,
23 from the Committee on Finance, Assembly Bill
24 Number 10147 and substitute it for the identical
25 Senate Bill 9333, Third Reading Calendar 1600.

1 Senator Thomas moves to discharge,
2 from the Committee on Consumer Protection,
3 Assembly Bill Number 7487 and substitute it for
4 the identical Senate Bill 9359, Third Reading
5 Calendar 1606.

6 Senator Sepúlveda moves to
7 discharge, from the Committee on Cities 1,
8 Assembly Bill Number 10150 and substitute it for
9 the identical Senate Bill 9380, Third Reading
10 Calendar 1610.

11 Senator Kaminsky moves to discharge,
12 from the Committee on Local Government,
13 Assembly Bill Number 10121 and substitute it for
14 the identical Senate Bill 9390, Third Reading
15 Calendar 1614.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: So
17 ordered.

18 Messages from the Governor.

19 Reports of standing committees.

20 Reports of select committees.

21 Communications and reports from
22 state officers.

23 Motions and resolutions.

24 Senator Gianaris.

25 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,

1 amendments are offered to the following Third
2 Reading Calendar bills:

3 By Senator Savino, page 29, Calendar
4 1058, Senate Print 7271A;

5 And by Senator Mayer, page 39,
6 Calendar 1274, Senate Print 7427A.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
8 amendments are received, and the bills will
9 retain their place on the Third Reading Calendar.
10 Senator Gianaris.

11 SENATOR GIANARIS: Please recognize
12 Senator Lanza.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
14 Lanza.

15 SENATOR LANZA: Madam President,
16 Senators Weik and O'Mara move to amend bills on
17 the calendar of third reading.

18 On page 53, I offer the following
19 amendments to Calendar 1595, Senate Print
20 Number 9145, and ask that said bill retain its
21 place on the Third Reading Calendar.

22 On page number 50, I offer the
23 following amendments to Calendar 1573, Senate
24 Print Number 8743A, and ask that this bill retain
25 its place on Third Reading Calendar.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
2 amendments are received, and the bills will
3 retain their place on the Third Reading Calendar.
4 Senator Gianaris.

5 SENATOR LANZA: Wait, I have a
6 couple -- one additional, Madam President --

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: I'm sorry,
8 Senator Lanza.

9 SENATOR LANZA: -- and I have one
10 after this.

11 Additionally, Senator Gallivan moves
12 to amend a bill recalled from the Assembly and
13 calls up Bill Print Number 6551C, recalled from
14 the Assembly, which is now at the desk.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
16 Secretary will read.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
18 1056, Senate Print 6551C, by Senator Gallivan, an
19 act to amend the Highway Law.

20 SENATOR LANZA: I now move to
21 reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
2 is restored to its place on the Third Reading
3 Calendar.

4 SENATOR LANZA: I now offer the
5 following amendments.

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

9 SENATOR LANZA: Madam President,
10 Senator Stec moves to restore an amended bill.

11 I move to amend Senate Bill Number
12 7868B by striking out the amendments made on
13 April 20, 2022, and restoring it to its original
14 print number, 7868.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: So
16 ordered.

17 Senator Gianaris.

18 SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you,
19 Madam President.

20 Just to give members a sense of the
21 proceedings on the floor today, we're going to
22 have two separate Rules Committee meetings and
23 try and execute those simultaneously to other
24 activity taking place on the floor.

25 So we're going to begin by calling

1 the first Rules Committee meeting immediately in
2 Room 332, and also move forward with taking up
3 previously adopted Resolution 1703, by
4 Senator Biaggi, reading its title, and
5 recognizing Senator Biaggi.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There will
7 be an immediate meeting of the first
8 Rules Committee meeting in Room 332.

9 And the Secretary will read
10 previously Resolution 1703.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senate
12 Resolution 1703, by Senator Biaggi, mourning the
13 death of Natalino Arrigoni, cherished family man,
14 distinguished citizen and devoted member of his
15 community.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
17 Biaggi on the resolution.

18 SENATOR BIAGGI: Thank you,
19 Madam President.

20 I am grateful and also rise today
21 with a heavy heart for one of my constituents. I
22 will actually be doing this twice today,
23 unfortunately. And my constituent, who was not
24 only a long-time member of the community that I
25 represent in District 34, but also was an

1 incredibly proud Italian-American.

2 Born the oldest child of Eugenio and
3 Giovanna Arrigoni in New York City in 1934,
4 Natalino Arrigoni was raised in Piacenza, in
5 Italy, which is a small town where my family is
6 actually from in northern Italy as well. He also
7 lived in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and other
8 places around the globe. Although he was born in
9 the United States, Natalino's heart was in San
10 Michele, Italy, where he spent the last 22
11 summers, visiting his childhood friends and
12 relatives and playing briscola while enjoying a
13 nice glass of Lambrusco, good coppa and
14 formaggio.

15 In New York he worked in
16 construction during the week and spent his
17 weekends working as a dishwasher at the Laurent
18 Restaurant. He soon began full-time at the
19 restaurant in various roles, eventually becoming
20 an owner with his childhood friend Jimmy.

21 As owner, Natalino was responsible
22 for buying all of the food for the restaurant,
23 and he spent many hours leaving the house at
24 3:00 a.m. to go to the Fulton Fish Market in
25 Hunts Point, which I also represent currently, as

1 well as the flower market.

2 After leaving the restaurant in
3 1991, he worked with his son and his son-in-law
4 until he happily retired in 2009. He truly
5 epitomizes what it means to be hardworking. He
6 truly epitomizes the American dream.

7 Natalino and his wife Anna settled
8 in Pelham Bay in 1965. While he was passionate
9 about many things, above all his greatest passion
10 was being a husband to his wife of 60 years as
11 well as a father to his two children, Rita and
12 Eugene, and a grandfather to his five beloved
13 grandchildren: Stephanie, Marc, Michael,
14 Christopher and Jessica.

15 Natalino's infinite selflessness and
16 service will serve as a beacon of love, of light
17 and of hope to the countless lives that he
18 touched.

19 He certainly touched mine, and I'm
20 very grateful to be able to recognize him today.
21 Thank you.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,
23 Senator Biaggi.

24 The resolution was previously
25 adopted on January 19th.

1 Senator Serrano.

2 SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you.

3 Please take up previously adopted
4 Resolution 2630, by Senator Biaggi, read that
5 resolution title only, and recognize
6 Senator Biaggi on the resolution.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
8 Secretary will read.

9 THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution
10 2630, by Senator Biaggi, mourning the death of
11 Helen Coughlan, distinguished citizen and devoted
12 member of her community.

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

15 SENATOR BIAGGI: Thank you, Madam
16 President.

17 I rise for a second time today to
18 recognize a constituent of mine -- who actually
19 also happened to be my next-door neighbor and one
20 of my closest friend's grandmothers -- Helen
21 Coughlan.

22 Helen was born in London, England,
23 and came to the United States in 1953. She would
24 later marry Robert Coughlan and raise a family in
25 New Rochelle, New York, while working at

1 McCrory's in New Rochelle for the past 22 years.

2 Helen is survived by her two
3 children, Martin and Denise -- Denise who is a
4 very dear friend as well -- her daughter-in-law,
5 her son-in-law, and three grandchildren --
6 Kimberly, Joe and Nicholas -- as well as her
7 grandson-in-law Daniel.

8 For the last 20 years, as I
9 mentioned earlier, she lived in Pelham, next door
10 to the house that I grew up in, enjoying time
11 with family and friends, and she also enjoyed
12 spending summer days at the Hudson and Davenport
13 parks. But she most importantly enjoyed her
14 family and spending time with them, as well as
15 watching them all grow up, and frankly was a very
16 proud grandmother.

17 Helen distinguished herself in her
18 profession and by her sincere dedication and
19 substantial contribution to the welfare of her
20 entire community. I am very proud to honor her
21 life and her legacy today, and I have incredible
22 condolences for the Garvey family as well as the
23 Coughlan family.

24 Thank you, Madam President.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,

1 Senator Biaggi.

2 The resolution was previously
3 adopted on May 17th.

4 Senator Serrano.

5 SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you.

6 Please take up previously adopted
7 Resolution 2732, by Senator Ortt, read that
8 resolution title only, and recognize Senator Ortt
9 on the resolution.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
11 Secretary will read.

12 THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution
13 2732, by Senator Ortt, paying tribute to the life
14 and valiant service of Security Guard and former
15 Buffalo Police Officer Aaron Salter Jr., who died
16 in the line of duty on May 14, 2022.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
18 Ortt on the resolution.

19 SENATOR ORTT: Thank you,
20 Madam President.

21 I rise here today to recognize and
22 pay tribute, as I know we all do, to Aaron
23 Salter. Aaron Salter resided in Lockport,
24 New York, in my district, but was a retired
25 Buffalo police officer.

1 I think about the many nights where
2 he was in danger as a Buffalo police officer. I
3 think about the many nights that his family had
4 to wonder if he was okay, all the people that he
5 helped as a police officer, the lives that he
6 saved as a police officer.

7 And you retire, and you're working
8 security at a neighborhood grocery store. And no
9 doubt he got to know the shoppers. No doubt he
10 got to know that community, who saw him not as a
11 former police officer but someone who was there
12 who knew them, who was there to protect them --
13 maybe from a shoplifter, you know, robbery at the
14 store, maybe a fight.

15 I'm certain, I'm certain that Aaron,
16 Officer Salter, never thought that the most
17 dangerous thing he would ever encounter
18 after serving on the Buffalo Police Department
19 would be at a grocery store. I'm certain that he
20 never thought he would have to give his life as a
21 security guard at Tops Friendly Markets.

22 But that's exactly what Aaron Salter
23 did, because that's what -- to serve and protect,
24 for him, wasn't just the motto on the Buffalo
25 police cars. I think it epitomizes what many

1 police officers believe. And I think it goes to
2 show you that whether you're in uniform or out of
3 uniform, whether you're an active officer or
4 you're a retired officer, the ethos to protect
5 and serve, the ethos to defend people who cannot
6 otherwise defend themselves at that point never
7 goes away.

8 I wish with all my heart that Aaron
9 Salter was here today, along with the other
10 victims, and I wish that Aaron Salter had been
11 able to stop that shooter. But for a lot of
12 reasons he wasn't able to.

13 But he did not go quietly into the
14 good night. He didn't just let it happen. He
15 didn't run away. He didn't stand outside. He
16 engaged that shooter. And as a former police
17 officer, I'll bet you he knew that he did so at
18 likely the cost of his own life, but he did it
19 anyways. And that makes him a hero.

20 We just had Memorial Day this past
21 weekend. And as anyone here who knows
22 Senator Sanders, Senator Brooks, anyone who's
23 served, they will tell you that the real heroes
24 are the folks who never come back home. And that
25 is definitely true for law enforcement. It's

1 certainly true for Aaron Salter and those
2 victims. They are the heroes.

3 Aaron Salter is the hero. He didn't
4 make it back. That was his last duty station.
5 But he didn't abandon his post, he defended those
6 folks. And I believe that there are people who
7 are alive because of the actions of Officer
8 Salter, of Aaron Salter.

9 And that is worthy of recognition on
10 this floor. That is something that I know we all
11 can agree on, we all can come together in support
12 of Aaron Salter. And hopefully his memory
13 inspires us as we go forward both on this floor
14 and in our own lives when we leave here.

15 So Madam President, I thank you for
16 your indulgence and certainly thank you for being
17 able to recognize the heroic actions of Aaron
18 Salter.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,
20 Senator Ortt.

21 Senator Kennedy on the resolution.

22 SENATOR KENNEDY: Thank you,
23 Madam President.

24 I rise today to honor the life and
25 legacy of a true hero, retired Buffalo Police

1 Lieutenant Aaron Salter. Lieutenant Salter made
2 the ultimate sacrifice for doing what he did
3 throughout his entire career: Protecting the
4 community that he loved.

5 When a racist mass shooter entered
6 the Tops Friendly Market on Jefferson Avenue on
7 May 14th, Lieutenant Salter was at his post as a
8 security guard, at the front door of the
9 supermarket welcoming guests and patrons that
10 day.

11 At that moment that the coward
12 showed his face to the world, Officer and
13 posthumously decorated Lieutenant Aaron Salter
14 immediately recognized the threat and responded
15 with unparalleled bravery and courage. That day,
16 10 souls were lost, but Lieutenant Salter's quick
17 action undoubtedly saved countless lives. While
18 he confronted this racist killer and took him on,
19 customers and store employees had time to run out
20 of the back of the store.

21 Lieutenant Salter died a hero that
22 day, but those that knew him recognized that he
23 spent his entire life giving back to the
24 community that he loved through his service each
25 and every day. Lieutenant Salter had spent his

1 entire professional life serving our community.

2 He joined the Buffalo Police
3 immediately after high school and spent three
4 decades nobly serving the great people of Buffalo
5 and Western New York. In his spare time he was
6 an amateur scientist, an inventor, calling
7 himself a jack of all trades and a master of
8 none. He enjoyed work on motorcycles and his
9 prized 1967 Cadillac Coupe de Ville.

10 Lieutenant Salter lived an
11 incredibly meaningful life. And most
12 importantly, aside from his work dedicated to
13 serving the people of our community, he cared
14 most about his beloved family -- his wife,
15 Kimberly, his son, Aaron Salter III, daughters
16 Latisha and Tanya.

17 He will always be remembered as a
18 hero for his selfless actions on May 14th and for
19 his decades of service to our community. At
20 Aaron Salter's funeral, Commissioner Gramaglia
21 posthumously presented him with the Buffalo
22 Police Department's Medal of Honor, the highest
23 honor that can be bestowed on an officer, for his
24 sheer bravery in taking on the face of evil in
25 order to save lives. In his final moments,

1 Lieutenant Salter did what he has always done,
2 protected our community.

3 As a city, a state, and a nation, we
4 owe him a debt of gratitude that can never be
5 repaid. We can, however, dedicate our work and
6 our lives to making the world a better place,
7 stamping out racism, calling out white supremacy
8 wherever we see it and whenever it rears its ugly
9 head.

10 Today I'm proud to stand on the
11 floor of the Senate to say thank you to
12 Lieutenant Salter for his service, his dedication
13 to our community, to our state and to our nation.

14 May he rest in peace.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
16 resolution was previously adopted on May 24th.

17 Senator Gianaris.

18 SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President,
19 at the request of the sponsors, the resolutions
20 are open for cosponsorship.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
22 resolutions are open for cosponsorship. Should
23 you choose not to be a cosponsor of the
24 resolutions, please notify the desk.

25 Senator Gianaris.

1 SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, I
2 believe there's a report of the Rules Committee
3 at the desk. Can we take that up, please.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
5 Secretary will read.

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

9 Senate Print 470, by Senator
10 Hoylman, an act authorizing the Commissioner of
11 Health to conduct a study and issue a report
12 examining the unmet health and resource needs
13 facing pregnant women in New York;

14 Senate Print 1046E, by
15 Senator Myrie, an act to amend the Election Law;

16 Senate Print 9039A, by
17 Senator Biaggi, an act to amend the Civil Rights
18 Law;

19 Senate Print 9077A, by
20 Senator Krueger, an act to amend the Criminal
21 Procedure Law, the Executive Law and the Civil
22 Practice Law and Rules;

23 Senate Print 9079B, by
24 Senator Kaplan, an act to amend the Education Law
25 and the Public Health Law;

1 Senate Print 9080B, by
2 Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the
3 Insurance Law;

4 Senate Print 9288, by
5 Senator Serino, an act to amend Chapter 476 of
6 the Laws of 1957;

7 Senate Print 9384A, by
8 Senator Cleare, an act to amend the
9 Executive Law.

10 All bills reported direct to third
11 reading.

12 SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to accept
13 the report of the Rules Committee.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: All those
15 in favor of accepting the report of the
16 Rules Committee signify by saying aye.

17 (Response of "Aye.")

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Opposed,
19 nay.

20 (No response.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
22 report of the Rules Committee is accepted.

23 Senator Gianaris.

24 SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President,
25 there's a privileged resolution at the desk,

1 Number 2849. Please take that up, read its
2 title, and recognize Senator Mayer.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: There is
4 a privileged resolution at the desk.

5 The Secretary will read.

6 THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution
7 2849, by Senator Mayer, Concurrent Resolution of
8 the Senate and Assembly, providing for the
9 election of one Regent of the University of the
10 State of New York.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
12 Mayer on the resolution.

13 SENATOR MAYER: Thank you,
14 Mr. President.

15 It is my honor to move the
16 nomination of Dr. Roger P. Catania to be the
17 member of the Board of Regents representing the
18 4th Judicial District.

19 Unfortunately in March of 2022,
20 Regent Beverly Ouderkirk, who many of us knew as
21 an outstanding member of the Board of Regents,
22 died at age 82. Her passing left a vacancy which
23 we now move to fill.

24 The 4th Judicial District includes
25 the counties of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton,

1 Hamilton, Montgomery, Saratoga, Schenectady,
2 St. Lawrence, Warren and Washington, much of the
3 North Country of New York State. And it's
4 extremely important that their voice be heard in
5 the Board of Regents, representing particularly
6 the rural school community.

7 Dr. Roger P. Catania, who spent over
8 20 years in the Saranac Lake School District and
9 the last series of years as superintendent there,
10 is a distinguished educator who brings both the
11 gravitas and the experience and the real-world
12 knowledge that we need on the Board of Regents.

13 I move his nomination and ask my
14 colleagues to join me in voting for his
15 nomination to the Board of Regents.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
17 question is on the resolution.

18 The Secretary will call the roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
21 the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: In relation to the
23 nomination, voting in the negative:
24 Senator Akshar.

25 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
2 resolution is adopted.

3 Senator Gianaris.

4 SENATOR GIANARIS: Okay,
5 Mr. President, at this time we're going to
6 simultaneously call the next Rules Committee
7 meeting and take up the reading of the calendar.

8 So there will be an immediate
9 meeting of the Rules Committee in Room 332, and
10 please proceed with reading the calendar.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: There
12 will be an immediate meeting of the
13 Rules Committee in Room 332, and the calendar
14 will proceed.

15 The Secretary will read.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 7,
17 Senate Print 2951A, by Senator Kavanaugh, an act
18 to amend the Election Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
20 last section.

21 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
22 act shall take effect January 1, 2023.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
2 the results.

3 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
4 Calendar Number 7, those Senators voting in the
5 negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Gallivan,
6 Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Lanza, Martucci,
7 Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath,
8 Ritchie, Serino, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

9 Ayes, 44. Nays, 19.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 80,
13 Senate Print 4738A, by Senator Ramos, an act to
14 amend the Labor Law.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
16 last section.

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

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
23 the results.

24 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
25 Calendar Number 80, those Senators voting in the

1 negative are Senators Akshar, Gallivan and
2 Griffo.

3 Ayes, 60. Nays, 3.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 118, Senate Print 7023A, by Senator Mannion, an
8 act directing the Commissioner of Health to
9 conduct a study on the rates of reimbursement
10 made through New York State Medicaid.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
12 last section.

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

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
16 roll.

17 (The Secretary called the roll.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
19 the results.

20 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
22 is passed.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
24 234, Senate Print 660A, by Senator May, an act to
25 amend the Highway Law.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
2 last section.

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

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
7 roll.

8 (The Secretary called the roll.)

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
10 the results.

11 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
12 Calendar Number 234, voting in the negative:
13 Senator Lanza.

14 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
16 is passed.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
18 235, Senate Print 1271A, by Senator Brooks, an
19 act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
21 last section.

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

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
25 roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)
2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
3 the results.
4 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.
5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
6 is passed.
7 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
8 247, Senate Print 694A, by Senator Kaplan, an act
9 to amend the Executive Law.
10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
11 last section.
12 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
13 act shall take effect immediately.
14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
15 roll.
16 (The Secretary called the roll.)
17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
18 the results.
19 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.
20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
21 is passed.
22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 267, Senate Print 6617A, by Senator Gounardes, an
24 act to amend the State Finance Law.
25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

1 last section.

2 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
3 act shall take effect January 1, 2023.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
5 roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
8 the results.

9 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
13 379, Senate Print 5420, by Senator Parker, an act
14 to amend the Elder Law.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
16 last section.

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

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
23 the results.

24 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 384, Assembly Print 8092B, by Assemblymember
4 Reyes, an act to amend the Labor Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
6 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 MAYER: Call the
11 roll.

12 (The Secretary called the roll.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
14 the results.

15 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
17 is passed.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
19 393, Assembly Print Number 286A, by
20 Assemblymember Gunther, an act to amend the
21 Labor Law.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
23 last section.

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

1 shall have become a law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
6 Jackson to explain his vote.

7 SENATOR JACKSON: Thank you,
8 Madam President.

9 My colleagues, I rise to support my
10 bill S1997. And this legislation is a victory
11 for patients, families and the tens of thousands
12 of hardworking nurses across New York State who
13 support so many.

14 Over a decade ago the Senate passed
15 well-intentioned limitations on mandatory
16 overtime, but there was no enforcement mechanism.
17 Employers continued to work nurses far beyond
18 their assigned hours. Every day nurses provide
19 the highest-quality patient care they can while
20 understaffed and exhausted. Forced overtime is
21 bad for all of us, impacting quality of care. No
22 one benefits except healthcare tycoons who refuse
23 to properly staff their facilities.

24 This legislation creates fines
25 between \$1,000 and \$10,000 for each employer

1 infraction, while providing nurses an additional
2 15 percent in overtime pay.

3 And with the passage of this bill,
4 nurses, patients and their families will have
5 increased confidence as we begin to address
6 chronic understaffing in all healthcare settings.
7 After years of abuse, we are closer to achieving
8 labor justice for our nurses.

9 So I humbly ask my colleagues to
10 join me in voting aye for better-quality care for
11 patients and families and clearer enforceable
12 rights on the job for thousands of nurse.

13 Madam President, I proudly vote aye.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
15 Jackson to be recorded in the affirmative.

16 Senator Borrello on the bill.

17 SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you,
18 Madam President.

19 You know, I certainly looked at this
20 and I understand the stress our healthcare
21 workers have experienced. But I also have to
22 consider the fact that thanks to more than a
23 decade of our previous Governor cutting Medicaid
24 reimbursements to our healthcare facilities, our
25 nursing homes in particular, it has become more

1 and more difficult. And we have yet to right
2 that ship here in this chamber, in this
3 Legislature.

4 They are getting far less now to
5 care for patients than they did a decade ago.
6 They are getting less per day to care for our
7 most vulnerable citizens than a taxi driver gets
8 to carry one patient to a doctor's appointment in
9 a nonemergency situation round trip in my
10 district, where one taxi driver can make upwards
11 of \$400 a round trip to take one person to one
12 nonemergency medical appointment.

13 Meanwhile, we pay on average about
14 half of that to our nursing homes for all the
15 things that they have to provide to care properly
16 for someone.

17 Unfortunately, that means we are
18 short-staffed. We are also short-staffed because
19 we don't have enough people in this field, in
20 this occupation. We have not done a good job of
21 recruiting people from other states. And in
22 fact, there right now as we speak are a pile of
23 approvals for people to be licensed in New York
24 State that are in various healthcare fields
25 sitting on the desk, backlogged, bottlenecked in

1 our license department right now here in New York
2 State.

3 So until we address those problems,
4 we cannot afford to further burden nursing homes
5 that could end up closing as a result of bills
6 like this. So I vote nay. Thank you.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
8 Borrello to be recorded in the negative.

9 Senator O'Mara to explain his vote.

10 SENATOR O'MARA: Thank you,
11 Madam President.

12 Not to totally reiterate what
13 Senator Borrello just had to say, but I concur
14 completely in that and have significant concerns
15 with this legislation.

16 I laud its goal in avoiding
17 mandatory overtime for workers in healthcare.
18 But as has been said, we have a significant and
19 overbearing shortage of workforce in this field.
20 And we have put staffing ratios in place and
21 fines against these institutions for not having
22 the appropriate staffing.

23 Now, when they're going to say we
24 have to keep this staffing up, you can't require
25 that employee to stay and do overtime until you

1 can get the appropriate staff level there. So
2 these institutions are going to be damned if they
3 do or damned if they don't, because they're going
4 to be fined on either side.

5 This is not addressing the crisis
6 that we have at hand with the workforce shortage
7 we have in healthcare. And we need other
8 solutions to bolster our workforce so that we
9 have the appropriate level of workforce, the
10 appropriate number of workers to meet the
11 staffing ratios and to not be required to do
12 mandatory overtime.

13 But until we get there, just fining
14 healthcare facilities is not going to advance the
15 cause of improving healthcare in New York State.

16 I vote in the negative.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
18 O'Mara to be recorded in the negative.

19 Announce the results.

20 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
21 Calendar 393, those Senators voting in the
22 negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Felder,
23 Gallivan, Griffo, Mattera, Oberacker and O'Mara.

24 Ayes, 55. Nays, 8.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 424, Assembly Print Number 2263, by
4 Assemblymember Fernandez, an act to amend the
5 Executive Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
7 last section.

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

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
11 roll.

12 (The Secretary called the roll.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
14 the results.

15 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
16 Calendar Number 424, those Senators voting in the
17 negative are Senators Borrello, Gallivan, Griffo,
18 Helming, Jordan, Lanza, Martucci, Mattera,
19 Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath, Serino,
20 Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

21 Ayes, 46. Nays, 17.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
23 is passed.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 461, Senate Print 3081B, by Senator Salazar, an

1 act to amend the General Business Law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
3 last section.

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

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
7 roll.

8 (The Secretary called the roll.)

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
10 the results.

11 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
13 is passed.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
15 472, Senate Print 7854A, by Senator Kennedy, an
16 act to amend the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and
17 Breeding Law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
19 last section.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
2 the results.

3 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 485, Senate Print 7864B, by Senator Brooks, an
8 act to amend the General Municipal Law and the
9 Public Authorities Law.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
11 last section.

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

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
15 roll.

16 (The Secretary called the roll.)

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
18 the results.

19 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
21 is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 493, Senate Print 2841A, by Senator Sepúlveda, an
24 act to amend the Correction Law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

1 last section.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
9 the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
11 Calendar Number 493, those Senators voting in the
12 negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Gallivan,
13 Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Martucci, Mattera,
14 Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath, Ritchie,
15 Serino, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

16 Ayes, 45. Nays, 18.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 535, Senate Print 977A, by Senator Gaughran, an
21 act to amend the Public Authorities Law and the
22 Not-For-Profit Corporation Law.

23 SENATOR SERRANO: Lay it aside for
24 the day.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

1 is laid aside for the day.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 550, Assembly Bill Number 9344A, by
4 Assemblymember Steck, an act to amend the
5 Mental Hygiene Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
7 last section.

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

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
11 roll.

12 (The Secretary called the roll.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
14 the results.

15 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
17 is passed.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
19 575, Senate Print 5333A, by Senator Stec,
20 Concurrent Resolution of the Senate and Assembly
21 proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article 14
22 of the Constitution.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
2 the results.

3 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
5 resolution is adopted.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 623, Senate Print 7582B, by Senator Mayer, an act
8 to amend the Executive Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
10 last section.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
17 the results.

18 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
20 is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 684, Assembly Print Number 2150A, by
23 Assemblymember Rosenthal, an act in relation to
24 establishing Brendan's Law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

1 last section.

2 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
3 act shall take effect 24 months after it shall
4 have become a law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
9 the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 703, Senate Print 5472A, by Senator Hoylman, an
15 act to amend the Real Property Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
17 last section.

18 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
19 act shall take effect on the 180th day after it
20 shall have become a law.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
22 roll.

23 (The Secretary called the roll.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
25 the results.

1 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
2 Calendar Number 703, those Senators voting in the
3 negative are Senators Borrello, Lanza, Mattera,
4 O'Mara, Ortt, Rath, Stec and Tedisco.

5 Ayes, 55. Nays, 8.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
7 is passed.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 765, Assembly Print Number 8869B, by
10 Assemblymember Eichenstein, an act to amend the
11 Insurance Law.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
13 last section.

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

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
17 roll.

18 (The Secretary called the roll.)

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
20 the results.

21 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
23 is passed.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 809, Senate Print Number 6211, by

1 Senator Reichlin-Melnick, an act to amend the
2 Election Law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
4 last section.

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

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
8 roll.

9 (The Secretary called the roll.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
11 the results.

12 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
13 Calendar Number 809, those Senators voting in the
14 negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Brooks,
15 Gallivan, Gaughran, Griffo, Helming, Jordan,
16 Kaplan, Martucci, Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara,
17 Ortt, Palumbo, Rath, Ritchie, Serino, Stec,
18 Tedisco and Weik.

19 Ayes, 42. Nays, 21.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
21 is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 828, Senate Print 7578C, by Senator Mannion, an
24 act to amend the State Finance Law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

1 last section.

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
5 roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
8 the results.

9 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
13 845, Assembly Print Number 9622C, by
14 Assemblymember Solages, an act to amend the
15 New York State Urban Development Corporation Act.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
17 last section.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
24 the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 871, Senate Print 7862B, by Senator Bailey, an
5 act to amend the State Finance Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
7 last section.

8 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
9 act shall take effect April 1, 2023.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
11 roll.

12 (The Secretary called the roll.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
14 the results.

15 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
16 Calendar Number 871, those Senators voting in the
17 negative are Senators Borrello, Griffo, Jordan,
18 Oberacker, Ortt, Rath and Tedisco.

19 Ayes, 56. Nays, 7.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
21 is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 873, Assembly Print Number 9278, by
24 Assemblymember Bronson, an act to amend the
25 Economic Development Law.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
2 last section.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
9 the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 881, Senate Print 5891F, by Senator Parker, an
15 act to amend the Education Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
17 last section.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
24 the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: In relation to

1 Calendar 881, those Senators voting in the
2 negative are Senators Borrello, Gallivan,
3 Helming, Jordan, Lanza, Oberacker, O'Mara,
4 Palumbo, Rath, Stec and Tedisco.

5 Ayes, 52. Nays, 11.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
7 is passed.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 907, Senate Print 3959B, by Senator Kennedy, an
10 act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
12 last section.

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

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
17 roll.

18 (The Secretary called the roll.)

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
20 the results.

21 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
23 is passed.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 915, Assembly Print Number 9081, by

1 Assemblymember Jean-Pierre, an act to amend the
2 Highway Law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
4 last section.

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

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
8 roll.

9 (The Secretary called the roll.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
11 the results.

12 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
13 Calendar Number 915, voting in the negative:
14 Senator Brisport.

15 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
17 is passed.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
19 936, Senate Print 4778B, by Senator Weik, an act
20 in relation to authorizing the assessor of the
21 Town of Brookhaven to accept an application for
22 exemption from real property taxes.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. this

1 act shall take effect immediately.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
6 the results.

7 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
8 Calendar 936, those Senators voting in the
9 negative are Senators Akshar and O'Mara.

10 Ayes, 61. Nays, 2.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 941, Senate Print 7906A, by Senator Kaminsky, an
15 act authorizing the Chabad of Oceanside, Inc., to
16 receive retroactive real property tax exemption
17 status.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
19 last section.

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce

1 the results.

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

5 Ayes, 61. Nays, 2.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
7 is passed.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 985, Senate Print 2532B, by Senator Rivera, an
10 act to amend the Public Health Law.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
12 last section.

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

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
16 roll.

17 (The Secretary called the roll.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
19 the results.

20 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
21 Calendar Number 985, those Senators voting in the
22 negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Gallivan,
23 Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Lanza, Martucci,
24 Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath,
25 Ritchie, Serino, Stec and Tedisco. Also

1 Senator Skoufis.

2 Ayes, 44. Nays, 19.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 990, Senate Print 158A, by Senator Kaplan, an act
7 to amend the Economic Development Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
9 last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
16 the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
18 Calendar Number 990, voting in the negative:
19 Senator Skoufis.

20 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
22 is passed.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
24 991, Senate Print 309B, by Senator Myrie, an act
25 to amend the Election Law.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
2 last section.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
9 Jackson to explain his vote.

10 SENATOR JACKSON: Thank you,
11 Madam President.

12 My colleagues, I rise to speak in
13 support of Senator Gounardes's legislation. Oh,
14 boy. Sorry, Madam President. Is this the wrong
15 piece of legislation? Okay.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: It's
17 Senator Myrie's bill, S309B.

18 SENATOR JACKSON: I'm sorry. But
19 I'm in favor of this legislation because of the
20 fact that it basically improves the integrity of
21 the voting machines in the system. And I was
22 looking for my notes, but I can't find it.

23 So I support this bill
24 wholeheartedly, Madam President.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator

1 Jackson to be recorded in the affirmative.

2 Announce the results.

3 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
4 Calendar Number 991, those Senators voting in the
5 negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Brooks,
6 Felder, Gallivan, Gaughran, Griffo, Helming,
7 Jordan, Kaplan, Lanza, Martucci, Oberacker,
8 O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath, Ritchie, Serino,
9 Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

10 Ayes, 41. Nays, 22.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 1000, Senate Print 3126C, by Senator Parker, an
15 act to amend the Public Service Law and the
16 Public Authorities Law.

17 SENATOR SERRANO: Lay it aside for
18 the day.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
20 is laid aside for the day.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 1006, Senate Print 4885A, by Senator Savino, an
23 act to amend the Labor Law and the Education Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
25 last section.

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
5 roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
8 the results.

9 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
10 Calendar Number 1006, voting in the negative are
11 Senators Akshar and Oberacker.

12 Ayes, 61. Nays, 2.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
14 is passed.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 1015, Senate Print 8531A, by Senator Gaughran, an
17 act in relation to establishing the Wyandanch
18 Health & Wellness Center Design-Build Act.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
20 last section.

21 THE SECRETARY: Section 12. This
22 act shall take effect immediately.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
2 the results.

3 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
4 Calendar Number 1015, voting in the negative:
5 Senator Stec.

6 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 1039, Senate Print 4371D, by Senator Biaggi, an
11 act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
13 last section.

14 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
15 act shall take effect on the 90th day after it
16 shall have become a law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
21 Biaggi to explain her vote.

22 SENATOR BIAGGI: Thank you,
23 Madam President.

24 I rise today in support of this bill
25 and am going to start with gratitude to the

1 Majority Leader as well as to my colleagues in
2 the Senate who support this bill.

3 This is an important bill because it
4 enacts new standards for toxic air pollutants.
5 The COVID-19 pandemic, as we all know because we
6 talk about it almost every day, has truly
7 devastated so many communities across New York.
8 But for families in my district in the
9 South Bronx specifically, COVID has added on to
10 their existing health crisis of environmental
11 racism.

12 Decades of companies unleashing
13 toxic air contaminants in the Bronx,
14 predominantly Black and brown communities, has
15 also led to high rates of respiratory disease and
16 other illnesses. The climate crisis has not --
17 and it will not -- affect us all equally, and we
18 all know that. And that means that we have to
19 address our environmental policy failures that
20 have led to these racial inequities.

21 This legislation we're passing today
22 will require the Department of Environmental
23 Conservation to establish air quality standards
24 for seven toxic pollutants that are not currently
25 regulated. These pollutants have been shown to

1 cause a variety of serious human health effects,
2 including cancer.

3 I'm proud to vote aye. I encourage
4 all of my colleagues to vote aye, because frankly
5 it's indisputable that we should all be against
6 toxic pollutants in the environment that actually
7 cause harm to human beings, the environment, and
8 to all living beings on earth.

9 Thank you very much,
10 Madam President.

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

13 Announce the results.

14 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
15 Calendar 1039, those Senators voting in the
16 negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Gallivan,
17 Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Lanza, Oberacker,
18 O'Mara, Ortt, Rath, Ritchie, Serino, Stec and
19 Tedisco.

20 Ayes, 48. Nays, 15.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
22 is passed.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
24 1054, Senate Print 3873, by Senator Kennedy, an
25 act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
2 last section.

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

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
7 roll.

8 (The Secretary called the roll.)

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
10 the results.

11 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
13 is passed.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
15 1085, Assembly Print Number 8617, by
16 Assemblymember Meeks, an act to amend the
17 Insurance Law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
19 last section.

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce

1 the results.

2 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
3 Calendar Number 1085, voting in the negative:
4 Senator Jordan.

5 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
7 is passed.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 1090, Senate Print 9006, by Senator Breslin, an
10 act to amend the Insurance Law.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
12 last section.

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

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
16 roll.

17 (The Secretary called the roll.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
19 the results.

20 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
21 Calendar 1090, those Senators voting in the
22 negative are Senators Borrello, Griffo, Helming,
23 Jordan, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ritchie, Serino and
24 Tedisco.

25 Ayes, 54. Nays, 9.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 1120, Senate Print 8398B, by Senator Liu, an act
5 to amend the Tax Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
7 last section.

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

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
11 roll.

12 (The Secretary called the roll.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
14 the results.

15 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
17 is passed.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
19 1139, Senate Print 3259, by Senator Comrie, an
20 act to amend the Administrative Code of the City
21 of New York.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There is a
23 home-rule message at the desk.

24 Read the last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This

1 act shall take effect immediately.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
6 the results.

7 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
11 1151, Senate Print Number 8037, by
12 Senator Reichlin-Melnick, an act to amend the
13 State Finance Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
15 last section.

16 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
17 act shall take effect on the 90th day after it
18 shall have become a law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
23 the results.

24 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
25 Calendar Number 1151, voting in the negative:

1 Senator Martucci.

2 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 1152, Senate Print 8061, by Senator
7 Reichlin-Melnick, an act to amend the
8 State Finance Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
10 last section.

11 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
12 act shall take effect on the 90th day after it
13 shall have become a law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
15 roll.

16 (The Secretary called the roll.)

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
18 the results.

19 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
20 Calendar 1152, those Senators voting in the
21 negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Felder,
22 Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Lanza,
23 Martucci, Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,
24 Palumbo, Rath, Ritchie, Tedisco and Weik.

25 Ayes, 45. Nays, 18.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 1163, Senate Print 8253, by Senator Kennedy, an
5 act to amend the Local Finance Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There is a
7 home-rule message at the desk.

8 Read the last section.

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

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
12 roll.

13 (The Secretary called the roll.)

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
15 the results.

16 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 1176, Senate Print 2110A, by Senator Sepúlveda,
21 an act to amend the Surrogate's Court Procedure
22 Act.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

1 act shall take effect immediately.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
6 the results.

7 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
11 1187, Senate Print 5137A, by Senator Mattera, an
12 act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
14 last section.

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

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
21 the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 1195, Senate Print 9011A, by Senator Ryan, an act
2 to amend Chapter 560 of the Laws of 1998.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
4 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
14 Calendar 1195, those Senators voting in the
15 negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Gallivan,
16 Griffo, Helming, Jordan, May, O'Mara, Ortt,
17 Ritchie, Serino, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

18 Ayes, 49. Nays, 14.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
20 is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 1216, Senate Print 5994C, by Senator Ryan, an act
23 to amend the Labor Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
25 last section.

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
7 Ryan to explain his vote.

8 SENATOR RYAN: Thank you,
9 Madam President.

10 This bill ensures that contractors
11 working on public works projects are following
12 state labor laws. It will expose and prevent bad
13 actors from profiting off taxpayers and taking
14 advantage of their workers. It will require the
15 Department of Labor to set up a dashboard, much
16 like the dashboard we saw during COVID where you
17 can go on and take a complete look at what's
18 happening.

19 So if a contractor has been awarded
20 a bid by a town, by an agency, by a county and
21 you're curious about who got that bid, the
22 information is all up there -- address, whether
23 they're up-to-date with their workers'
24 compensation policies, whether they've had claims
25 filed against them.

1 Right now there is different parts
2 of this information available at different places
3 at the Department of Labor, but boy, is it hard
4 for a citizen or a town to get all this
5 information. This will require the Department of
6 Labor to put it all together in one nice package,
7 and that should help the citizens of New York
8 benefit from getting better contractors and
9 having full transparency on how we spend our
10 millions and millions and millions of state
11 dollars going to construction projects.

12 So this is one more step in the
13 right direction of upholding our state's
14 transparency rules, and I proudly support this
15 and vote in favor and withdraw my request for an
16 explanation.

17 Thank you.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
19 Ryan to be recorded in the affirmative.

20 Announce the results.

21 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
22 Calendar 1216, those Senators voting in the
23 negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Griffo,
24 Helming, Jordan, O'Mara, Rath, Serino, Stec and
25 Tedisco.

1 Ayes, 53. Nays, 10.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
5 1218, Senate Print 6446B, by Senator
6 Reichlin-Melnick, an act to amend the
7 Mental Hygiene Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
9 last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
16 the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 1225, Assembly Print Number 9298A, by
22 Assemblymember McDonald, an act to authorize and
23 direct the Commissioner of Health to establish a
24 portable diagnostics program.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

1 last section.

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
5 roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
8 May to explain her vote.

9 SENATOR MAY: Thank you,
10 Madam President.

11 Imagine you have an older relative
12 who falls in the home and is injured. What would
13 normally happen is you might call 911 or put that
14 person in a car and take them to the emergency
15 room or to urgent care, where you would wait
16 hours and hours for an x-ray.

17 Each of these steps has risks --
18 risks of further injury, risks of exposure to
19 communicable diseases or disorientation. All
20 kinds of things can happen. It can also be
21 expensive and take up hospital personnel time
22 when they have a lot of other things on their
23 minds.

24 So now imagine a system where you
25 can bring the x-ray or the ultrasound or the EKG

1 into someone's home and do the diagnostics there
2 for them. This bill will increase access to
3 portable diagnostics, which will save money, it
4 will reduce costly visits to ERs and urgent care,
5 and it will reduce even more costly hospital
6 stays while saving the Medicaid budget money as
7 well.

8 So I am very proud to carry this
9 bill, grateful to my colleagues for supporting
10 it, and I vote aye.

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

13 Announce the results.

14 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
16 is passed.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
18 1238, Senate Print 4870B, by Senator Breslin, an
19 act to amend the Education Law.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
21 last section.

22 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
23 act shall take effect one year after it shall
24 have become a law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the

1 roll.

2 (The Secretary called the roll.)

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
4 the results.

5 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
6 Calendar 1238, those Senators voting in the
7 negative are Senators Borrello, Gallivan, Helming
8 and O'Mara.

9 Ayes, 59. Nays, 4.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
13 1243, Senate Print 7020B, by Senator Rivera, an
14 act to amend the Education Law.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
16 last section.

17 THE SECRETARY: Section 13. This
18 act shall take effect on the 180th day after it
19 shall have become a law.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
24 the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 1251, Senate Print 8994A, by Senator Stavisky, an
5 act to amend the Education Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
7 last section.

8 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
9 act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
11 roll.

12 (The Secretary called the roll.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
14 the results.

15 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
16 Calendar Number 1251, those Senators voting in
17 the negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello,
18 Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Lanza, Martucci,
19 Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath,
20 Ritchie, Serino, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

21 Ayes, 45. Nays, 18.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
23 is passed.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 1281, Senate Print 8927, by Senator Brooks, an

1 act to amend the Highway Law.

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

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

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 1289, Senate Print 8389C, by Senator Thomas, an
8 act to amend the Labor Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
10 last section.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
17 the results.

18 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
20 is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 1294, Senate Print 7173, by Senator Bailey, an
23 act to amend the Family Court Act.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
25 last section.

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
5 roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
8 the results.

9 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
10 Calendar 1294, those Senators voting in the
11 negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Gallivan,
12 Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Lanza, Martucci,
13 Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath, Ritchie,
14 Serino, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

15 Ayes, 45. Nays, 18.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
17 is passed.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
19 1297, Senate Print 8044, by Senator Mayer, an act
20 to amend the Social Services Law.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
22 last section.

23 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
24 act shall take effect on the 90th day after it
25 shall have become a law.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
2 roll.

3 (The Secretary called the roll.)

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
5 the results.

6 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 1302, Senate Print 4960, by Senator Mayer, an act
11 to amend the Public Service Law.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
13 last section.

14 THE SECRETARY: Section 8. This
15 act shall take effect on the 90th day after it
16 shall have become a law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
21 the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
23 Calendar 1302, those Senators voting in the
24 negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Gallivan,
25 Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Lanza, Martucci,

1 Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath,
2 Ritchie, Serino, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

3 Ayes, 44. Nays, 19.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 1312, Senate Print 118, by Senator Kaplan, an act
8 to amend the Education Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
10 last section.

11 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
12 act shall take effect on the 60th day after it
13 shall have become a law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
15 roll.

16 (The Secretary called the roll.)

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
18 Kaplan to explain her vote.

19 SENATOR KAPLAN: Thank you,
20 Madam President.

21 We've worked hard here in New York
22 to advance voting rights and to ensure that
23 everyone has an opportunity to have their voices
24 heard at the ballot box. But unfortunately,
25 there are always bad actors diligently working to

1 find new ways to suppress the vote and undermine
2 our efforts.

3 Technology has opened up a whole new
4 world of sophisticated voter suppression tools,
5 and we need to stay a step ahead of the bad guys
6 if we are going to protect our democracy from
7 these new forms of attack.

8 I'm proud to sponsor this
9 legislation to criminalize high-tech election
10 interference. And I'm grateful for the
11 leadership of our Majority Leader, Andrea
12 Stewart-Cousins, for prioritizing the passage of
13 this important package of legislation that will
14 strengthen our rights to vote and protect our
15 democracy.

16 I vote aye.

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

19 Announce the results.

20 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
22 is passed.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
24 1315, Senate Print 1032, by Senator Stewart-
25 Cousins, an act to amend the Election Law.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
2 last section.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
9 the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 1378, Senate Print 8816A, by Senator Addabbo, an
15 act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
17 last section.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
24 the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 1423, Assembly Print Number 7748A, by
5 Assemblymember Thiele, an act to amend the
6 Election Law.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
8 last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
16 the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 1441, Senate Print 8202, by Senator Myrie, an act
22 to amend the Election Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 8. This

1 act shall take effect immediately.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
6 the results.

7 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
8 Calendar 1441, those Senators voting in the
9 negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Boyle,
10 Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Lanza,
11 Martucci, Mattera, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath,
12 Ritchie, Serino, Tedisco and Weik.

13 Ayes, 45. Nays, 18.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 1460, Senate Print 8861, by Senator Rivera, an
18 act to amend the Social Services Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
20 last section.

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

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
25 roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)
2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
3 the results.
4 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.
5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
6 is passed.
7 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
8 1465, Assembly Print Number 10190, by the
9 Assembly Committee on Rules, an act to amend the
10 General Municipal Law and the Retirement and
11 Social Security Law.
12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
13 last section.
14 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
15 act shall take effect July 1, 2022.
16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
17 roll.
18 (The Secretary called the roll.)
19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
20 the results.
21 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.
22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
23 is passed.
24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 1481, Senate Print 9340, by Senator Biaggi, an

1 act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There is a
3 home-rule message at the desk.

4 Read the last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
14 Calendar Number 1481, voting in the negative:
15 Senator Lanza.

16 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 1482, Senate Print 9341, by Senator Hoylman, an
21 act to amend the Judiciary Law.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
23 last section.

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

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
2 roll.

3 (The Secretary called the roll.)

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
5 the results.

6 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
7 Calendar Number 1482, voting in the negative:
8 Senator Skoufis.

9 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
13 1515, Senate Print 8744C, by Senator Weik, an act
14 in relation to authorizing Ekklesia Long Island
15 Center Ministries to file with the Town of
16 Brookhaven assessor an application for certain
17 real property tax exemptions.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
19 last section.

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce

1 the results.

2 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 1522, Senate Print 1003C, by Senator Gaughran, an
7 act to amend the General Municipal Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
9 last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
16 the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
18 Calendar 1522, those Senators voting in the
19 negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Griffio,
20 Helming, Jordan, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,
21 Palumbo, Rath, Ritchie, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.
22 Also Senator Serino.

23 Ayes, 48. Nays, 15.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 1523, Senate Print 1480, by Senator Krueger, an
3 act to amend the Executive Law.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
5 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
14 Calendar Number 1523, those Senators voting in
15 the negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello,
16 Felder, Jordan, Lanza, Martucci, Mattera,
17 Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath, Stec,
18 Tedisco and Weik.

19 Ayes, 48. Nays, 15.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
21 is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 1529, Senate Print 4707, by Senator Parker, an
24 act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

1 last section.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
9 the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 1530, Senate Print 4860A, by Senator Kennedy, an
15 act to authorize the widow of William James
16 Middlebrooks to file a retirement option election
17 form.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
19 last section.

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce

1 the results.

2 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 1533, Senate Print 5602B, by Senator Gounardes,
7 an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

8 SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
10 is laid aside.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 1534, Assembly Print Number 7016B, by
13 Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn, an act to amend
14 the Public Authorities Law.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
16 last section.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
24 the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 1535, Assembly Bill Number 7357A, by
5 Assemblymember Abinanti, an act to amend the
6 Mental Hygiene Law.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
8 last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
16 the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 1540, Assembly Print Number 9659, by
22 Assemblymember Fahy, an act to amend the
23 Banking Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
25 last section.

1 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
2 act shall take effect January 1, 2023.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
7 the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
9 Calendar 1540, those Senators voting in the
10 negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Gallivan,
11 Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,
12 Palumbo, Rath, Ritchie, Serino, Stec and Tedisco.

13 Ayes, 48. Nays, 15.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 1542, Senate Print 7292, by Senator Biaggi, an
18 act to amend the Executive Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
20 last section.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
2 Biaggi to explain her vote.

3 SENATOR BIAGGI: Thank you,
4 Madam President. If you may, just read the bill
5 number one more time. I apologize.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Bill
7 S7292, Calendar 1542.

8 SENATOR BIAGGI: Wonderful. Thank
9 you very much. Thank you so much.

10 I rise today in support of my
11 legislation, which will clarify the standard for
12 retaliation and also age discrimination disparate
13 treatment cases brought under New York State
14 Human Rights Law.

15 Why does this matter and why do we
16 need this bill? Because the bill will make it
17 easier for victims of retaliation and age
18 discrimination to receive protection under the
19 New York Human Rights Law. Recent federal court
20 decisions that we have reviewed have required
21 claims for age discrimination and all claims for
22 retaliation be established if, but for the
23 discrimination, the challenged action would not
24 have taken place.

25 In other words, the complainant must

1 establish that the act of discrimination they
2 experienced would not have taken place but for
3 their age, for example.

4 Because judges have decided to
5 interpret the New York State Human Rights Law in
6 line with federal statutes -- something we also
7 actually saw in 2019 when we changed the severe
8 or pervasive standard and lowered it to a
9 reasonableness standard -- because this is
10 happening in our courts, this onerous standard
11 has also been applied to age discrimination and
12 retaliation claims brought under state law.

13 What this bill will do is apply a
14 motivating factor standard to all disparate
15 treatment cases brought under New York State
16 Human Rights Law, applying the lower and more
17 attainable standard across the board. And so
18 under this standard, the complainant needs to
19 establish that their age was simply a motivating
20 factor in the discrimination they experienced.

21 Unfortunately, age discrimination
22 and retaliation remain widespread issues in our
23 workplace despite all of the actions that we have
24 taken as a body to update our laws and make them
25 as worker friendly as possible. So updating this

1 standard will actually make it easier for
2 New Yorkers to protect their rights under our
3 law, which is something I think we always ought
4 to vote in favor of. And so I am proud to vote
5 aye.

6 Thank you.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
8 Biaggi to be recorded in the affirmative.

9 Announce the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
11 Calendar Number 1542, those Senators voting in
12 the negative are Senators Borrello, Griffo,
13 Helming, Jordan, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath,
14 Serino, Stec and Tedisco.

15 Ayes, 52. Nays, 11.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
17 is passed.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
19 1543, Assembly Print Number 9906, by
20 Assemblymember Fahy, an act to amend the
21 Highway Law.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
23 last section.

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

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
2 roll.

3 (The Secretary called the roll.)

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
5 the results.

6 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
7 Calendar Number 1543, voting in the negative:
8 Senator Brisport.

9 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
13 1544, Senate Print 7318, by Senator Ortt, an act
14 to amend Chapter 363 of the Laws of 1982.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
16 last section.

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

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
23 the results.

24 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 1546, Assembly Print Number 9067A, by
4 Assemblymember Barrett, an act to amend the
5 Highway Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
7 last section.

8 THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This
9 act shall take effect on the 60th day after it
10 shall have become a law.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
12 roll.

13 (The Secretary called the roll.)

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
15 the results.

16 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
17 Calendar Number 5146, voting in the negative:
18 Senator Brisport.

19 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
21 is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 1547, Senate Print 7867A, by Senator Biaggi, an
24 act to amend the Public Health Law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

1 last section.

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
5 roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
8 the results.

9 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
13 1548, Assembly Print Number 8537, by
14 Assemblymember Pheffer Amato, an act to amend the
15 Insurance Law and the Public Health Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
17 last section.

18 THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This
19 act shall take effect on the 90th day after it
20 shall have become a law.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
22 roll.

23 (The Secretary called the roll.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
25 the results.

1 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
5 1551, Assembly Print Number 8534, by
6 Assemblymember Jensen, an act to amend the
7 Highway Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
9 last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
16 the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 1552, Assembly Print Number 8600, by
22 Assemblymember Ra, an act in relation to
23 authorizing the West Hempstead Holiness Church of
24 God to file with the County of Nassau assessor an
25 application for a retroactive property tax

1 exemption.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
3 last section.

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

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
7 roll.

8 (The Secretary called the roll.)

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
10 the results.

11 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
12 Calendar Number 1552, voting in the negative are
13 Senators Akshar and O'Mara.

14 Ayes, 61. Nays, 2.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
16 is passed.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
18 1553, Senate Print 8085C, by Senator Helming, an
19 act to amend the Highway Law.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
21 last section.

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

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
25 roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
3 Helming to explain her vote.

4 SENATOR HELMING: Thank you,
5 Madam President.

6 Mr. Calabrese was a beloved local
7 veteran who passed away last December at 92 years
8 young. He was a man worthy of this recognition
9 who lived a full and grateful life of service.
10 Mr. Calabrese was truly an American hero, a
11 fierce advocate for his fellow veterans.

12 In his honor, a stretch of
13 State Route 21 in the City and Town of
14 Canandaigua, in the Town of Hopewell, will now be
15 known as the "Ralph Calabrese Highway." I'm very
16 grateful to this body today as we collectively
17 honor Mr. Calabrese and his legacy by passing
18 this bill.

19 When I took office, Mr. Calabrese
20 was one of the first people to come and visit me.
21 He brought with him a poem he wrote titled "A
22 Veteran's Prayer." That poem hangs in my office
23 today. The final line reads: "Please, dear God,
24 don't let America turn its back on me."

25 Mr. Calabrese was a U.S. Army

1 veteran of the Korean War. He was fiercely
2 devoted to his fellow veterans and passionate
3 about his community of Canandaigua.

4 Many years ago there was an effort
5 to close the Canandaigua VA Medical Center, and
6 it was Mr. Calabrese who launched an extensive
7 grassroots campaign, organizing community
8 rallies, collecting thousands upon thousands of
9 letters of support, speaking at hearings,
10 traveling to Washington, D.C., and battling to
11 keep the VA open. And under his leadership, that
12 did happen. The Canandaigua VA is open.

13 And when Mr. Calabrese passed away
14 last December, it was peacefully and it was at
15 this very facility that he worked so hard to
16 save.

17 In 2012, Mr. Calabrese was inducted
18 into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of
19 Fame for his service during the Korean War. In
20 fact, when I saw him out in the community, he was
21 most often seen proudly wearing his Korean
22 Veteran hat. For his service he also earned a
23 Bronze Service Star, the Korean Service Medal,
24 the Combat Infantry Badge, and the Ambassador for
25 Peace Medal.

1 Mr. Calabrese was selfless and
2 generous. He truly led with conviction. He
3 fought for everything that he believed in, and he
4 loved America. In a letter that I received from
5 Mr. Calabrese's son Dominic, he wrote what a good
6 and great man his father was, especially where
7 the veterans were concerned. He would be so
8 proud that we feel such respect for
9 Mr. Calabrese. This is an honor that will keep
10 his legacy alive in everyone that passes through
11 that corridor of State Route 21.

12 Madam President, I'm better for
13 having known Mr. Calabrese, and I'm eternally
14 grateful for his friendship, advice and the
15 support. I hope that all of us can find some
16 inspiration in Mr. Calabrese's life of service.

17 Thank you, Madam President.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
19 Helming to be recorded in the affirmative.

20 Announce the results.

21 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
22 Calendar Number 1553, voting in the negative:
23 Senator Brisport.

24 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 1559, Senate Print 8344A, by Senator Mannion, an
4 act to amend Chapter 996 of the Laws of 1965.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
6 last section.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
13 the results.

14 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
16 is passed.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
18 1564, Senate Print 8581A, by Senator Griffo, an
19 act to amend the Highway Law.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
21 last section.

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

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
25 roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
3 the results.

4 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
5 Calendar Number 1564, voting in the negative:
6 Senator Brisport.

7 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
11 1565, Assembly Print Number 9738, by
12 Assemblymember Abbate, an act to amend the
13 Retirement and Social Security Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There is a
15 home-rule message at the desk.

16 Read the last section.

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

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
23 the results.

24 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 1567, Senate Print 8594, by Senator Parker, an
4 act to authorize the widow of Peter Siström to
5 file a retirement option election form on behalf
6 of her deceased husband.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
8 last section.

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

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
12 roll.

13 (The Secretary called the roll.)

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
15 the results.

16 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 1569, Assembly Print Number 9632, by
21 Assemblymember Thiele, an act in relation to the
22 designation of Southampton Village Ocean Rescue
23 as an emergency rescue and first aid squad.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
25 last section.

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
7 the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 1570, Assembly Print Number 9664, by
13 Assemblymember Woerner, an act to amend the
14 Social Services Law.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
16 last section.

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

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
23 the results.

24 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 1571, Senate Print 8683A, by Senator Hinchey, an
4 act to amend the Village Law and the
5 Public Officers Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
7 last section.

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

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
11 roll.

12 (The Secretary called the roll.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
14 the results.

15 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
16 Calendar Number 1571, voting in the negative:
17 Senator May.

18 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
20 is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 1572, Senate Print 8726A, by Senator Ritchie, an
23 act to amend the Highway Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
25 last section.

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
7 the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
9 Calendar Number 1572, voting in the negative:
10 Senator Brisport.

11 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
13 is passed.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
15 1575, Senate Print 8790, by Senator Tedisco, an
16 act to amend the Public Officers Law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
18 last section.

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

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
22 roll.

23 (The Secretary called the roll.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
25 the results.

1 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
2 Calendar Number 1575, voting in the negative:
3 Senator May.

4 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
6 is passed.

7 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
8 1576, Senate Print 8818, by Senator Breslin, an
9 act in relation to permitting the Oakwood
10 Community Center to file an application for a
11 real property tax exemption.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There is a
13 home-rule message at the desk.

14 Read the last section.

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

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
21 the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
23 Calendar Number 1576, voting in the negative:
24 Senator O'Mara.

25 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 1579, Senate Print 8872, by Senator Weik, an act
5 in relation to authorizing the Town of
6 Brookhaven, County of Suffolk assessor to accept
7 an application for a real property tax exemption.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
9 last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
16 the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
18 Calendar Number 1579, voting in the negative:
19 Senator O'Mara.

20 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
22 is passed.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
24 1580, Senate Print 8931, by Senator Gaughran,
25 Concurrent Resolution of the Senate and Assembly

1 proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article 8
2 of the Constitution.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
7 the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
10 resolution is adopted.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 1581, Senate Print 8986, by Senator Mayer, an act
13 to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2021.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There is a
15 home-rule message at the desk.

16 Read the last section.

17 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
18 act shall take effect on the same date and in the
19 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2021.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
24 the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 1582, Assembly Print Number 9962, by
5 Assemblymember Pretlow, an act to amend the
6 Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
8 last section.

9 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
10 act shall take effect September 1, 2022.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
12 roll.

13 (The Secretary called the roll.)

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
15 the results.

16 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
17 Calendar Number 1582, voting in the negative:
18 Senator Skoufis.

19 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
21 is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 1583, Assembly Print Number 10066, by
24 Assemblymember Bronson, an act to amend the
25 Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
2 last section.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
9 the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 1588, Senate Print 9053, by Senator Kaminsky, an
15 act to amend the Education Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
17 last section.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
24 the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: In relation to

1 Calendar Number 1588, those Senators voting in
2 the negative are Senators Oberacker and Serino.

3 Ayes, 61. Nays, 2.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 1589, Senate Print 9054, by Senator Kaminsky, an
8 act to amend the Education Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
10 last section.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
17 the results.

18 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
19 Calendar Number 1589, voting in the negative are
20 Senators Oberacker and Serino.

21 Ayes, 61. Nays, 2.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
23 is passed.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 1590, Senate Print 9068B, by Senator Jackson, an

1 act authorizing the City of New York to
2 discontinue the use as parklands of a portion of
3 real property in the County of New York.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There is a
5 home-rule message at the desk.

6 Read the last section.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
13 the results.

14 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
15 Calendar Number 1590, voting in the negative:
16 Senator Skoufis.

17 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 1591, Assembly Print Number 10198A, by the
22 Assembly Committee on Rules, an act to amend the
23 Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
25 last section.

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
7 the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar 1595 was
12 amended earlier today. The bill is now high and
13 will be laid aside for the day.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar
15 Number 1596, Senate Print 9146, by Senator Weik,
16 an act to amend Chapter 397 of the Laws of 1996.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There is a
18 home-rule message at the desk.

19 Read the last section.

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce

1 the results.

2 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 1597, Senate Print Number 9316A, by Senator
7 Stewart-Cousins, an act to amend the Village Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
9 last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
16 the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 1599, Senate Print 9328, by Senator Thomas, an
22 act to amend the Tax Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This

1 act shall take effect immediately.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
6 the results.

7 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
11 1600, Assembly Print Number 10147, by the
12 Assembly Committee on Rules, an act to amend the
13 Executive Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
15 last section.

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

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
22 Ramos to explain her vote.

23 SENATOR RAMOS: Thank you,
24 Madam President.

25 I rise to thank our Majority Leader,

1 Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and our entire conference
2 in making this big change in the way we talk
3 about undocumented New Yorkers within the law.

4 We're actually shifting a lot of the
5 nomenclature that we use here in New York to
6 describe noncitizens and undocumented noncitizens
7 within the law, because ultimately no human being
8 is illegal. And even though the actions they may
9 have taken are illegal, human beings are not.
10 And that really is antithetical to the American
11 spirit. Every single person that stands here,
12 you know, has ancestors that came here by choice
13 or by force.

14 And unfortunately, I think American
15 history has long tried to cast labels on people
16 to promote otherism, whether it was seeing Black
17 people as 3/5 of a person hundreds of -- you
18 know, I guess over 100 years ago, 200 years
19 ago -- or today when many people still describe
20 undocumented New Yorkers as illegal aliens. They
21 are not from a different planet. They are not
22 illegal on their own planet. And quite frankly,
23 they are New Yorkers just like us who need to
24 work and feed their families and contribute to
25 our economy, to our districts, to our great

1 state.

2 And so I'm very proud that we are
3 making these changes to New York State law so
4 that every New Yorker feels welcome no matter
5 where they come from or how they get here.

6 Thank you, Madam President.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
8 Ramos to be recorded in the affirmative.

9 Announce the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
11 Calendar Number 1600, those Senators voting in
12 the negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello,
13 Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Lanza, Oberacker,
14 O'Mara, Ortt, Rath, Ritchie, Stec and Tedisco.

15 Ayes, 50. Nays, 13.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
17 is passed.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
19 1601, Senate Print 9336, by Senator Bailey, an
20 act to establish a juvenile justice education
21 task force.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
23 last section.

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

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
2 roll.

3 (The Secretary called the roll.)

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
5 the results.

6 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
7 Calendar 1601, those Senators voting in the
8 negative are Senators Borrello, Griffo,
9 Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Rath, Ritchie, Stec and
10 Weik.

11 Ayes, 54. Nays, 9.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
13 is passed.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
15 1602, Senate Print 9348, by Senator Sanders, an
16 act in relation to directing the Superintendent
17 of Financial Services to study overdraft fees.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
19 last section.

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce

1 the results.

2 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
3 Calendar Number 1602, voting in the negative:
4 Senator Ortt and Senator O'Mara.

5 Ayes, 61. Nays, 2.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
7 is passed.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 1603, Senate Print 9350, by Senator Jordan, an
10 act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
12 last section.

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

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
16 roll.

17 (The Secretary called the roll.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
19 the results.

20 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
22 is passed.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
24 1604, Senate Print 9357, by Senator Gaughran, an
25 act to amend the Education Law.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
2 last section.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
9 the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
11 Calendar Number 1604, those Senators voting in
12 the negative are Senators Oberacker and Serino.

13 Ayes, 61. Nays, 2.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 1605, Senate Print 9358, by Senator Gaughran, an
18 act to amend the Education Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
20 last section.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
2 the results.

3 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
4 Calendar Number 1605, those Senators voting in
5 the negative are Senators Oberacker and Serino.

6 Ayes, 61. Nays, 2.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 1606, Assembly Print Number 7487, by
11 Assemblymember Fall, an act to amend the
12 General Business Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
14 last section.

15 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
16 act shall take effect 180 days after it shall
17 have become a law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
22 the results.

23 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 1607, Senate Print 9360, by Senator Thomas, an
3 act to amend the Abandoned Property Law.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
5 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 1608, Senate Print 9371, by Senator Ryan, an act
18 to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
20 last section.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
2 the results.

3 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 1609, Senate Print 9372, by Senator Gounardes, an
8 act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
10 last section.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
17 the results.

18 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
20 is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 1610, Assembly Print Number 10150, by the
23 Assembly Committee on Rules, an act to amend
24 Chapter 890 of the Laws of 1982.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

1 last section.

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
5 roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
8 the results.

9 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
13 1612, Senate Print 9383, by Senator Kavanaugh, an
14 act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
16 last section.

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

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
23 the results.

24 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 1613, Senate Print 9385, by Senator Kavanagh, an
4 act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
6 last section.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
13 the results.

14 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
16 is passed.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
18 1614, Assembly Print Number 10121, by
19 Assemblymember Lavine, an act to amend
20 Chapter 401 of the Laws of 2002.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
22 last section.

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

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the

1 roll.

2 (The Secretary called the roll.)

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
4 the results.

5 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
7 is passed.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 1615, Senate Print 9398, by Senator Cooney, an
10 act to amend Chapter 538 of the Laws of 2013.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
12 last section.

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

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
16 roll.

17 (The Secretary called the roll.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
19 the results.

20 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
22 is passed.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
24 1616, Senate Print 9399, by Senator Sepúlveda, an
25 act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
2 last section.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
9 the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
11 Calendar Number 1616, voting in the negative:
12 Senator Weik.

13 Ayes, 62. Nays, 1.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 1617, Senate Print 9400, by Senator Mannion, an
18 act to amend the Executive Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
20 last section.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
2 the results.

3 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 1618, Senate Print 9405, by Senator Parker, an
8 act to amend the Energy Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
10 last section.

11 THE SECRETARY: Section 25. This
12 act shall take effect immediately.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
17 the results.

18 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
19 Calendar 1618, those Senators voting in the
20 negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Boyle,
21 Gallivan, Helming, Jordan, Lanza, Martucci,
22 Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath,
23 Ritchie, Serino, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

24 Ayes, 44. Nays, 19.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

1 is passed.

2 Senator Gianaris, that completes the
3 reading of today's calendar.

4 SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now take
5 up the supplemental calendar.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There's a
7 substitution at the desk.

8 The Secretary will read.

9 THE SECRETARY: Senator Hoylman
10 moves to discharge, from the Committee on Women's
11 Issues, Assembly Bill Number 5499 and substitute
12 it for the identical Senate Bill 470, Third
13 Reading Calendar 1620.

14 SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The
16 substitution is so ordered.

17 The Secretary will read.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
19 1620, Assembly Bill Number 5499, by
20 Assemblymember Glick, an act authorizing the
21 Commissioner of Health to conduct a study and
22 issue a report examining the unmet health and
23 resource needs facing pregnant women in New York.

24 SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Lay it

1 aside.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 1621, Senate Print 1046E, by Senator Myrie, an
4 act to amend the Election Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
6 last section.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
13 Mayer to explain her vote.

14 SENATOR MAYER: Thank you,
15 Madam President.

16 I am proud to be voting in the
17 affirmative on this very important bill that
18 really makes clear that New York State is
19 committed to the practices of a just election no
20 matter where it occurs.

21 And I particularly wanted to rise
22 because I know some members of the education
23 community that I have a wonderful working
24 relationship with have concerns, and some have
25 expressed opposition to this bill because it

1 applies to school board, school district and
2 library elections.

3 And let me say that those of us who
4 care about the education community, which I
5 suspect is every one of my colleagues, knows that
6 we have work to do to ensure that as many people
7 as possible vote in our school board elections,
8 participate in our school budget elections, have
9 a voice in how their school district operates.

10 And this bill begins the process of
11 ensuring that we have equity and access in the
12 process of determining the policy at the local
13 level for each of our schools. Nothing could be
14 more essential to the American democratic process
15 than ensuring that school board and school budget
16 elections are conducted equitably, with access,
17 and that acts of discrimination are dealt with
18 appropriately.

19 So I want to assure my friends in
20 the education community while there may be
21 complications because there are elements of the
22 Education Law and the Election Law that come into
23 play in this bill, we are more than willing to
24 continue to work on the operational challenges
25 that may appear, as the bill is not effective for

1 some period of time.

2 But let us not walk away from our
3 challenges and responsibilities as members of
4 this Legislature to ensure that equity, access
5 and fair play is the rule of the day for school
6 boards, school budgets and libraries -- the same
7 as it is for voting in a general election.

8 Thank you, Madam President. I will
9 be voting in the affirmative.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
11 Mayer to be recorded in the affirmative.

12 Senator May to explain her vote.

13 SENATOR MAY: Thank you,
14 Madam President.

15 At a time when our democracy is
16 under threat in state after state after state, I
17 am very proud to rise in favor of this bill and
18 to thank Senator Myrie for his hard work in
19 crafting an excellent bill and our leadership for
20 bringing it forward.

21 New York is once again leading the
22 way, as we should have been doing for years, and
23 it is in no small part due to our chair of
24 Elections and the leadership of this body.

25 So I -- that's all I have to say. I

1 vote aye very proudly and very enthusiastically.

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

4 Senator Kaplan to explain her vote.

5 SENATOR KAPLAN: Thank you,
6 Madam President.

7 We've come a long way towards
8 securing voting rights for New Yorkers in the
9 last few years. But generations of institutional
10 racism and corruption continue to haunt our
11 committees and rob millions of New Yorkers of
12 their constitutional right to representation.

13 Long Island is afflicted with just
14 about every form of structural disenfranchisement
15 that you can imagine, with some of the worst
16 racist and partisan gerrymandering in the state
17 and countless instances of racism, animus in
18 campaigns, the likes of which should give us all
19 pause for reflection and cause for action.

20 The problem for many years has been
21 that the remedy for these scourges has been out
22 of the reach of the disenfranchised communities
23 and residents themselves, leaving marginalized
24 communities without options to fix a broken
25 system and stand up for their rights -- until

1 now.

2 The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act
3 of New York will change all that and finally
4 fulfill for New Yorkers the original promises of
5 the federal Voting Rights Act, while adding new
6 protections to ensure that all eligible voters
7 have the ability to participate in the political
8 process. It is why I've been proud to fight for
9 its passage and why I am proud to be a cosponsor.

10 I want to give a big shout out to
11 the bill's sponsor, Senator Zellnor Myrie, for
12 introducing this vital legislation and partnering
13 with me earlier this year on a webinar to
14 encourage my constituents on this important
15 topic.

16 And I want to thank our leader,
17 Andrea Stewart-Cousins, for bringing to the floor
18 this important legislation for a vote today.

19 I proudly vote aye.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
21 Kaplan to be recorded in the affirmative.

22 Senator Bailey to explain his vote.

23 SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you,
24 Madam President.

25 It is an amazing occasion to be able

1 to speak on the floor in relation to anything
2 named after John Lewis. You know, he was a
3 champion for people that were just more than
4 African-American, for more than just Democrats --
5 he was a champion for justice. A drum major for
6 justice, one would say.

7 And one of his central points of his
8 career was making sure that at the ballot box
9 there were no prejudices. I'm extremely elated
10 to be able to speak on the passage of such an
11 important bill.

12 At a time when it seems like our
13 voting rights are under attack at a nationwide
14 level, my good friend, my brother Senator Zellnor
15 Myrie has worked dutifully, along with
16 Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and our entire
17 conference, to make sure that -- not in New York.
18 That in New York your vote will be counted. That
19 in New York your vote is respected. That in
20 New York your vote counts.

21 And so I am excited about this
22 opportunity and what it means not just for the
23 election process but for future generations of
24 people, young women and men who are going to cast
25 their votes.

1 Madam President, you know, I think
2 about my oldest daughter, who is a class rep in
3 her second-grade class. And I think about how
4 she was voted in. And I think about how when we
5 count votes in second grade, in elementary school
6 elections, there is no problem with that. But
7 when we have vote counts in certain
8 disenfranchised areas, certain people get the
9 short end of the stick. If we could vote like
10 they vote in Giada's second-grade class, we'd be
11 in a better place. And this bill takes us a long
12 way towards doing that.

13 So once again, salute to Senator
14 Myrie, our great leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins.
15 I proudly vote in the affirmative.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
17 Bailey to be recorded in the affirmative.

18 Senator Myrie to explain his vote.

19 SENATOR MYRIE: Thank you,
20 Madam President.

21 Hundreds of men and women angry, in
22 a mob, armed, incited by election officials lying
23 to them, telling them that they were losing their
24 country, that the media was lying to them, and
25 that they had to take matters into their own

1 hands. They attacked a center of government and
2 they held elected officials hostage, said "Resign
3 or else."

4 And while this sounds like
5 January 6th of 2021, I'm talking about
6 Wilmington, North Carolina, in 1898.

7 The attacks on our democracy are not
8 new. In fact, they are woven into the fabric of
9 this country. But the historically oppressed
10 have been the ones to perfect our democracy.
11 Even under suppression, they have called this
12 country to its higher ideals. They have fought,
13 they have bled, they have died to preserve this
14 democracy.

15 John R. Lewis bled. He gave
16 everything he had because he believed that we
17 were not the worst but that we could be our best.

18 This bill, the strongest Voting
19 Rights Act in the nation, calls New York to its
20 highest ideals. It says that no matter your
21 race, no matter your color, and no matter what
22 language you speak, you are entitled to the vote.
23 It is sacred, it is precious, and we must fight
24 for it. We have a duty to preserve it, because
25 it is under attack in large and small ways.

1 I'm so excited for this bill because
2 it's bipartisan. When the federal Voting Rights
3 Act passed in 1964, bipartisan. The renewal in
4 1982, bipartisan. The last authorization in
5 2005, signed by that radical leftist George W.
6 Bush, passed in the United States Senate 98 to
7 zero. It wasn't a partisan issue. This was
8 about holding up democracy.

9 So my hope is that today we do the
10 same. This isn't about your party. This is
11 about upholding what the country was founded on.

12 So I urge all of my colleagues in
13 the chamber today to stand up for your
14 constituents. Stand up for the franchise. Fight
15 back against the misinformation, against the
16 deception, against the intimidation. Lift up our
17 best ideals.

18 Madam President, we also submitted
19 additional supporting material to the Legislative
20 Library -- I just want to get that on the
21 record -- to help support what we are doing
22 today.

23 But let me close by thanking our
24 Majority Leader, not just on this bill but on
25 Day One of every legislative session, ensuring

1 that we prioritize the right that protects all
2 other rights.

3 I want to thank Shontell. I want to
4 thank Marty Ascher. I want to thank Chris
5 Higgins, who's here somewhere. I want to thank
6 Liz Robins. I want to thank my staff -- Jake,
7 Godfre, Tori -- and all of the amazing
8 organizations and civil rights organizations that
9 helped make this a reality.

10 So Madam President, I proudly vote
11 aye, and I look forward to this passing in the
12 Assembly and getting signed into law.

13 Thank you.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
15 Myrie to be recorded in the affirmative.

16 Announce the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
18 Calendar 1621, those Senators voting in the
19 negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Boyle,
20 Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Lanza,
21 Martucci, Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,
22 Palumbo, Rath, Ritchie, Serino, Stec, Tedisco and
23 Weik.

24 Ayes, 43. Nays, 20.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 1622, Senate Print 9039A, by Senator Biaggi, an
4 act to amend the Civil Rights Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
6 last section.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
13 Biaggi to explain her vote.

14 SENATOR BIAGGI: Thank you,
15 Madam President.

16 I rise today in support of this
17 bill, which will require DCJS to establish a rape
18 kit tracking system.

19 Why do we need this bill? Why is
20 this bill important? This bill is important
21 because when survivors leave the hospital, they
22 often don't hear about the status of their rape
23 kit ever again. Ever again.

24 Survivors who do seek out updates
25 report facing additional trauma, victim blaming

1 and contempt. If we can even imagine, contempt,
2 because how dare they ask about the status of
3 their rape kit, it's ridiculous, when they follow
4 up with law enforcement.

5 So by establishing a rape kit
6 tracking system, what we do here is restore
7 agency to survivors and allow them to access
8 information about the status of their rape kit,
9 when and if they so choose.

10 Not only will this help survivors
11 counter the loss of self-determination and
12 control that so many people feel when they are
13 sexually assaulted or sexual violence has been
14 committed against them, but it also is a critical
15 tool for accountability. Why? Because it helps
16 to hold accountable systems that oftentimes
17 either lose the rape kits or frankly don't care
18 about them. And those systems are hospitals, law
19 enforcement, and state labs accountable for
20 timely processing.

21 Thirty-three states, 33 states have
22 already implemented rape kit tracking systems,
23 and so it is way past time for New York to do the
24 same.

25 I want to thank Majority Leader

1 Andrea Stewart-Cousins for her support of this
2 legislation. And I truly hope, I truly hope that
3 in the year 2022 the Assembly can also get on
4 board and make sure that we are putting the
5 survivors of rape and survivors of sexual
6 violence at the top of our priority lists,
7 because we cannot let another year pass again.
8 And if we do, I will make sure that the public
9 knows.

10 I am happy to vote aye. Thank you
11 very much, Madam President.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
13 Biaggi to be recorded in the affirmative.

14 Senator Borrello to explain his
15 vote.

16 SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President,
17 thank you.

18 I'd like to echo everything that
19 Senator Biaggi said, but remind her that this is
20 not the bill that we're speaking on. And I want
21 to make sure I bring it up, because several
22 Republican members voted against this bill and I
23 don't want to think that we voted against a bill
24 requiring those rape kit disclosures.

25 So just to be clear, it's my

1 understanding that's not the bill we just voted
2 on. And I want to make sure it's clear that
3 myself and all of my colleagues did support that
4 bill when it came up for a vote.

5 Thank you.

6 SENATOR BIAGGI: I appreciate that
7 and note for the record that you are correct.
8 Thanks.

9 (Laughter.)

10 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,
11 let me clarify. The bill Senator Biaggi was
12 speaking about was already passed, and so we
13 appreciate her comments in support of that
14 legislation as well.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Just to
16 clarify, we are on Calendar 1622, S9039A,
17 correct? Yes? Okay.

18 Announce the results.

19 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
20 Calendar 1622, those Senators voting in the
21 negative are Senators Addabbo, Akshar, Borrello,
22 Boyle, Felder, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Jordan,
23 Lanza, Martucci, Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara,
24 Ortt, Palumbo, Rath, Ritchie, Serino, Stec,
25 Tedisco and Weik.

1 Ayes, 41. Nays, 22.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
5 1623, Senate Print 9077A, by Senator Krueger, an
6 act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
8 last section.

9 THE SECRETARY: Section 7. This
10 act shall take effect immediately.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
12 roll.

13 (The Secretary called the roll.)

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
15 the results.

16 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
17 Calendar Number 1623, those Senators voting in
18 the negative are Senators Addabbo, Akshar,
19 Borrello, Felder, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming,
20 Jordan, Lanza, Martucci, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,
21 Rath, Ritchie, Serino, Stec and Tedisco.

22 Ayes, 45. Nays, 18.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 1624, Senate Print 9079B, by Senator Kaplan, an
2 act to amend the Education Law and the
3 Public Health Law.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
5 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
12 Kaplan to explain her vote.

13 SENATOR KAPLAN: Thank you,
14 Madam President.

15 With the fate of Roe hanging in the
16 balance, red states across the country are
17 salivating at the opportunity to restrict women's
18 access to reproductive healthcare, with many
19 declaring war on doctors who provide reproductive
20 healthcare services.

21 Here in New York we are standing up
22 for the rights of women to access this
23 healthcare. And we are standing up for the
24 rights of doctors to provide the services women
25 really need, no matter what happens at the

1 Supreme Court.

2 My bill will protect doctors from
3 frivolous actions against their credibility by
4 shameless antichoice laws in red states, and it
5 will ensure that women subjected to draconian
6 restriction on their bodies can find safe haven
7 in New York and access healthcare services here
8 without endangering the medical professionals
9 threatening them.

10 I'm proud to be the sponsor of this
11 legislation, along with my partner Assemblywoman
12 Linda Rosenthal, and I'm grateful for the
13 leadership of Majority Leader Andrea
14 Stewart-Cousins in ensuring that reproductive
15 rights in New York are protected no matter what.

16 I proudly vote aye.

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

19 Announce the results.

20 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
21 Calendar Number 1624, those Senators voting in
22 the negative are Senators Addabbo, Akshar,
23 Borrello, Felder, Gullivan, Griffo, Helming,
24 Jordan, Lanza, Martucci, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,
25 Rath, Ritchie, Stec and Tedisco.

1 Ayes, 46. Nays, 17.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
5 1625, Senate Print 9080B, by Senator Hinchey, an
6 act to amend the Insurance Law.

7 SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
9 is laid aside.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
11 1626, Senate Print 9288, by Senator Serino, an
12 act to amend Chapter 476 of the Laws of 1957.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
14 last section.

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

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
21 the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 63.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 1627, Senate Print 9384A, by Senator Cleare, an
2 act to amend the Executive Law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the
4 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
14 Calendar Number 1627, those Senators voting in
15 the negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello,
16 Felder, Gallivan, Helming, Jordan, Ortt, Ritchie
17 and Tedisco.

18 Ayes, 54. Nays, 9.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
20 is passed.

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

23 SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you,
24 Madam President.

25 Can we now move to the controversial

1 calendar, beginning with Calendar Number 1625.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
3 Secretary will ring the bell.

4 The Secretary will read.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 1625, Senate Print 9080B, by Senator Hinchey, an
7 act to amend the Insurance Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
9 Lanza, why do you rise?

10 SENATOR LANZA: Madam President, I
11 believe there's an amendment at the desk. I
12 waive the reading of the amendment and ask that
13 you recognize Senator Boyle to be heard.

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

16 Upon review of the amendment, in
17 accordance with Rule 6, Section 4B, I rule it
18 nongermane and out of order at this time.

19 SENATOR LANZA: Accordingly, Madam
20 President, I appeal the ruling of the chair and
21 ask that you recognize Senator Boyle.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The appeal
23 has been made and recognized, and Senator Boyle
24 may be heard.

25 SENATOR BOYLE: Thank you,

1 Madam President.

2 The amendment is most certainly
3 germane. And the reason is because this bill
4 supports abortion rights. I'll read a quick
5 summary of what the bill does. It amends the
6 Insurance Law in relation to prohibiting medical
7 malpractice insurance companies from taking
8 adverse action against any reproductive
9 healthcare provider who provides reproductive
10 healthcare.

11 My amendment simply looks at who's
12 paying for it. It says it will prohibit state
13 monies, funds or resources from being used to
14 provide, assist or support an abortion service
15 for an out-of-state resident. It says
16 notwithstanding any law, rules or regulation to
17 the contrary, no state money, funds or resources
18 shall be used or allocated to provide, assist or
19 support an abortion service, medical service
20 related to an abortion, or practical support to
21 enable a person to obtain abortion care for an
22 individual that is not a New York State resident.

23 Practical care includes but is not
24 limited to ground and air transportation, gas
25 money, lodging, meals, childcare, translation

1 services and doula support.

2 Madam President, we all know that if
3 the Supreme Court overturned Roe vs. Wade
4 tomorrow, abortion would still be legal in
5 New York State. The only question is, who is
6 going to pay for out-of-state residents who may
7 come here to receive an abortion?

8 In New York State for many, many
9 years we've had Medicaid funding of abortion for
10 our indigent New York State residents. But we
11 know that if Roe vs. Wade is overturned, there
12 are several states that are going to restrict it
13 greatly or ban it outright. And a lot of women
14 will be coming to New York State to receive
15 abortions.

16 It's their legal right to do it.
17 Abortion providers in New York State have the
18 legal right to provide those services. But who
19 is going to pay for it? Governor Hochul recently
20 said that she's creating a \$35 million abortion
21 support fund through taxpayer money from New York
22 State. We're not exactly sure where that's going
23 to go, but some of that money may be going to air
24 fare, lodging, abortion services for a woman from
25 Louisiana or Texas or one of those states that

1 may restrict or ban abortion.

2 I just say to my colleagues here:
3 You do a poll in your district, I don't know, a
4 vast majority of New Yorkers are probably going
5 to be pro-choice. But then ask them, Do you want
6 to use your taxpayer money to pay for abortions
7 for women who travel to New York State if Roe vs.
8 Wade is overturned to receive those abortions? I
9 guarantee you it's a lot the other way. Ninety
10 percent or more of New Yorkers do not want to use
11 our taxpayer money -- we're taxed high enough in
12 many other ways -- to pay for abortions for women
13 coming to New York from out of state.

14 Madam Speaker -- Madam President,
15 that's why this is germane.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,
17 Senator Boyle.

18 I want to remind the house the vote
19 is on the procedures of the house and the ruling
20 of the chair.

21 Those in favor of overruling the
22 chair signify by saying aye.

23 SENATOR LANZA: Request a show of
24 hands.

25 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,

1 we've agreed to waive the showing of hands and
2 record each member of the Minority in the
3 affirmative.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Without
5 objection, so ordered.

6 Announce the results.

7 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 20.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The ruling
9 of the chair stands, and the bill-in-chief is
10 before the house.

11 Are there any other Senators wishing
12 to be heard?

13 Seeing and hearing none, debate is
14 closed. The Secretary will ring the bell.

15 Read the last section.

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

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce
22 the results.

23 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
24 Calendar 1625, those Senators voting in the
25 negative are Senators Addabbo, Akshar, Borrello,

1 Boyle, Felder, Gallivan, Griffio, Helming, Jordan,
2 Lanza, Martucci, Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara,
3 Ortt, Palumbo, Rath, Ritchie, Serino, Stec,
4 Tedisco and Weik.

5 Ayes, 41. Nays, 22.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
7 is passed.

8 Senator Gianaris.

9 SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President,
10 can we now proceed with Calendar 1533 and take up
11 the remaining controversial calendar in order
12 from there.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
14 Secretary will read.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 1533, Senate Print 5602B, by Senator Gounardes,
17 an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
19 Lanza, why do you rise?

20 SENATOR LANZA: Madam President, on
21 the bill.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
23 Lanza on the bill.

24 SENATOR LANZA: Madam President,
25 this bill represents an extension and expansion

1 of the New York City speed camera legislation.

2 Now, there's quite a bit of history
3 with regard to this program. It started with
4 Mayor Bloomberg, who pushed for it toward it is
5 the end of his administration. It really
6 gathered steam with Mayor de Blasio. And I know
7 this is being pushed now by my good friend Mayor
8 Adams.

9 Madam President, I wish this
10 legislation was about only safety. But years ago
11 when it was first initiated, my fear was that it
12 was more about money, that it was more about
13 taxing the people of New York City, taxing the
14 people of Staten Island. And my fears have been,
15 I believe, borne out by the actions of the City
16 of New York with regard to this program. And
17 I'll get into that.

18 Initially, then-DOT Commissioner
19 Polly Trottenberg, a dedicated, intelligent,
20 thoughtful member of the city administration,
21 approached me to discuss what I might be open to
22 in terms of implementing a speed camera bill.
23 Because after all, in theory, it makes sense: If
24 you speed, you should be fined.

25 And we talked about how we might

1 possibly come to some sort of an agreement with
2 respect to what type of legislation and what the
3 approach would be.

4 We initially talked about
5 identifying those intersections, those areas in
6 New York City that were proving to be dangerous
7 to motorists and pedestrians and that in fact
8 suffered a track record of danger as reported by
9 the police department in prior years. And roads
10 that were dangerous because of geometry,
11 intersections that were dangerous by design. And
12 DOT Commissioner Trottenberg was open to that
13 approach, and so was Mayor Bloomberg.

14 And then, fast forward, Mayor de
15 Blasio decided that we would not focus on those
16 areas that were dangerous, that were proven to be
17 dangerous, and where speed was a factor because
18 what they found out was that there weren't enough
19 of those intersections and roadways in the City
20 of New York.

21 So they moved to the idea that we
22 would have speed cameras around schools. The
23 thought being -- and again, on paper it makes
24 sense -- schools are by definition areas of
25 danger when it comes to speeding. After all, you

1 have young students coming and going from school.
2 So perhaps the approach that might make sense
3 would be to focus on putting speed cameras around
4 schools. I think it was Senator Klein at the
5 time who introduced and passed that legislation,
6 and it became law.

7 The interesting part about that,
8 Madam President, is that for years before that, I
9 carried and continue to carry a bill that would
10 require that a stop sign or traffic signal be
11 installed at the four corners surrounding every
12 school in the City of New York. And within those
13 four corners would be created a school safety
14 zone. And I won't go into the details about what
15 that means, but there would be added fines, there
16 would be more surveillance.

17 But the idea for my legislation was
18 to in fact make the area surrounding each and
19 every single school in the City of New York safer
20 for our students, our teachers, and parents.

21 The City of New York blocked that
22 year in and year out, in spite of the fact -- and
23 I won't name names, but Democrats and Republicans
24 in this house would tell me that they supported
25 that idea. In fact, when I sat in the Majority,

1 we passed that legislation a number of years and
2 it died in the Assembly. And it died in the
3 Assembly because I could tell you the City of
4 New York lobbied with everything it had to stop
5 it from happening.

6 You might ask, Well, if the idea is
7 safety around schools, why not my approach? Why
8 not a stop sign, a traffic signal surrounding
9 every single school?

10 And the reason, Madam President,
11 quite frankly, I must tell you, I've concluded,
12 based on many conversations with many officials
13 from the City of New York, is that that approach
14 would not generate money for the city. In fact,
15 that approach would not allow the city to take
16 money from its citizens.

17 I actually had a conversation with
18 Mayor de Blasio on the subject, who was pushing
19 me to support legislation, and I talked to him
20 about that legislation. And he said he couldn't
21 do it.

22 I will tell you -- I hope she
23 doesn't get angry with me because she is, I
24 think, and has been, a great public servant here
25 in the City of New York from the other party, as

1 relevant to where I sit -- DOT Commissioner Polly
2 Trottenberg, now over there in Washington,
3 hopefully making a difference. I'm sure she is.
4 She said she liked the approach and that it made
5 sense to her. She was always thoughtful. She
6 always approached things from the position of
7 "how can I make a difference." She did. That
8 was my experience with her for many years.

9 She liked it. She worked with me to
10 try to convince the mayor to do it. We went back
11 and forth. Ultimately she came to me and said,
12 "They won't do it."

13 And so I subsequently had a
14 conversation with Mayor de Blasio. And he gave
15 me his reasons. Many of them did not make any
16 sense to me. I'm sure my rationale did not make
17 sense to him. But I asked him a very simple
18 question: "Mayor de Blasio, what do you think
19 would slow down cars around a school more
20 effectively -- a stop sign or a traffic light or
21 a speed camera?"

22 And I kid you not, he told me that
23 he thought a speed camera would slow cars down
24 more effectively. That is what he told me.

25 Of course I didn't accept that then,

1 I don't accept it now, and I'll get -- I'll
2 describe a couple of things that have happened in
3 my district that I would think would prove to
4 everyone that even the mayor did not believe that
5 which he was saying on the subject.

6 DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg
7 didn't give up. She's a problem solver. She
8 said, "What is your continued opposition?" And I
9 said, "You know, Commish, I just believe this is
10 about money and it's not about safety."

11 There are a lot of things that we
12 could do concerning road safety. All the
13 evidence is in from the state DOT, the city DOT,
14 the federal DOT: The greatest danger on our
15 roads today, Madam President, is distracted
16 driving. Texting while driving. The phone.
17 That is the danger. There are a lot of things we
18 can do. The city won't do it.

19 When James Oddo was the borough
20 president, he called for a task force for the
21 city to study safety in the City of New York with
22 respect to traffic and the roads. And the
23 Department of Transportation itself reported back
24 with proposals about the things that could be
25 done specifically on Staten Island -- I think

1 they did one for every borough -- which would
2 improve safety on our roads.

3 I think there were 15 main really
4 important these-will-make-a-big-difference
5 projects that they proposed for Staten Island and
6 maybe about 30 other projects that they said if
7 we did these 45 projects -- road safety
8 improvements, intersection improvements -- if we
9 did those, we can really make a difference with
10 respect to safety. Because that's, after all,
11 what this bill's supposed to be about, according
12 to the mayor and the city. These are the things
13 we should do.

14 They identified them. They spent a
15 lot of money. They brought in experts and
16 engineers, and they printed a report. I still
17 have it. Madam President, of all the projects --
18 and then beyond the 15 main projects, I think
19 there were 30 sort of secondary projects, there
20 were a host of other suggestions.

21 Madam President, all these years
22 later, do you know how many of those projects
23 were actually completed on Staten Island during
24 the eight years that Mayor de Blasio was the
25 mayor? Not a single one.

1 The New York City Department of
2 Transportation said if you want to make
3 Staten Island roads safer, this is what you have
4 to do. The mayor who said he cared about
5 safety -- I'm sure at some level he did -- said
6 no, I'm not going to do a single one of those
7 things on Staten Island.

8 So Madam President, you can imagine,
9 when you start to see these things happen, a
10 person like me starts to wonder what the real
11 motive is. What is really happening? Why are
12 they doing this? Why are they pushing this?

13 So Commissioner Trottenberg said:
14 "Let me allay your fears. Let me prove to you
15 that this is not about money and it is about
16 safety. Talk to me about what you think is going
17 to happen." And I said, "Well, you know,
18 Commissioner, I'll give you some examples."
19 Because she asked for some. She said, "Tell me
20 where you think the placement of cameras would
21 prove to you to reflect that the real motive is a
22 money grab and not safety."

23 And I identified a few areas on
24 Staten Island. I said, "Well, for instance,
25 Commissioner, on Highland Boulevard south of

1 Richmond Avenue" -- and again, this doesn't make
2 sense to anyone here, but to me it makes a lot of
3 sense. And to my constituents it makes tons of
4 sense. I said, "You know, this is a road that
5 anywhere else in the state would be described as
6 a country road."

7 It's sparsely developed. It's very
8 large for city standards, not being a highway.
9 It's two lanes in each direction, very large,
10 wide lanes, and then there's a bit of a shoulder
11 on each side. And it is in an area, as I said,
12 one of the most sparsely populated areas in
13 New York City. There are many parks through
14 which it traverses. There is not a -- by city
15 standards, a lot of traffic. It had a very, very
16 safe track record in terms of accidents.

17 I spoke to the police department
18 back then; they couldn't come up with any
19 instances where speed was a factor in an
20 accident. Which I found hard to believe. There
21 had to be some. It probably slipped through the
22 cracks. But at the very least there were very
23 few.

24 The residents that are established
25 along the way, they're required to have sidewalks

1 by the city. If they don't, they're fined.
2 Frustratingly, there's lots of parkland owned by
3 the city -- owned by the people, but under the
4 jurisdiction of Parks. There are no sidewalks
5 there, if you care about safety.

6 State DEC has land along that same
7 road. No sidewalks, if you care about safety.
8 The state has other land. No sidewalks,
9 Madam President. The only people that are
10 required to put sidewalks in, at their cost, are
11 people who own the houses and pay the taxes. The
12 rules don't apply to the city. The rules don't
13 apply to the state. And yet they talk about
14 safety and they won't put sidewalks in on this
15 road.

16 Well, true to form, being a
17 dedicated and, I'll say again, intelligent public
18 servant, Commissioner Trottenberg went out to
19 that area. She sent people out there. She came
20 back. Madam President, you know what she said?
21 "You're right, this is not a place we would put
22 speed cameras."

23 I said, "Well, you know, Commish, if
24 I thought you were going to be commissioner for
25 life, you and I would find a way to get this

1 done."

2 She also asked a very, I thought,
3 insightful and thoughtful question of me. She
4 said, You know, with your stop sign or traffic
5 signal around the four corners of every school,
6 do you have any schools that you think cry out
7 for that? Maybe I can make that happen without
8 the legislation." Again, I thought: This is the
9 way government ought to work.

10 I gave her four or five schools. On
11 three of them, she said, "Listen, I spoke to the
12 folks" -- you know, because there is that deep
13 state that exists there. She was trying. And
14 she said, "You know, in these three schools it's
15 the fire department and the police department
16 that do not want stop signs there."

17 I said, "Why not?" She says, "Well,
18 there are certain roads they need to be able to
19 fly down in case of an emergency." I said,
20 "Well, that makes sense at some level." I told
21 the commissioner, "But these schools aren't in
22 areas like that. They're not main thoroughfares.
23 It kind of doesn't make sense. But I'll accept
24 it from you, that that is what's being told to
25 you."

1 You know, Madam President -- you
2 know, I subscribe to the old check but do your
3 homework, check but verify. And I called the
4 police department. And after a long period of
5 time they got back to me and said, "No, we don't
6 have any hold there. We don't have any problems
7 with putting stop signs or traffic lights there."

8 I checked with the fire department.
9 They said, "We don't know what you're talking
10 about, Senator. There's no hold there. There's
11 no restriction there."

12 I went back to the commissioner. I
13 know the commissioner was not lying to me. I
14 know it. I said, "Commish, here's what I got.
15 They say it's not true." The commissioner said,
16 "Let me get to the bottom of it."

17 And this went on and on and on and
18 on. And I have no doubt that she was misled.

19 Well, let's fast forward. So one of
20 those schools that I said cried out for the stop
21 signs or traffic signals was P.S. 32. I attended
22 P.S. 32, Madam President, as a young boy. And
23 they said they couldn't put a stop sign or a
24 traffic light there.

25 So what did Mayor de Blasio do? He

1 put a speed camera there. Okay.

2 Well, you know, three months ago,
3 Madam President, we finally got them, with
4 community outrage and outpouring. They came.
5 They must have forgot our conversation. They
6 came and they installed stop signs at P.S. 32.

7 And, you know, an interesting thing
8 happened in the dead of the night right after
9 they did that. The speed camera disappeared, and
10 it wasn't by virtue of vandals. The city came to
11 that location and they removed the speed camera.

12 And you know why, Madam President?
13 Because I inquired. They said, Well, since they
14 put the stop signs, contrary to what Mayor de
15 Blasio said, they weren't making enough money.
16 The camera was no longer justified, in terms of
17 dollars and cents, because there was now a stop
18 sign there. And magically and remarkably, people
19 were not only slowing down at P.S. 32 and
20 continue to do so, they stopped at that
21 intersection where hundreds and hundreds of
22 kids are playing.

23 Madam President, one of the other
24 schools was slated to receive a speed camera.
25 Well, finally, a four-way stop sign was

1 installed. I.S. 24. I also attended I.S. 24,
2 sixth, seventh and eighth grade. There's like
3 sort of a common denominator here. Madam
4 President, interestingly, now they've pulled back
5 their plan and proposal to install that speed
6 camera.

7 Highland Boulevard south of Richmond
8 Avenue. I discussed what the DOT commissioner
9 said about that being one of those areas where
10 yes, I agree, this is not the place we would put
11 speed cameras. Public safety does not demand it,
12 it's not warranted under these circumstances.

13 Well, last year, Madam President,
14 out of the blue -- Commissioner Trottenberg is no
15 longer there -- they installed speed cameras
16 along this stretch. Everyone that I spoke to
17 with the city acknowledged that this is not where
18 you'd put it -- if safety was what you cared
19 about. And they did it.

20 And you might say, Well, so what,
21 Senator Lanza? If you speed there, then you
22 ought to get a ticket. But, you know, they took
23 it one step further, Madam President. They,
24 simultaneously with installing the speed cameras
25 on this very what would be described as a very

1 suburban stretch of New York City, they lowered
2 the speed limit. From 40 miles an hour to
3 30 miles an hour.

4 Madam President, as a lifelong
5 Staten Islander, I could tell you, I could
6 promise you that 40 miles an hour, given the
7 road, was not speeding. But it was a speed
8 limit. So if you traveled 41 miles an hour,
9 under the law you're speeding. But I can tell
10 you in terms of the size of the road, the width
11 of the road, everything that's happening around
12 that, that wasn't speeding.

13 And they knew that, Madam President.
14 So they said, We're going to put speed cameras
15 along this long stretch, which usually,
16 especially after certain times, has hardly any
17 cars on it. We know this is the sort of road
18 that might invite you to travel a reasonable
19 speed, which for years the city believed to be
20 40 miles an hour -- I can tell you many Staten
21 Islanders thought that was unreasonable, but
22 let's leave it there -- and they lowered it to
23 30 miles an hour, Madam President.

24 Thirty miles an hour on this road is
25 ridiculous. It really is. You're crawling.

1 It's two wide lanes each direction. There's
2 barely any foot traffic. There's not a lot of
3 car traffic. And why did they do it? Because
4 they know that this is the sort of road that at
5 11 o'clock at night, when there's nobody around,
6 if you were in your car driving 30 miles an hour,
7 you would realize how idiotic it would be. If
8 you were driving 40 miles an hour, it would seem,
9 relative to the road that you were driving, very
10 slow. They know that.

11 So it's become -- I'm old enough to
12 remember, Madam President, some of those movies
13 that would satire the South and they would have
14 those speed traps. You know, Madam President,
15 there would be a road in the movie and the speed
16 limit would be 60 miles an hour, and then all of
17 a sudden you'd come to a certain arbitrary line
18 and it would drop down to 15 miles an hour.
19 There would be some sheriff with a big hat hiding
20 behind a billboard and he would dart out on a
21 motorcycle and get you. Not because you were
22 driving fast, but because you were driving above
23 that speed limit.

24 Well, that's what they did on
25 Staten Island, Madam President. At a time,

1 Madam President, when people are having a hard
2 time affording to put food on the table because
3 of the runaway inflation not just in this state
4 but across the country. At a time when it costs
5 \$5 per gallon of gas. At a time when everything
6 New Yorkers do -- everything -- is more
7 expensive, New York City has one more good idea:
8 Let's take some more money from you. Let's make
9 New York City less livable. Let's make New York
10 City less convenient.

11 Now, I understand the other side of
12 this argument is: Well, speeding is dangerous,
13 and if you speed, you should be fined. Well,
14 I've just described only a few instances,
15 Madam President, where clearly the city has
16 proven that it's not about speed or safety.
17 Because if you lowered the speed limit down to
18 5 miles an hour on every single road in New York
19 City, we'd probably be a little safer. We'd
20 probably be a little safer. But driving 6 miles
21 an hour is not speeding by any true definition.

22 Driving 30 miles an hour on this
23 stretch of Highland Boulevard is not speeding.
24 Those cameras, combined with that reduced
25 speed -- a 25 percent decrease -- is nothing more

1 than a speed trap.

2 Madam, I can go on because I've been
3 working on this for a long time and I've been
4 watching what the city has done. Do you know,
5 Madam President, that on a few locations on
6 Staten Island we had right on red -- right on --
7 on stops. They removed those. Why did they
8 remove them? Because they thought it would be
9 better to have a cash register at that
10 intersection, a speed camera.

11 They've actually gone backwards in
12 terms of making some of the roads safe, because
13 they've decided that this would be a great place
14 to put a speed camera and ring the register.

15 I'm going to give one more little
16 sort of reason why I know -- and so do the people
17 of Staten Island, by the way, know -- that this
18 was not about safety. They wish, they wish
19 New York City was serious about safety. They
20 know it's not.

21 So we have some -- lots of small
22 residential roads on Staten Island. So as all of
23 us here in this chamber do, you get calls from
24 your constituents about issues that are affecting
25 their lives, whether it's stop signs or potholes

1 or whatever, you name it. You all know it. And
2 we get a lot of calls from small little streets
3 where people say, Hey, they're flying up our
4 street. You know, it's only -- the street is
5 only 20 feet wide. We have streets like that
6 still on Staten Island. And even going 35 miles
7 an hour is fast on that street. And we've
8 compiled a bunch of examples like that.

9 Do you know, Madam President, the
10 person standing here who believes that the speed
11 cameras are nothing more than a money grab will
12 concede that there are places where perhaps
13 they're warranted. And I spoke to the city about
14 some of these smaller streets where people are
15 going 35 miles an hour where 35 miles an hour is
16 going really -- is going fast, where going 35 or
17 40 miles an hour actually is presenting a danger.

18 And this went on for a couple of
19 years, talking to various different people,
20 including in the new administration. And
21 ultimately someone took me aside and said,
22 Listen, Senator, it's not going to happen, and
23 here's why. They're not putting those cameras on
24 those little streets because they can't make
25 enough money, there aren't enough people driving

1 down those little roads. Doesn't matter that
2 some of the ones who are speeding and really
3 presenting a danger -- because on a very narrow
4 road it doesn't give a pedestrian, it doesn't
5 give a child much chance. We're not putting them
6 there because there are not enough cars to
7 justify them to justify the cost and to fill our
8 coffers with your money.

9 That's what I was told,
10 Madam President, by somebody who presently works
11 for the City of New York, who is in the know.
12 It's not worth it moneywise.

13 Madam President, I can go on and on
14 in terms of what I've witnessed and what I've
15 watched the city do with respect to the placement
16 of these cameras and the reduction of the speeds
17 commensurate with placing these cameras, to prove
18 to me beyond a reasonable doubt that it's more
19 about, more about money, more about a tax than it
20 is about safety. In fact, Madam President, the
21 only time the New York City DOT seems to make an
22 appearance on Staten Island is to install a
23 camera.

24 And our roads, from a lifelong
25 Staten Islander, I can tell you, are in the worst

1 shape than they have ever been in my lifetime.
2 They are horrific. There are roads that are in
3 such a complete state of disrepair that they are
4 dangerous, that they represent a safety threat.
5 And the DOT is nowhere to be found,
6 Madam President. Nowhere to be found.

7 So, Madam President, I understand
8 that at some level speed cameras can be about
9 safety. And I understand that's where the
10 sponsor's coming from. And I know the city is
11 pushing this. But my experience with how the
12 city has gone about doing this proves that they
13 don't give a darn about safety and they only care
14 about picking the pockets of New Yorkers.

15 Madam President, when the time comes
16 for a vote, I'll be voting in the negative.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Are there
18 any other Senators wishing to be heard?

19 Seeing and hearing none, debate is
20 closed.

21 The Secretary will ring the bell.
22 Read the last section.

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

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the

1 roll.

2 (The Secretary called the roll.)

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
4 Jackson to explain his vote.

5 SENATOR JACKSON: Madam President,
6 I've waited and listened to my colleague Andrew
7 Lanza, and I can understand some of the things
8 that he mentioned. But let me just say this to
9 all of you. Cars speeding in New York kills
10 New Yorkers, injures New Yorkers. I know that
11 for a fact.

12 And I rise in favor of supporting my
13 colleague's legislation, S5602, which eliminates
14 restrictions on the use of school-zone speed
15 cameras. New York City has seen far too many
16 injuries and deaths while students travel to
17 school. The Washington Heights neighborhood in
18 my district and nearly three dozen other
19 neighborhoods across the City of New York have
20 been flagged as high crash areas due to the
21 elevated numbers of vehicle incidents impacting
22 pedestrians.

23 Two months ago, Madam President, a
24 12-year-old girl was critically struck by a car
25 in Washington Heights as she tried to cross the

1 street on 170th Street and Audubon Avenue.
2 Thankfully, it appears the young girl survived
3 this incident, but others haven't been so lucky.

4 In locations where speed safety
5 cameras were installed, the Department of
6 Transportation reported a 60 percent drop in
7 speeding infractions. This legislation expands
8 on the proven success of speed photo monitoring
9 in school zones.

10 How do I know that? Because during
11 the pandemic I was running late for an
12 appointment and they caught me doing 36 miles per
13 hour in a 25 miles per hour zone, and I had to
14 pay a \$50 fine. And you know one thing? I
15 deserved it. And I paid it.

16 But I tell you, I slow up wherever I
17 go where there's a school. It's imperative that
18 we keep in mind the safety of our children. And
19 as you know, you've heard it and all of us heard
20 it: Every 5-mile-per-hour speed lower, if in
21 fact there's -- someone is hit, the injury is
22 less than if you were doing 5, 10, 15 miles per
23 hour above that. So allowing speed cameras to
24 operate 24/7 will save lives and discourage
25 repeat speeding behavior.

1 And I want to thank groups like
2 Families for Safe Streets and Transportation
3 Alternatives for their advocacy, most of whom are
4 survivors of loved ones and traffic violence
5 themselves.

6 There was a press conference where
7 Andrew Gounardes and Brad Hoylman came up to
8 Washington Heights and spoke about this. Not
9 recently, that must have been over a year ago.
10 But it's still very important today.

11 And so, my colleagues, I urge you, I
12 urge you to please vote aye on this. If you do,
13 you will save lives and stop people from being
14 injured with speeding cars throughout all of New
15 York City.

16 And Staten Island is a borough of
17 New York City. All of it matters, and it matters
18 to every one of us. And I ask you to vote aye on
19 his bill.

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

22 Senator Hoylman to explain his vote.

23 SENATOR HOYLMAN: Thank you,
24 Madam President. I rise to support this bill and
25 to commend the bill's sponsor, Senator Gounardes,

1 and my colleague Senator Jackson for their
2 efforts in expanding the city's speed camera law.

3 You know, I think whatever
4 inconvenience drivers might face with the
5 expansion of speed cameras, it's worth saving
6 lives. And we're talking about the lives of
7 kids, Madam President.

8 Every morning my husband and I walk
9 our 4-year-old to pre-K at 6th Avenue and
10 11th Street. And every morning, invariably,
11 we'll see a car speeding up 6th. And I welcome
12 these cameras for the safety of New York City
13 schoolchildren, for the safety of pedestrians and
14 cyclists, for the safety of my own daughter and
15 my husband as we make our daily routine to the
16 classroom.

17 And let me also add that I echo my
18 colleague's sentiment in terms of the
19 perseverance and advocacy on the part of Families
20 for Safe Streets. Let me just mention Sammy
21 Cohen-Eckstein, who lost his young life at age 12
22 just months before his bar mitzvah. But his
23 family, his mother and grandmother in particular,
24 have turned that pain into progress -- which we
25 witness on the floor of the Senate today. So I

1 congratulate them and Senator Gounardes.

2 I vote aye.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
4 Hoylman to be recorded in the affirmative.

5 Senator Gounardes to explain his
6 vote.

7 SENATOR GOUNARDES: Thank you,
8 Madam President.

9 I know it's been a long day and,
10 folks, we have a lot more work left to be done,
11 so I'll try to keep some of my rebuttal to
12 Senator Lanza very, very brief, in the interests
13 of time.

14 And I do appreciate his passion for
15 this issue. I know he's serious about it
16 because, to his credit, he was one of the first
17 sponsors of a speed camera bill in this chamber.
18 So I know he's given a lot of time and attention
19 to this bill. That was almost a decade ago,
20 Senator Lanza.

21 And I'm not going to sit here and
22 defend the actions of the de Blasio
23 administration and what they told you and what
24 they didn't, how they misled you and how you
25 experienced interacting with them.

1 But I will just say this. Speed
2 cameras save lives. We know that since this
3 program was enacted, speeding is reduced by
4 72 percent across the city. In fact, in
5 Staten Island, 76 percent, higher than the city
6 average.

7 Senator Lanza was talking about the
8 stretch of Highland Boulevard. I can tell you in
9 the entire stretch of Highland Boulevard, nearly
10 a thousand crashes have resulted since 2014 along
11 the entire stretch of Highland Boulevard. The
12 speed cameras on Highland Boulevard have reduced
13 speeding by 88 percent. Eighty-eight percent.
14 Those numbers are staggering. And they prove how
15 effective these programs actually are.

16 And I know folks like to say that
17 this is all about a money grab and that we're
18 taxing people who are speeding and it's not fair
19 to them. Let me say a couple of things straight.
20 Number one, if this is a tax, it's the easiest
21 tax to evade. Because the easiest way to evade
22 paying this is not to speed 11 miles or more over
23 the speed limit. We're not talking one mile,
24 we're not talking two miles, we're not talking
25 three or four or five, we're talking 11 miles or

1 more over the limit.

2 And let's talk about the revenue
3 that this program generates. Since this program
4 was created, less than \$20 million a year in net
5 revenue. Let me repeat that again. Less than
6 \$20 million a year in net revenue per year
7 generated to the city, out of a budget that right
8 now stands at \$100 billion.

9 In the last eight years the city has
10 invested \$1.5 billion into the Vision Zero
11 program, off of that 19-plus million dollar a
12 year net revenue. In the next two years alone,
13 the City of New York has committed to
14 \$1.6 billion to help implement the reality of
15 Vision Zero. The new DOT commissioner and the
16 new mayor have pledged to fix the 1,000 most
17 dangerous intersections and corridors in our
18 city.

19 So while I can't stand here and
20 defend the actions of the prior administration, I
21 can tell you that the commitment from this
22 administration under this program, and with the
23 expansion and renewal that we are authorizing
24 today, we are going to see a marked reduction in
25 traffic violence on our streets at a time when

1 traffic deaths are at their highest in a decade.

2 That's what this bill is about.

3 That's what this vote is about.

4 And I cannot tell you how important
5 this is, as someone whose family was affected by
6 the loss of a loved one due to a traffic crash.
7 It wasn't an accident, it was a crash. Because
8 accidents are "oops, I didn't mean to." When
9 you're speeding, when you're driving a car
10 recklessly and you're driving over the speed
11 limit and you hit another car and you take
12 someone's life, that's not "oops, I didn't mean
13 to." You had full agency behind the wheel. That
14 was a choice. It's not an accident, it's a
15 crash.

16 My family was affected by a traffic
17 crash. My grandmother lost her daughter to a
18 traffic crash, so my family knows the pain that
19 these families are suffering right now in
20 New York City, traffic deaths at an all-time
21 high. That's why this program is so important.
22 That's why I'm so committed to seeing the success
23 of this program.

24 And I thank Senator Lanza for his
25 advocacy on this. And I recognize that it's not

1 a perfect program, but we know that it has saved
2 lives and will continue to save lives. And
3 that's why I proudly vote aye.

4 Thank you.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
6 Gounardes to be recorded in the affirmative.

7 Senator Krueger to explain her vote.

8 SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you very
9 much, Madam President.

10 I was very interested in listening
11 to my colleague Senator Lanza's objection to the
12 bill. And I have spoken to my colleague
13 Senator Gounardes about the importance of the
14 bill, and I share his view.

15 But I just wanted to point out, as I
16 think my colleague Senator Hoylman did, you know,
17 people can have their debates over fines and the
18 cost of tickets. But the intention of this
19 law -- and, even more importantly, the outcome of
20 the law -- has been to save lives.

21 And there has been data that shows
22 the hours and the locations when they turn the
23 cameras off is when there are more accidents and
24 more people are harmed.

25 And New York City is a 24-hour city.

1 So to say just in certain hours, because that's
2 in theory school hours, really doesn't make sense
3 when you've already done the research from your
4 own program and see we're saving lives and we
5 could save more lives.

6 And I think it's interesting that
7 there was a point made about the little small
8 roads with very little traffic on them aren't
9 getting the cameras.

10 Well, I would suspect, like in every
11 other decision government makes, it's because
12 those roads don't have that much traffic speeding
13 along, because they're the little roads. And so
14 maybe we should have cameras on every corner and
15 on every street post. I would suspect there
16 would be real expenses there, and some additional
17 concerns. But I would be open to that.

18 But the fact is we know that
19 particularly in the most crowded areas of
20 New York City, such as my wonderful borough of
21 Manhattan, that yes, we all have to fit on the
22 head of a pin and share roadways and sidewalks
23 and bus lanes and bike lanes that frankly none of
24 which are big enough to fit us all, so that if we
25 don't do traffic slowing, traffic calming policy,

1 we keep seeing people get killed.

2 So I'm with Senator Jackson. I
3 don't think I have gotten one of these tickets,
4 and I do drive in Manhattan. But if I got one,
5 I'd be damn well careful never to get one again
6 because I don't even want to imagine a world
7 where I wake up one day and realize I was
8 responsible for hitting someone with my car
9 because I wasn't watching carefully enough or I
10 was going too fast.

11 So I proudly vote yes,
12 Madam President. Thank you.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
14 Krueger to be recorded in the affirmative.

15 Announce the results.

16 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
17 Calendar 1533, those Senators voting in the
18 negative are Senators Boyle, Felder, Gallivan,
19 Griffo, Lanza, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rath,
20 Serino, Stec and Tedisco.

21 Ayes, 51. Nays, 12.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
23 is passed.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 1620, Assembly Print Number 5499, by

1 Assemblymember Glick, an act authorizing the
2 Commissioner of Health to conduct a study and
3 issue a report examining the unmet health and
4 resource needs facing pregnant women in New York.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There is a
6 substitution at the desk.

7 The Secretary will read.

8 I'm sorry. Senator Borrello, why do
9 you rise?

10 SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you,
11 Madam President. Would the sponsor yield for a
12 question?

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
14 Hoylman, do you yield?

15 SENATOR HOYLMAN: Yes,
16 Madam President.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
18 Senator yields.

19 SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you,
20 Senator Hoylman.

21 I know that the title of this bill
22 says you're looking at addressing the unmet needs
23 of pregnant women. But really, if I'm reading
24 this bill, this really is a study focused
25 specifically on pregnancy resource centers.

1 So my question is, you know, unlike
2 Planned Parenthood, which receives state funding,
3 these are private entities that receive no
4 taxpayer money. What's the state's interest in
5 this study?

6 SENATOR HOYLMAN: Through you,
7 Madam President. Yes, my colleague is partly
8 correct. This legislation would direct the
9 Commissioner of Health to conduct a study on what
10 are called limited-services pregnancy centers, to
11 further understand their practices as well as
12 existing gaps in healthcare and resources to
13 support pregnant patients here in New York.

14 Now, we have to understand what
15 these limited-service pregnancy centers are.
16 They are entities that often do not charge
17 anything, but only offer limited
18 pregnancy-related services, such as pregnancy
19 tests, ultrasounds. Some of them provide
20 diapers, baby and maternity clothes, referral to
21 social services, car seats, and prenatal
22 vitamins.

23 And if you just Google, as I did
24 earlier this afternoon, and look -- if you Google
25 "abortion clinic near me," as I did, you'll find

1 that these limited-service pregnancy centers will
2 pop up. The first one that pops up here in the
3 Albany area is Alpha Pregnancy Care Center.

4 Now, the truth is that these are
5 unlicensed entities that potentially do interrupt
6 the services that a pregnant person needs in a
7 prenatal context especially. When a person
8 becomes pregnant and decides to continue the
9 pregnancy, it's so important that prenatal care
10 is connected to the healthier pregnancy as well
11 as maternal and infant health.

12 This delayed access to prenatal
13 care, abortion and emergency contraception all
14 poses a risk to public health.

15 So I would say, Madam President,
16 through you, that that is the state's interest.
17 We have an interest in making certain that every
18 New Yorker gets the prenatal healthcare, the
19 abortion options, emergency contraception that
20 they need to make sound and healthy medical
21 decisions.

22 SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President,
23 will the sponsor continue to yield?

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
25 Hoylman, do you continue to yield?

1 SENATOR HOYLMAN: Yes, I do.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
3 Senator yields.

4 SENATOR BORRELLO: Through you,
5 Mr. President.

6 I mean, providing diapers and
7 pregnancy tests doesn't sound horrible to me.

8 But you did mention the idea that if
9 you Google "abortion services," that one of these
10 pregnancy resource centers pops up. Well, I can
11 tell you if you Google the name of my restaurant,
12 my competitor actually pops up first. So I can't
13 tell you that that's necessarily the fault of
14 anything -- anyone in particular.

15 But I will tell you -- or I will ask
16 you, are you aware of any of these pregnancy
17 resource centers that are actually putting
18 themselves forth as abortion clinics?

19 SENATOR HOYLMAN: Through you,
20 Madam President. There have been a number of
21 examinations of these limited-service pregnancy
22 centers. The GAO conducted one, the New York
23 State Attorney General, a number of advocacy
24 groups have looked at them. They are
25 proliferating quite significantly. There's over

1 2500 in the United States and over 100 in the
2 State of New York.

3 And as we look to our state and our
4 nation post-Roe, depending on the Supreme Court's
5 decision, which we all expect soon, currently
6 16 million women in the United States live closer
7 to one of these limited-service pregnancy centers
8 than an abortion facility.

9 Post-Roe, after that decision is
10 rendered, that draft decision, where fully
11 one-half or more of states may criminalize
12 abortion, that number is going to leap to
13 34 million. And the number of Blacks and Latinas
14 who live closer to a limited-services pregnancy
15 center than an abortion facility is going to
16 triple.

17 So these facilities are
18 proliferating. We have a responsibility here in
19 the State of New York, because we're going to
20 have a lot of non-New Yorkers coming to this
21 state for abortion care. In fact, that's part of
22 our package today, is to prepare this state for
23 that influx of Americans seeking that basic
24 constitutional right, as we see it, the freedom
25 of autonomy.

1 SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President,
2 will the sponsor continue to yield?

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
4 Hoylman, do you continue to yield?

5 SENATOR HOYLMAN: Yes.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
7 Senator yields.

8 SENATOR BORRELLO: Well, I
9 appreciate your answer, but I didn't actually get
10 the answer I asked to the question that I asked:
11 Are you aware of any of these pregnancy resource
12 centers actually putting themselves forth as an
13 abortion clinic?

14 But I'll pass on that for now.
15 Because I didn't get an answer, I'll assume the
16 answer is no.

17 But, you know, to speak to your
18 question of are they providing the services -- is
19 there some kind of false advertising? Are they
20 providing the services that they are advertising?

21 So will the study also include
22 abortion clinics that provide abortions, to
23 ensure that they are actually giving a whole
24 host, a whole spectrum of counseling services to
25 ensure that they too are also meeting that need?

1 SENATOR HOYLMAN: Through you,
2 Madam President. Well, as I mentioned -- and I
3 apologize if I wasn't clear -- there are a number
4 of studies that do show that some of these
5 limited-service pregnancy centers do hold
6 themselves out as medical clinics.

7 For example, you're greeted at the
8 door sometimes by an individual in scrubs or with
9 a white lab coat. Sometimes limited-service
10 pregnancy centers provide what would appear to be
11 medically certified services, such as sonograms.

12 So there is confusion. But that's
13 the whole point of this study, Madam President,
14 is to understand what these -- what the impact of
15 limited-service pregnancy centers are on a
16 pregnant individual's healthcare and identify
17 resource and healthcare gaps in our state.

18 So exactly the point that we're
19 trying to make with this study bill,
20 Madam President, is to understand what the impact
21 of limited-service pregnancy centers are on
22 healthcare and the service gaps that we see,
23 particularly in low-income and communities of
24 color.

25 SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President,

1 will the sponsor continue to yield?

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

4 SENATOR HOYLMAN: Yes,
5 Madam President.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
7 sponsor yields.

8 SENATOR BORRELLO: Through you,
9 Madam President.

10 So the question, the last question I
11 asked was, will this study also apply to abortion
12 clinics that provide abortions, to ensure that
13 they are also offering a full spectrum of
14 counseling services, like alternatives to
15 abortion? Will this study actually be addressing
16 abortion clinics and ensuring that they are doing
17 that?

18 SENATOR HOYLMAN: The answer is no.
19 If they are -- only -- this study would only
20 apply, Madam President, as defined in the bill,
21 to unlicensed entities that offer limited
22 pregnancy-related services such as pregnancy
23 tests or ultrasounds.

24 Abortion clinics are licensed. They
25 are medical facilities.

1 SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President,
2 will the sponsor continue to yield?

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
4 Hoylman, do you continue to yield?

5 SENATOR HOYLMAN: Yes.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
7 sponsor yields.

8 SENATOR BORRELLO: So will the
9 study that's authorized by this legislation also
10 be looking into funding sources and data from
11 these organizations on funding sources?

12 SENATOR HOYLMAN: Through you,
13 Madam President, yes. There is a -- in the bill
14 you can see a list of factors that will be
15 examined. Number one is what state and/or
16 federal funds or tax or other subsidies, if any,
17 are directly or indirectly allocated to
18 limited-service pregnancy centers in the state.

19 SENATOR BORRELLO: Is that it?

20 Madam President, will the sponsor
21 continue to yield?

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
23 Hoylman, do you continue to yield?

24 SENATOR HOYLMAN: Yes,
25 Madam President.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
2 Senator yields.

3 SENATOR BORRELLO: So what's the
4 state's interest in the funding of these centers,
5 and will they also be seeking the same
6 information from funding for abortion clinics?

7 Because I will point out that there
8 was a recent expose where Planned Parenthood was
9 actually caught on hidden camera selling fetal
10 body parts and tissue for remuneration. So if
11 we're going to be looking at funding sources --
12 from a for-profit company, I might add, that they
13 were selling fetal tissue to, shouldn't we also
14 be looking at abortion clinics and where their
15 funding is coming from?

16 SENATOR HOYLMAN: Through you,
17 Madam President. To answer my colleague on the
18 other side of the aisle -- I was going to say on
19 the other side of the aisle. We're actually on
20 the same side of the aisle.

21 (Laughter.)

22 SENATOR HOYLMAN: That's awkward.

23 SENATOR BORRELLO: Too bad we can't
24 sit right next to each other.

25 SENATOR HOYLMAN: A little close

1 there, colleague. But -- just kidding.

2 No. This bill, it's black and white
3 in the definition of a limited-services pregnancy
4 center. It is a facility or entity, including a
5 mobile facility, the primary purpose of which is
6 to provide services to clients who are or may be
7 pregnant, that is not licensed by the State of
8 New York.

9 Abortion clinics, abortion
10 facilities are licensed by the State of New York.

11 SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President,
12 will the sponsor continue to yield?

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

15 SENATOR HOYLMAN: Yes.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
17 sponsor yields.

18 SENATOR BORRELLO: So we're going
19 to ask them for their funding sources and other
20 data, but we're only going to ask it of the
21 pregnancy resource centers but not abortion
22 clinics. Just want to be sure I'm clear on the
23 answer to that.

24 SENATOR HOYLMAN: Through you,
25 Madam President, the answer is yes. This is a

1 study bill on limited-service pregnancy centers,
2 which are specifically defined in the legislation
3 as being nonlicensed medical -- nonlicensed
4 medical facilities.

5 SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President,
6 on the bill.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator
8 Borrello on the bill.

9 SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you,
10 Senator Hoylman, from not on the other side of
11 the aisle at the moment, but I understand.

12 I guess my concern here is that
13 we're going to create a study to study one side
14 of what are considered to be pregnancy
15 counseling. We're going to study those folks
16 whose mission it is, really, to say that we want
17 to provide information and alternatives to
18 abortion. That's their mission.

19 Now, we might say, Well, they're not
20 telling about abortion. It may or may not be the
21 case. But the bottom line is we have those folks
22 that do provide abortions. And in the case of
23 organizations like Planned Parenthood, they
24 actually get funding by selling fetal tissue,
25 fetal organs to organizations for a very high

1 dollar amount, and that is a part of their
2 funding. So I don't see what their incentive is
3 to counsel the other way.

4 So if we're going to perform a
5 study, let's perform a complete study. And let's
6 see what's actually going on with those who
7 provide services of abortion and those who
8 provide services to support those that are
9 pregnant.

10 This bill does not do that. What
11 this does is it targets those who would like to
12 provide an alternative to abortion and also other
13 services. As Senator Hoylman mentioned, they
14 provide pregnancy tests, sonograms, diapers,
15 information.

16 But to sit here and say that we're
17 going to target one particular segment of this
18 women's health services is just not fair. I
19 actually kind of liken it to the sham study that
20 NYSERDA is doing right now to determine whether
21 or not they want to put industrial wind turbines
22 in our freshwater lakes. The entire study is
23 loaded with people that only do green energy.
24 There's not a single person that knows anything
25 about hydrology or anything about fisheries,

1 habitats.

2 Maybe that's a poor comparison, but
3 the bottom line is this is not a comprehensive
4 study. This is an attack on one particular
5 segment that some folks don't particularly like.
6 They don't like the idea that someone is saying
7 that there's an alternative to an abortion.

8 I personally know folks who have had
9 abortions, and they've had regrets. And they
10 felt that they didn't get enough information when
11 they were young -- particularly when they were
12 young.

13 So are we giving a full spectrum of
14 services? Well, I don't know, when you are
15 generating an invoice for \$25,000 to a company
16 called Stem Express for fetal body parts, I'm not
17 sure what your motivation is. That's a
18 frightening name for a company, by the way, Stem
19 Express. And that's what Planned Parenthood
20 does.

21 Now, ladies and gentlemen, we talked
22 about a lot of bills today. The supplemental
23 calendar, most of it is really for show,
24 honestly. There's really not a lot that's going
25 to happen here. Because if Roe vs. Wade is

1 overturned tomorrow, you will still be able to
2 get an abortion till the moment of birth here in
3 New York State. That's not going to change. I'm
4 personally abhorred by that, but it's not going
5 to change.

6 So what this really is, this little
7 suite of bills today, was more or less the
8 one-party rule preservation act. Nothing much is
9 going to happen with any of these bills today.
10 However, this one, this one in particular is
11 going to do something. It's going to target
12 those folks who want to provide information to
13 pregnant women at probably the most vulnerable
14 time in their lives and ensure that they are not
15 subject to some additional help, a fuller,
16 better, more broader spectrum of what the
17 consequences of abortion might be.

18 So, Madam President, I'll be voting
19 no. Thank you.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Are there
21 any other Senators wishing to be heard?

22 Seeing and hearing none, debate is
23 closed. The Secretary will ring the bell.

24 Read the last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

1 act shall take effect immediately.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Majority
6 Leader Stewart-Cousins to explain her vote.

7 SENATOR STEWART-COUSINS: Thank
8 you, Madam President.

9 As we count down the remaining days
10 of session, we are viscerally reminded that there
11 is no end to the fight for our rights. In light
12 of the horrific rollbacks, the inaction on a
13 federal level, New York must once again take up
14 the mantle and lead where other levels of
15 government have failed.

16 We rely on Congress and the Supreme
17 Court to set the floor for our nation, the bare
18 minimum standards to be enforced for our general
19 well-being. They've failed this mandate.

20 As the federal government falls
21 short on basic voter protections, our activist
22 Supreme Court continuously issues rulings that
23 permit racial discrimination and voter
24 suppression to flourish. Republican lawmakers
25 have been waging a war to weaken the

1 Voting Rights Act, eviscerating electoral
2 protections at the state level and keeping
3 Americans from exercising their most fundamental
4 rights.

5 Standing here today in 2022, I think
6 about Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 1957
7 speech. It was called "Give Us the Ballot." In
8 that speech he implored leaders to expand the
9 franchise to Black Americans so that their voices
10 could finally be heard. And what he said was:
11 Give us the ballot and we'll no longer have to
12 worry the federal government about our basic
13 rights. Give us the ballot and we'll fill our
14 legislative holes with men -- and I say he would
15 have said "and women" -- of goodwill.

16 Madam President, how ironic that
17 today, 65 years after Dr. King delivered that
18 speech, America is once again asking to give us
19 the ballot so that we can make the most
20 fundamental choices, the ones by which we hold
21 power accountable, we ensure laws and regulations
22 truly reflect the will of the people.

23 There's nothing democratic about a
24 handful of people unilaterally gutting laws that
25 are supported by the majority of Americans.

1 That's why the leaked Supreme Court decision that
2 would reverse Roe is our five-alarm fire. The
3 criminalization of women's bodies and of doctors
4 fulfilling their sacred oath is only the
5 beginning of what we could lose. Not a single
6 freedom that we currently enjoy is safe or
7 guaranteed unless, I'm told, it was in the
8 original document -- which is kind of scary.

9 Too many think that they can steal
10 our democracy without us noticing until it's too
11 late. But we in this chamber will not stand idly
12 by while these fundamental rights are chipped
13 away around us. We'll no longer wait for
14 Congress to act. States are the last line of
15 defense against these authoritarian trends and
16 the final check against an unaccountable federal
17 government.

18 New York has led the nation before.
19 We will do it again. Our passage of the John R.
20 Lewis Voting Rights Act and the strengthening of
21 our reproductive health protections serve as a
22 model for other states to follow.

23 I'm proud that New York is standing
24 as a true bastion of civil rights in spite of the
25 anti-democratic rollbacks being set forth by

1 republicans across the nation. Our state is a
2 long-standing safe harbor for those seeking
3 refuge, and we will open our arms once again to
4 fellow Americans in need.

5 With these legislative templates, I
6 urge other states to take up similar measures and
7 forge a true network of destination states across
8 the U.S. Representative John Lewis once said:
9 "Freedom is not a state, it's an act. It is not
10 some enchanted garden perched high on a distant
11 plateau where we can finally sit down and rest.
12 Freedom is the continuous action we all must
13 take."

14 I commend my colleagues, my fellow
15 lawmakers, for taking these actions, and I urge
16 all of us to build on this momentum for the fight
17 ahead. We'll not stop, we won't rest until every
18 right that we hold dear and guaranteed for every
19 American is here in New York.

20 Madam President, I vote aye.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Majority
22 Leader Stewart-Cousins to be recorded in the
23 affirmative.

24 Announce the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: In relation to

1 Calendar 1620, those Senators voting in the
2 negative are Senators Akshar, Borrello, Felder,
3 Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Jordan, Lanza,
4 Martucci, Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,
5 Palumbo, Rath, Ritchie, Serino, Stec, Tedisco and
6 Weik.

7 Ayes, 43. Nays, 20.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill
9 is passed.

10 Senator Gianaris, that completes the
11 reading of the controversial calendar.

12 SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you,
13 Madam President.

14 If we could return to motions for
15 one second. On behalf of Senator Brooks, on
16 page 39, I offer the following amendments to
17 Calendar 1281, Senate Print 8927, and ask that
18 said bill retain its place on the Third Reading
19 Calendar.

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

23 SENATOR GIANARIS: I believe there
24 is another report of the Rules Committee at the
25 desk. Can we take that up at this time.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The
2 Secretary will read.

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

6 Senate Print 621B, by
7 Senator Sanders, an act to amend the Penal Law;
8 Senate Print 954, by
9 Senator Gaughran, an act to amend the Vehicle and
10 Traffic Law;

11 Senate Print 1358A, by
12 Senator Serrano, an act to amend the Arts and
13 Cultural Affairs Law and the Economic Development
14 Law;

15 Senate Print 1553D, by
16 Senator Myrie, an act to amend the Criminal
17 Procedure Law;

18 Senate Print 1608, by Senator
19 Gounardes, an act to amend the Civil Service Law;

20 Senate Print 1903A, by
21 Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Highway Law;

22 Senate Print 2045, by
23 Senator Tedisco, an act to amend the County Law;

24 Senate Print 3164A, by
25 Senator Sepúlveda, an act to amend the

1 Surrogate's Court Procedure Act;

2 Senate Print 3212A, by
3 Senator Sepúlveda, an act to amend the
4 Agriculture and Markets Law;

5 Senate Print 3449, by
6 Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Highway Law;

7 Senate Print 3722A, by Senator Ortt,
8 an act to authorize the County of Orleans to
9 offer an optional 20-year retirement plan to
10 Kevin Colonna;

11 Senate Print 3723A, by Senator Ortt,
12 an act to authorize the County of Orleans to
13 offer an optional 20-year retirement plan to
14 Ryan Flaherty;

15 Senate Print 4869A, by
16 Senator Gaughran, an act granting retroactive
17 membership with Tier II status in the New York
18 State Teachers' Retirement System to Lori Cohen;

19 Senate Print 5013A, by
20 Senator Palumbo, an act to provide procedures
21 relating to the adoption and submission of an
22 annual budget by the Trustees of the Freeholders
23 and Commonality;

24 Senate Print 5406A, by Senator
25 Reichlin-Melnick, an act in relation to

1 authorizing Harvey Eilbaum to file a request for
2 change of beneficiary with the New York State and
3 Local Employees' Retirement System;

4 Senate Print 6223A, by Senator
5 Reichlin-Melnick, an act in relation to
6 authorizing Thomas Collins to file a request for
7 change of benefit coverage with the New York
8 State Teachers' Retirement System;

9 Senate Print 6224A, by Senator
10 Reichlin-Melnick, an act to authorize Jodi Manne
11 to receive a refund from the New York State
12 Teachers' Retirement System;

13 Senate Print 6453C, by
14 Senator Parker, an act to amend the
15 Public Authorities Law;

16 Senate Print 6544C, by Senator
17 Gallivan, an act to amend the Highway Law;

18 Senate Print 6589A, by Senator
19 Persaud, an act to amend the Social Services Law;

20 Senate Print 7199A, by Senator
21 Gounardes, an act to amend the Insurance Law;

22 Senate Print 7240A, by Senator Rath,
23 an act granting retroactive Tier III membership
24 in the New York State and Local Employees'
25 Retirement System to Steven R. Grice;

1 Senate Print 7413, by Senator Ortt,
2 an act to amend Chapter 20 of the Laws of 1985;

3 Senate Print 7739C, by
4 Senator Palumbo, an act in relation to
5 authorizing the County of Suffolk to transfer
6 ownership of certain parkland;

7 Senate Print 7746B, by
8 Senator Mannion, an act in relation to directing
9 the New York State Office for People with
10 Developmental Disabilities to establish a
11 voluntary training and certification program;

12 Senate Print 7857A, by
13 Senator Skoufis, an act in relation to requiring
14 the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance to study
15 the frequency of residents who are being assessed
16 library taxes;

17 Senate Print 7903B, by
18 Senator Martucci, an act to amend the
19 Highway Law;

20 Senate Print 8031A, by
21 Senator Felder, an act to amend the Vehicle and
22 Traffic Law;

23 Senate Print 8033A, by
24 Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Tax Law;

25 Senate Print 8113, by

1 Senator Cleare, an act to amend the
2 Public Health Law and the Insurance Law;
3 Senate Print 8146A, by
4 Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the
5 State Finance Law and the Real Property Tax Law;
6 Senate Print 8297A, by
7 Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the
8 Civil Practice Law and Rules;
9 Senate Print 8430A, by
10 Senator Comrie, an act to amend the Real Property
11 Actions and Proceedings Law;
12 Senate Print 8451, by
13 Senator Cooney, an act to amend the Labor Law;
14 Senate Print 8474, by
15 Senator Sanders, an act to amend the
16 Environmental Conservation Law;
17 Senate Print 8477, by
18 Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Retirement
19 and Social Security Law;
20 Senate Print 8516, by
21 Senator Savino, an act in relation to
22 establishing the fentanyl abuse and overdose
23 prevention task force;
24 Senate Print 8523A, by
25 Senator Savino, an act to amend the

1 General Business Law;

2 Senate Print 8527, by
3 Senator Comrie, an act to amend the
4 Public Authorities Law;

5 Senate Print 8536A, by
6 Senator Thomas, an act to amend the
7 Education Law;

8 Senate Print 8553A, by
9 Senator Harckham, an act to amend the
10 Executive Law;

11 Senate Print 8676, by
12 Senator Martucci, an act granting retroactive
13 Tier IV membership in the New York State and
14 Local Employees' Retirement System to
15 Mark Pavlak;

16 Senate Print 8678, by Senator Brouk,
17 an act to amend the General Business Law;

18 Senate Print 8689B, by
19 Senator Thomas, an act in relation to authorizing
20 the County of Nassau assessor to accept an
21 application for a real property tax exemption;

22 Senate Print 8710, by Senator Brouk,
23 an act to amend the Transportation Law;

24 Senate Print 8736A, by
25 Senator Mannion, an act to amend the

1 Public Authorities Law;

2 Senate Print 8757, by
3 Senator Helming, an act in relation to
4 authorizing the Town of Webster, County of
5 Monroe, to alienate certain lands used as
6 parkland;

7 Senate Print 8763A, by
8 Senator Gaughran, an act to amend the
9 Civil Practice Law and Rules;

10 Senate Print 8775, by
11 Senator Cooney, an act extending the time within
12 which certain elected officials may file their
13 oaths of office;

14 Senate Print 8831, by Senator Ramos,
15 an act to amend the Public Authorities Law;

16 Senate Print 8832, by Senator Boyle,
17 an act authorizing the Town Board of the Town of
18 Islip, County of Suffolk, to transfer funds from
19 the Kismet Street Improvement District;

20 Senate Print 8837, by Senator
21 Savino, an act to amend the Public Health Law and
22 the Social Services Law;

23 Senate Print 8862, by
24 Senator Cleare, an act directing the Metropolitan
25 Transportation Authority to study the

1 transportation and housing needs of Randalls and
2 Wards Islands;

3 Senate Print 8864, by
4 Senator Mattera, an act in relation to
5 authorizing the assessor of the Town of
6 Brookhaven, County of Suffolk, to accept an
7 application for exemption from real property
8 taxes;

9 Senate Print 8874, by Senator
10 Reichlin-Melnick, an act to amend the
11 Executive Law and the State Finance Law;

12 Senate Print 8881A, by
13 Senator Reichlin-Melnick, an act to authorize the
14 assessor of the Town of Ramapo, County of
15 Rockland, to accept an application for a real
16 property tax exemption;

17 Senate Print 8887A, by
18 Senator Cooney, an act to amend the
19 General Municipal Law;

20 Senate Print 8930, by
21 Senator Reichlin-Melnick, an act to authorize a
22 study on proposed improvements of State Route 303
23 in the Town of Orangetown;

24 Senate Print 8934, by
25 Senator Cooney, an act in relation to conducting

1 a study of public and private museums in
2 New York State;

3 Senate Print 8953, by
4 Senator Kaplan, an act to amend the Vehicle and
5 Traffic Law;

6 Senate Print 8956C, by
7 Senator Mannion, an act to amend the
8 Public Authorities Law;

9 Senate Print 8957A, by
10 Senator Myrie, an act to amend the Election Law
11 and the State Finance Law;

12 Senate Print 8959, by
13 Senator Savino, an act to amend the Retirement
14 and Social Security Law;

15 Senate Print 8972A, by
16 Senator Salazar, an act to amend the
17 Social Services Law;

18 Senate Print 8985, by Senator Mayer,
19 an act to amend the Judiciary Law;

20 Senate Print 9036, by
21 Senator Breslin, an act to amend the
22 Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law;

23 Senate Print 9060A, by
24 Senator Reichlin-Melnick, an act to amend the
25 Tax Law;

1 Senate Print 9093, by
2 Senator Hoylman, an act to amend the
3 Alcoholic Beverage Control Law;

4 Senate Print 9098, by
5 Senator Kennedy, an act to amend the
6 Public Authorities Law;

7 Senate Print 9102, by
8 Senator Mannion, an act to direct the
9 Department of Civil Service to study certain
10 airport-related titles;

11 Senate Print 9106, by
12 Senator Persaud, an act to amend the
13 Social Services Law;

14 Senate Print 9121, by Senator Mayer,
15 an act to amend Chapter 667 of the Laws of 2021;

16 Senate Print 9128A, by
17 Senator Breslin, an act to amend the
18 Navigation Law;

19 Senate Print 9131, by
20 Senator Reichlin-Melnick, an act to amend the
21 Real Property Tax Law;

22 Senate Print 9138, by
23 Senator Biaggi, an act to amend the Vehicle and
24 Traffic Law;

25 Senate Print 9162A, by

1 Senator Thomas, an act extending the time within
2 which certain appointed officers may take or file
3 their oaths of office or official undertakings;

4 Senate Print 9163, by
5 Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the
6 Vehicle and Traffic Law;

7 Senate Print 9170A, by
8 Senator Comrie, an act to amend the
9 Not-For-Profit Corporation Law;

10 Senate Print 9172, by
11 Senator Comrie, an act to amend the
12 Education Law;

13 Senate Print 9177B, by
14 Senator Cooney, an act to amend the
15 Executive Law;

16 Senate Print 9185, by
17 Senator Rivera, an act to amend the
18 Public Health Law;

19 Senate Print 9193, by
20 Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the
21 Private Housing Finance Law;

22 Senate Print 9196, by
23 Senator Kaminsky, an act authorizing the Bais
24 Torah U'tefillah to receive retroactive real
25 property tax exemption status;

1 Senate Print 9207, by
2 Senator Rivera, an act to amend the
3 Social Services Law;

4 Senate Print 9272, by Senator May,
5 an act to amend the Not-For-Profit Corporation
6 Law;

7 Senate Print 9293A, by
8 Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the
9 Civil Rights Law;

10 Senate Print 9310, by
11 Senator Breslin, an act authorizing the City of
12 Troy to lease subsurface parkland property
13 referred to as Riverfront Park;

14 Senate Print 9318, by
15 Senator Brooks, an act to amend the Tax Law;

16 Senate Print 9327, by
17 Senator Bailey, an act to amend the
18 Retirement and Social Security Law;

19 Senate Print 9345, by
20 Senator Palumbo, an act to amend the
21 Environmental Conservation Law;

22 Senate Print 9367, by
23 Senator Breslin, an act to amend the
24 Insurance Law;

25 Senate Print 9369A, by

1 Senator Reichlin-Melnick, an act to authorize the
2 assessor of the Town of Ramapo, County of
3 Rockland, to accept an application for a real
4 property tax exemption;

5 Senate Print 9370, by
6 Senator Jackson, an act to amend the
7 Workers' Compensation Law;

8 Senate Print 9374, by
9 Senator Reichlin-Melnick, an act to amend the
10 Public Officers Law and the Village Law;

11 Senate Print 9403A, by
12 Senator Ramos, an act to amend the Labor Law;

13 Senate Print 9413, by
14 Senator Stewart-Cousins, an act to amend the
15 Real Property Tax Law and the Real Property Law;

16 Senate Print 9418, by
17 Senator Gaughran, an act to amend the
18 Local Finance Law;

19 Senate Print 9419, by
20 Senator Kaminsky, an act to amend the
21 Environmental Conservation Law;

22 Senate Print 9423, by
23 Senator Salazar, an act to amend the
24 Correction Law;

25 Senate Print 9424, by

1 Senator Kennedy, an act to amend the
2 Workers' Compensation Law;

3 Senate Print 9427A, by
4 Senator Ramos, an act to amend the Labor Law;

5 Senate Print 9432, by Senator Mayer,
6 an act to amend the Public Authorities Law;

7 Senate Print 9445, by
8 Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the
9 Agriculture and Markets Law;

10 Senate Print 9446, by Senator Myrie,
11 an act to amend the Tax Law;

12 Senate Print 9450, by
13 Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the Labor Law.

14 All bills reported direct to third
15 reading.

16 SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to accept
17 the report of the Rules Committee.

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

21 (Response of "Aye.")

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Opposed,
23 nay.

24 (No response.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The report

1 of the Rules Committee is accepted.

2 Senator Gianaris.

3 SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you,
4 Madam President.

5 Is there any further business at the
6 desk?

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: I'm happy
8 to say there is no further business at the desk.

9 SENATOR GIANARIS: I move to
10 adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 1st, at
11 12:00 p.m.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: On motion,
13 the Senate stands adjourned until Wednesday,
14 June 1st, at 12:00 p.m.

15 (Whereupon, at 7:16 p.m., the Senate
16 adjourned.)

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