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SENATOR JAMAAL T. BAILEY, Acting President

ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Senate will come to order.

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

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

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

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday, January 23, 2023, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Sunday, January 22, 2023, was read and approved. On motion, the Senate adjourned.

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

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Bailey

moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 989 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 841, Third Reading Calendar 50.

Senator Krueger moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 1283 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 108A, Third Reading Calendar 150.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The substitutions are so ordered.

Messages from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

Reports of select committees.

Communications and reports from state officers.

Motions and resolutions.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, I move to adopt the Resolution Calendar, with the exception of Resolution 296.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: All those in favor of adopting the Resolution Calendar please signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Opposed,

nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Resolution Calendar is adopted.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Now let's take up Resolution 296, by Senator Brouk, read its title only, and recognize Senator Brouk.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution 296, by Senator Brouk, memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 23, 2023, as Maternal Health Awareness Day in the State of New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Brouk on the resolution.

SENATOR BROUK: Thank you, Mr. President.

And I also want to thank my Senate colleagues and Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins for their support in introducing this resolution.

Today is the first time in New York State that we are recognizing Maternal Health

Awareness Day. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, also known as ACOG, began recognizing this day in 2016. It is now recognize d across the country. And today we finally recognize it in New York.

But in order to fully grasp the need for a day like today, we must first understand the state of maternal health in this state and in this country. For those who don't know, the United States has the highest maternal mortality rate in the developed world. And as with so many other health conditions in this country, it is Black mothers who are suffering the worst, who are four times more likely to die during childbirth than white non-Hispanic mothers, even when controlling for factors like education level, income, or access to quality healthcare.

In my hometown in Monroe County where I represent, the maternal mortality rate is 46 percent higher than the national average and 54 percent higher than the rest of the state.

I've got a lot of colleagues here from New York City. You should know, according to the New York City Department of Health, Black women are nine times more likely to die from

pregnancy-related causes.

So what does this mean? It means, for me and a lot of women who look like me, the prospect of giving birth is both terrifying and daunting in this country. It means that for every expecting mother who walks into a hospital pregnant, they wonder if they'll be walking out healthy, with a healthy baby.

Bringing a child into this world on your terms, when you want to, should be one of the most joy-filled times in our lives. But for too many of us, that joy is robbed. That's on us as leaders. We have to do better to support maternal health in New York.

We have to do better for Shamony Gibson, who died at age 30, 13 days after giving birth. For Amber Rose Isaac, 26, who died due to complications from an emergency C-section. For Sha-Asia Washington, 26, who died after undergoing a C-section. For Denise Williams, 29, who died just days after seeking postpartum care, of a pulmonary embolism. And for so many people whose stories we haven't heard.

I hope this resolution does more than memorializes a day for us to be aware of

maternal health in this state, but that it is a moment to move into action. Let's pass legislation that addresses the maternal mental health crisis in this state. Let's support the expansion of life-saving doula care in our budget process. And let's please remember the names of not just these women, but all of the birthing people who are suffering in our country and our state, and let's honor them by taking action.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator May on the resolution.

SENATOR MAY: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise to thank my colleague for bringing this resolution and raising awareness about this incredibly important issue.

It's also very fitting that we're doing this on the same day that we're passing a number of important bills about abortion care, because the two go hand in hand.

We know that -- that the states around the country that do not support abortion care are also the ones with the highest maternal mortality rates. Part of that is because they

also don't support contraceptive care, they don't support sex education or, in many cases, just healthcare for low-income women. But it's also because abortion care is care for pregnant women. Abortion care goes hand in hand with care for -- with prenatal care and postpartum care at -- at a lot of clinics.

And so I am proud that we are supporting both maternal health in general and specifically maternal health through the bills that we're passing today.

I vote aye. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Scarcella-Spanton on the resolution.

SENATOR SCARCELLA-SPANTON: Thank you, Mr. President, and Senator Brouk for introducing this resolution recognizing Maternal Health Awareness Day.

In an effort to shine a light on maternal health, ACOG's theme this year is "Know Why," to get to the bottom of the root causes of maternal mortality rates. Far too often this issue is overlooked. We have to make sure that we continue to shine a light so we are there for mothers every step of the way -- through

pregnancy, through childbirth, and postpartum.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to improve maternal health access across the state. And I wanted to share a personal story.

You know, when my daughter was born, it was my husband who was the one who noticed in the delivery room that my arm started to swell up, because I was hemorrhaging.

This is an issue that affects all women. And it's so often that women are not listened to in the medical field. And it was incredibly important -- during COVID, if you remember, they prevented moms from having a support person in the delivery room. And we were able to work with all of the colleagues in here to make sure an executive order was passed, which I think was really life-saving.

So again, I look forward to working with everyone in this chamber to address maternal health. Thank you so much.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The question is on the resolution.

All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Opposed?

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The resolution is adopted.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: At the request of Senator Brouk, this resolution is open for cosponsorship.

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

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Please take up the reading of the calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 39, Senate Print 830, by Senator Brisport, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2022.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 42, Senate Print 833, by Senator Breslin, an act to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2022.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 42, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby and Oberacker. Also Senator Walczyk.

Ayes, 58. Nays, 3.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 46, Senate Print 837, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2022.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 46, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Lanza and Ortt.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 47, Senate Print 838, by Senator Ryan, an act to amend the Labor Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 47, voting in the negative: Senator Griffo.

Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 50, Assembly Print Number 989, by Assemblymember Peoples-Stokes, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 51, Senate Print 842, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as Part A of a chapter of the Laws of 2022.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 51, voting in the negative: Senator Oberacker.

Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 95, Senate Print 1327, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the Election Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 15. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2022.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 95, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 40. Nays, 21.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 150, Assembly Print Number 1283, by

Assemblymember Seawright, Concurrent Resolution of the Senate and Assembly proposing an amendment to Section 11 of Article 1 of the Constitution.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll on the resolution.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Krueger to explain her vote.

SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you, Mr. President.

I'm very pleased that we are today passing, for the second time, the constitutional amendment we've nicknamed the Equal Rights Amendment.

I want to remind everyone: Our federal and state constitutions were written at a time when the promises of equality only protected the interests of a few, and so our constitutional protections are woefully inadequate.

In fact, our last version was adopted in 1938, and the New York Constitution's equal protection and civil rights provisions failed to reflect our current vision of equality. In fact, New York's Constitution only explicitly creates equality protections for race and

religion and is silent on protections for other classes that have been historically targeted.

Our State Constitution's equal protection clause does not provide comprehensive protections against discrimination. In fact, it only explicitly protects a small number of us.

We must amend our State Constitution to include robust protections against discrimination that effectively work to hold our state and its institutions accountable for ending discrimination.

This measure proposes amending our Constitution's current equal protection clause in Article 1, Section 11, to create broader protections against discrimination by the state and its institutions. These protections, under this reform, would allow new explicitly -- would now explicitly prohibit discrimination on account of a person's ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, or sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy.

Some people think we have these protections in law. But as many of us have

learned only too recently, a court can come in and knock down protections we thought we'd had our whole lives, such as the Dobbs case at the Supreme Court. New people can be elected that knock down laws that we thought protected our fundamental rights, only to learn that those laws can change.

What you really need to protect your citizens is clear information in your constitution about what is protected. With this amendment, which will now go to the people for a vote in November '24, we will be able to determine for the future of 20 million New Yorkers that they have equal rights under our laws and under our institutions.

So I'm very glad to be voting yes, and I hope all my colleagues will join me in that.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Krueger to be recorded in the affirmative.

Senator Jackson to explain his vote.

SENATOR JACKSON: Thank you, Mr. President.

My colleagues, I rise to explain my

support for the second passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, known as ERA, to provide New York voters the opportunity to amend the New York State Constitution in November 2024 to codify access to abortion and contraception, as well as to extend current protections against discrimination to several new protected classes.

As we mark what would have been the 50th anniversary of Roe versus Wade, we find ourselves fulfilling our duty to pass the Equal Rights Amendment for the second time, delivering on our promise. This amendment would ensure that New Yorkers are guaranteed protection from discrimination and will codify reproductive rights in the state's constitution.

Today we are summoned to continue strengthening New York's commitment to protecting women and LGBTQI rights. This is especially important at a time when these rights are under attack across our country. New Yorkers have the opportunity to codify reproductive rights in our state's constitution and afford equal protection from discrimination against women, pregnancy outcomes, reproductive healthcare and autonomy, and protected classes under the New York State

Constitution.

And I thank our colleague Senator Liz Krueger for her work on this issue, as well as the bill cosponsors for their efforts to protect reproductive rights.

With the passage of this amendment, New York continues to be the leader this nation needs. We stand in unity against destructive policies that endanger the health and safety of Americans. I proudly vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Jackson to be recorded in the affirmative.

Senator Ramos to explain her vote.

SENATOR RAMOS: Thank you, Mr. President.

You know, the Equal Rights Amendment was first introduced here in New York State in 1938. And in 1938, women who looked like me in this country, we couldn't vote, we couldn't own property, we couldn't open a bank account or build wealth, we couldn't serve on a jury. We certainly couldn't run for office or be State Senator. And of course we were allowed to cook, clean, and raise other people's children; some things haven't changed.

But today I am proudly wearing a button loaned to me by an incredible New Yorker, Eileen Sullivan Alber, who's a retiree of Teamsters Local 851 and TWU Local 100. She passed this button on to her granddaughter, my legislative director, Samantha Walsh, as she symbolically passes the torch to us, the next generation, to take up the fight for the Equal Rights Amendment.

I'm so grateful that this body is the one that gets to pass the ERA. Under the leadership of a strong Black woman, with a freshman class made entirely of women Senators, we are passing the ERA to complete what the 19th Amendment failed to do. You know, the 19th Amendment was a big victory for white women, but it was also a form of radical exclusion, carving out Black, Asian, Latina and Indigenous women.

Now, here I stand before you, the daughter of Colombian immigrants of proud Indigenous heritage, the first woman to represent my hometown, the most diverse district in the country, thrilled to vote for the inclusion of women -- of all women -- in the text of our

Constitution here in New York State.

Thank you for leading on this issue, Senator Krueger.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Ramos to be recorded in the affirmative.

Senator Salazar to explain her vote.

SENATOR SALAZAR: Thank you, Mr. President.

I am thrilled to be voting in support of the Equal Rights Amendment again today, bringing us one step closer to amending the State Constitution to explicitly protect the rights of all New Yorkers against discrimination.

And I want to thank Senator Krueger for carrying the torch of the ERA for years and ensuring that it reflects the ways in which different identities and classes intersect with one another in our state.

The implications of adding this inclusive Equal Rights Amendment, especially with regard to gender identity, reproductive autonomy, pregnancy outcomes and abortion access, have never been more urgent than in this moment. And I am proud to vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator

Salazar to be recorded in the affirmative.

Senator Hoylman-Sigal to explain his vote.

SENATOR HOYLMAN-SIGAL: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise to proudly support the Equal Rights Amendment, and I want to thank Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Senator Krueger, and all the women in the chamber for their vote and for moving this issue forward on behalf of my two daughters, ages 5 and 12. Thank you.

And also thank you for the protections that are included in this amendment that recognize sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, codifying the protections that were passed on this floor decades ago under the Sexual Orientation Nondiscrimination Act and the Gender Expression Nondiscrimination Act.

That's particularly important, as was referenced earlier, because of the hate-filled attacks across this country against LGBTQ people, in particular young transgender people. Close to half the states have legislatures, Mr. President, that are moving

forward with bills that would separate children from their parents just because the parents are trying to do the best by their kids in seeking gender-affirming care.

And of course we know about the "Don't Say Gay" nonsense in states like Texas and Florida, as well as the phony controversy around "Drag Queen Story Hour" in our very own state and New York City.

So this is a great day for a lot of New Yorkers who have formerly lived in the shadows without the protections of a constitutional amendment like this. I proudly vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Hoylman-Sigal to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 150, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Felder, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 42. Nays, 20.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The

resolution is adopted.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 151, Senate Print 348B, by Senator Cleare, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 151, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Felder, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 40. Nays, 22.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

152, Senate Print 1003A, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 8. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Hinchey to explain her vote.

SENATOR HINCHEY: Thank you, Mr. President.

Healthcare must be considered a human right. And yet in so many places across our state, especially in our upstate and rural communities, we are losing access to healthcare, to reproductive care, gender-affirming care, and often end-of-life care as well because of a host of issues, not the least of which is hospital consolidation.

And in communities like mine, when a hospital consolidates or a hospital decides to not offer a certain type of healthcare based on

policy-based exclusions, that leaves the community without access to the care that they deserve.

Reproductive care is healthcare. And in so many of our areas, they are losing it at an alarming clip. And so this bill for the first time will provide our state with the transparency that we need to understand where our healthcare deserts are for healthcare like reproductive care, gender-affirming care, and end-of-life care.

It will also require, for the first time, hospitals who choose to not provide certain types of healthcare to disclose that information, so that community members, when they are choosing a doctor or they are seeking care, they know what is available in their backyards and what's not. They know that, when they are picking a doctor, if that doctor will be able to provide the care that they need now or in the future.

This is critically important information for people to decide how they want to live their life. And so this Hospital Transparency Act is going to be the first step in determining what we need to do in our upstate and

rural communities to ensure that no matter who you are, where you live, what your economic status, you have access to the care that you deserve.

I thank the Majority Leader for bringing this bill forward, for including it in this package. I thank my colleagues for voting on this bill. And I'm incredibly proud to vote aye.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Hinchey to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 152, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Felder, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 40. Nays, 22.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 153, Senate Print 1043, by Senator Stavisky, an

act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This act shall take effect 18 months after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 153, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Felder, Gallivan, Griffo, Lanza, Martinez, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco and Walczyk.

Ayes, 42. Nays, 20.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 154, Senate Print 1066A, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Mayer to explain her vote.

SENATOR MAYER: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise to explain my vote in support of this bill, which provides the strongest possible legal protections for New York healthcare practitioners who provide comprehensive reproductive health services via telehealth.

This legislation builds off the historic reproductive rights package which we passed in June of '22, strengthening New York's role as a national sanctuary for reproductive rights.

We should remember that in the seven months since the Dobbs decision reversed 50 years of precedent and 50 years of a constitutional right we thought we were entitled to, clinics

around the country have closed. In the first 100 days after Dobbs, 66 clinics in 15 states closed. And in the first six months after Dobbs, abortion is no longer available at all in 14 states, and about 25 or 26 states are likely to ban or significantly restrict abortion.

Legal access to abortion has been severely restricted across this country, and people seeking an abortion have had to make the most personal and difficult decision in a way that we could not have imagined -- we simply could not have imagined.

We are protecting explicitly telehealth and telehealth services in this legislation by protecting New York doctors who provide abortion healthcare to patients living in states with hostile abortion laws. This legislation operates as a shield to New York's healthcare practitioners who perform telehealth services against states who try to impose criminal actions against them.

With this legislation, we're stepping up to say abortion rights will be protected regardless of where the patient lives. We may be safe here in New York State, but we

will not forego or forget the millions of our sisters throughout this country who had a constitutional right until Dobbs, and it was simply eliminated by this Supreme Court.

I'm grateful for the tireless efforts and contributions from so many who worked to make this bill a successful one and who guarantee the right to safe and private care from our world-class practitioners in New York.

I'm especially grateful to our Majority Leader, Senator Stewart-Cousins, for bringing this bill to the floor, and my Assembly colleague, Assemblymember Karines Reyes, a registered nurse, who is the sponsor in the Assembly. Together we are collectively ensuring that New York remains the place of safe care regardless of where the patient lives.

Thank you, Mr. President. I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Mayer to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 154, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello,

Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Felder, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 41. Nays, 22.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

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

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

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

SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 25th, at 11:00 a.m.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Wednesday, January 25th, at 11:00 a.m.

(Whereupon, the Senate adjourned at 4:40 p.m.)