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SENATOR ROXANNE J. PERSAUD, Acting President

ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: 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 PERSAUD: Monks Upamok Kha, Fnu Ariyanyana and Ujoti Pala, from the Light of Dhamma Buddhist Association of Elmhurst, New York, will say today's invocation.

UNIDENTIFIED MONK: All we are chanting, all of us.

{All three chanting.}

UNIDENTIFIED MONK: Thank you, Senator Jessica Ramos, for this honor.

Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, we hope you will do right by your communities for the greater good of humanity.

We pray for loving kindness and peace for all of you.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Tuesday,

May 30, 2023, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Monday, May 29, 2023, was read and approved. On motion, the Senate adjourned.

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

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Mannion moves to discharge, from the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development, Assembly Bill Number 1686A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 3139A, Third Reading Calendar 370.

Senator May moves to discharge, from the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development, Assembly Bill Number 3110 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 3497, Third Reading Calendar 491.

Senator Hoylman-Sigal moves to discharge, from the Committee on Judiciary, Assembly Bill Number 5772 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 5162, Third Reading Calendar 504.

Senator Jackson moves to discharge, from the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions, Assembly Bill Number 6856 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 5487, Third Reading Calendar 607.

Senator Liu moves to discharge, from the Committee on Cities 1, Assembly Bill Number 4972A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 3252A, Third Reading Calendar 845.

Senator Rivera moves to discharge, from the Committee on Health, Assembly Bill Number 6017 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 3449, Third Reading Calendar 849.

Senator Cleare moves to discharge, from the Committee on Transportation, Assembly Bill Number 3720 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 5527, Third Reading Calendar 1009.

Senator Sanders moves to discharge, from the Committee on Banks, Assembly Bill Number 5516 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6270, Third Reading Calendar 1014.

Senator Ramos moves to discharge, from the Committee on Labor, Assembly Bill Number 5609 and substitute it for the identical

Senate Bill 6096, Third Reading Calendar 1063.

Senator Rolison moves to discharge, from the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, Assembly Bill Number 6751 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6316, Third Reading Calendar 1113.

Senator Webb moves to discharge, from the Committee on Codes, Assembly Bill Number 4265 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6214, Third Reading Calendar 1174.

Senator Brouk moves to discharge, from the Committee on Disabilities, Assembly Bill Number 5697 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 4521, Third Reading Calendar 1202.

Senator Helming moves to discharge, from the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, Assembly Bill Number 4092 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 4037, Third Reading Calendar 1234.

Senator Breslin moves to discharge, from the Committee on Judiciary, Assembly Bill Number 1753A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 3542A, Third Reading Calendar 1242.

Senator Jackson moves to discharge, from the Committee on Finance, Assembly Bill

Number 5208 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 5027, Third Reading Calendar 1279.

Senator Gonzalez moves to discharge, from the Committee on Judiciary, Assembly Bill Number 4721 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 5137, Third Reading Calendar 1280.

Senator Jackson moves to discharge, from the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions, Assembly Bill Number 7155 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 5494, Third Reading Calendar 1314.

Senator Jackson moves to discharge, from the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions, Assembly Bill Number 7157 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6477, Third Reading Calendar 1315.

Senator Mannion moves to discharge, from the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions, Assembly Bill Number 6480 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6482A, Third Reading Calendar 1316.

Senator Scarcella-Spanton moves to discharge, from the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation, Assembly Bill Number 5948 and substitute it for

the identical Senate Bill 6124, Third Reading Calendar 1324.

Senator Skoufis moves to discharge, from the Committee on Health, Assembly Bill Number 5821A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6467A, Third Reading Calendar 1328.

Senator May moves to discharge, from the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications, Assembly Bill Number 3164 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 3533, Third Reading Calendar 1348.

Senator Hinchey moves to discharge, from the Committee on Agriculture, Assembly Bill Number 2935 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 5526, Third Reading Calendar 1353.

Senator Hinchey moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 7430 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7354, Third Reading Calendar 1419.

Senator Breslin moves to discharge, from the Committee on Finance, Assembly Bill Number 6164 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 3612, Third Reading Calendar 1184.

Senator Chu moves to discharge, from the Committee on Libraries, Assembly Bill

Number 6807 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 5986A, Third Reading Calendar 1212.

Senator Sepúlveda moves to discharge, from the Committee on Judiciary, Assembly Bill Number 7112 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 5835, Third Reading Calendar 794.

Senator Breslin moves to discharge, from the Committee on Insurance, Assembly Bill Number 7291 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7103, Third Reading Calendar 1191.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: So ordered.

Messages from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

Reports of select committees.

Communications and reports from state officers.

Motions and resolutions.

Senator Serrano.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you, Madam President.

Amendments are offered on the following Third Reading Calendar bills:

By Senator Webb, on page 50,

Calendar Number 1188, Senate Print 5959A;

Senator Mannion, page 31, Calendar Number 861, Senate Print 6463;

Senator Ryan, page 65, Calendar Number 1335, Senate Print 3100.

Madam President, I now move that these bills retain their place on the order of third reading.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The amendments are received, and the bills will retain their place on the Third Reading Calendar.

Senator Serrano.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you, Madam President.

By unanimous consent, I wish to call up the following bills, which were recalled from the Assembly and are now at the desk:

Bill Numbers 4041, 6410, 1535, 1683, and 2330.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 406, Senate Print 4041, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the Education Law.

Calendar Number 1064, Senate Print

6410, by Senator Ramos, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

Calendar Number 633, Senate Print 1535, by Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an act to amend the Executive Law.

Calendar Number 686, Senate Print 1683, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

Calendar Number 346, Senate Print 2330, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bills are restored to their place on the Third Reading Calendar.

Senator Serrano.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you, Madam President. I offer the following amendments to the aforementioned bills.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The amendments are received, and the bills will retain their place on the Third Reading Calendar.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you.

Can you recognize Senator Lanza.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Lanza.

SENATOR LANZA: Madam President, on behalf of Senator Rhoads, I wish to call up Bill Print Number 5850, recalled from the Assembly, which is now at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 804, Senate Print 5850, by Senator Rhoads, an act authorizing the Seaford Fire District to receive retroactive real property tax exempt status.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57.

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

SENATOR LANZA: Madam President, I

now offer the following amendments.

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

Senator Lanza.

SENATOR LANZA: Yes. Now, Madam President, on behalf of Senator Rhoads, on page 61 I offer the following amendments to Calendar Number 1299, Print Number 6858, and ask that said bill retain its place on Third Reading Calendar.

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

Senator Lanza.

SENATOR LANZA: Madam President, on behalf of Senator Borrello, I wish to call up Bill Print Number 6205, recalled from the Assembly, which is now at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 938, Senate Print 6205, by Senator Borrello, an act to amend Chapter 405 of the Laws of 2007.

SENATOR LANZA: Madam President, I

now move to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 57.

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

Senator Lanza.

SENATOR LANZA: On behalf of Senator Borrello, Madam President, I move to recommit Senate Print Number 6205, Calendar Number 938 on the order of third reading, to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, with instructions to said committee to strike out the enacting clause.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: So ordered.

SENATOR LANZA: Thank you, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Serrano.

SENATOR SERRANO: Could we please call on Senator Sanders for an introduction.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Sanders for an introduction.

SENATOR SANDERS: Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, I would like to draw the Senate's attention to five dignitaries who are joining us today, of which I will name but two. The first, of course, is former Member of the Assembly Aravella Simotas, who is here. And she is here with Ms. Jayee Koffey, who is with the Bank of New York Mellon, who is here to celebrate Founders Day.

Now, everyone in here of course has a connection to the Bank of New York Mellon. You all have seen the show Hamilton, or have heard of it, Hamilton. Well, I'm here to tell you that on June the 9th, 1784, Alexander Hamilton, the first Secretary of the Treasury, established the firm's predecessor, the Bank of New York.

The Bank of New York Mellon is America's oldest bank and the first company listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Ms. Jayee Koffey is the global head of enterprise execution and the chief corporate affairs officer. She is a member of the Bank of New York Mellon's

executive committee. She oversees the execution of significant enterprise priorities and provides leadership over the firm's corporate affairs.

I want to thank all of them for coming.

And I thank you, Madam President, for the introduction, if you would be so kind.

Thank you very much.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: To our guests, I welcome you on behalf of the Senate. We extend to you the privileges and courtesies of this house.

Please rise and be recognized.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Serrano.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you.

Madam President, I move to adopt the Resolution Calendar, with the exception of Resolution 1123.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: All those in favor of adopting the Resolution Calendar, with the exception of Resolution 1123, please signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Resolution Calendar is adopted.

Senator Serrano.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you, Madam President.

I now ask that Resolution 1123, by Senator Fernandez, be read title only, and call on Senator Fernandez.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution 1123, by Senator Fernandez, commemorating the 15th Anniversary of Communilife's Life is Precious Program.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Fernandez on the resolution.

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Thank you so much, Madam President.

With this resolution we celebrate 15 years of Communilife's Life is Precious program. The resolution recognizes the incredible work of an organization that has

dedicated its life to improving the lives of our fellow young citizens, particularly our Latina teenagers facing the challenges of mental health and suicide.

At the forefront of this remarkable initiative is the visionary leader Dr. Rosa Gil. Dr. Gil, the founder, president and CEO of Communilife, has been a driving force behind the Life is Precious program. Her unwavering commitment and tireless efforts has provided a lifeline to countless young girls in New York City, helping them find hope, support, and a renewed sense of purpose.

Dr. Gil's compassion and dedication have truly made a profound difference in the lives of these vulnerable teenagers.

Please join me in welcoming her today. She is up in the gallery, Dr. Rosa Gil. Thank you for being here.

The Life is Precious program has been instrumental in addressing the alarming rates of suicide among Latina teens, particularly those who are immigrants or first-generation Americans residing in low-income neighborhoods.

Through their four program sites in

the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Washington Heights -- and now newly opened sites in Poughkeepsie and Yonkers -- Life is Precious has extended its reach far and wide, offering a safe space for these young girls to receive vital support and guidance.

One of the key pillars of the Life is Precious program is its philosophy of survive, strive and thrive. This holistic approach encompasses academic support, wellness activities, expressive art therapy, and family services, empowering these teenagers to overcome adversity, develop their unique voices, and achieve their goals.

The program has become a beacon of hope, providing a nurturing environment where these young girls can envision a brighter future for themselves.

As we reflect on the immense impact of the Life is Precious program, it is crucial to acknowledge the broader scope of Communilife's work. Founded by Dr. Rosa Gil in 1989, Communilife has been a champion for vulnerable communities, providing culturally sensitive services to help individuals lead healthier and

more meaningful lives -- from addressing chronic homelessness, HIV and AIDS, and other major medical issues, to tackling serious mental illnesses and substance use disorders.

Communilife has consistently gone above and beyond to meet the diverse needs of New Yorkers. In 2022 alone, Communilife served over 3,000 low-income and vulnerable individuals, a significant portion of whom were African-American and Spanish-speaking. Through their comprehensive programs and unwavering support, Communilife has exemplified excellence in community service, enhancing the well-being and vitality of countless New Yorkers.

Therefore, today I stand in full support of this resolution and am so happy to know that 15 years later we are continuing to make such an impactful difference and saving lives.

The resolution serves as a testament to the remarkable impact Dr. Rosa Gil and her dedicated team have had on our communities. It is a call to action, urging us to recognize their achievements and express our sincere gratitude for the transformative work they continue to do.

Let us all join together in commemorating 15 years of Communilife, and also welcoming my good friend Dr. Rosa Gil to the Senate chambers today while we look forward to another 15, 20, 30, 50 years of saving lives.

Thank you so much.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Sepúlveda on the resolution.

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Thank you, Madam President, for allowing me to speak on this resolution.

My colleague Senator Fernandez has spoken about Communilife and the great work that it's done over the years in New York State. For those of you who don't know, one of the number-one causes -- or the number-one cause of death amongst young women 11 to 19 is suicide. Suicide ideation is also very prevalent amongst this age group, and Dr. Rosa Gil is a giant amongst the issue of mental health and suicide.

Over the last 15 years and even before that, she has helped thousands of people. She has transformed lives. She has transformed communities with the work that she has done.

And I can tell you a personal

experience of mine. Many of you know that my mother committed subside when I was 11 years old, and I've spoken about that experience. But for about 40 years, I never spoke about my mother's suicide. And a few years ago I met Dr. Gil, and within 20 minutes she opened up the floodgates for me to talk about the experience that I had and some of the pain that you feel when your mother takes her life at such a young age.

So her record, her humanity, speaks for itself. What this world needs is a thousand, a hundred thousand Dr. Gils to make our world better, to help our young women, to help young women who are having difficulties in their lives and think that suicide may be the only option. She has changed so many lives. She has changed the trajectory of so many people, so many young women in our community, that a resolution doesn't really do her the honor that she deserves. She deserves much more.

And so I am extremely proud to vote aye on this resolution and recognize a giant amongst all of us, Dr. Rosa Gil.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: To our

guest, I welcome you on behalf of the Senate. We extend to you the privileges and courtesies of this house.

Please rise and be recognized.

(Standing ovation.)

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

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The resolution is adopted.

Senator Serrano.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you, Madam President.

Let's -- at this time let's take up previously adopted Resolution 1065, by Senator Myrie, read the resolution title only, and call on Senator Myrie.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution 1065, by Senator Myrie, memorializing

Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 9, 2023, as Sneakers Day in the State of New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Myrie on the resolution.

SENATOR MYRIE: Thank you, Madam President.

Today is a good day, it's a fun day, because we deal with a lot of heavy things in this Legislature, we have a lot of heavy discussions about very important policy issues. But today is about the heat on your feet.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR MYRIE: Today is about expressing your personality. Today is about your comfort. Today is about functionality. It's whatever you want it to be. But it's your shoe, your sneaker, and it becomes something different when you step into it, to borrow a phrase.

I remember the first time I asked my mom for a pair of Jordans, Madam President, and my mom laughed me out of the room and said, "You can get as many sneakers as you want as soon as you get a job." So my very first job, my very first paycheck, I got a pair of Jordans. And my love for sneakers has continued since I was a

teenager at that time.

But it's also about representation. I have had people in my community come up to me and say, "I have never in my life seen a politician wear sneakers before." And for the young men in my community that look like me, it has taken on added significance, because they see themselves in us.

And that's just my story. But everyone else has a different story. I've talked to staff members in this building today who are so relieved and excited to have permission to wear sneakers to work. Everybody has their own story about it. But what's beautiful about today is that everyone can partake.

So I may disagree with Senator Lanza on some pretty important things, but I can recognize that he has some Yeezies on today --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR MYRIE: -- and that he's top tier when it comes to having sneakers.

We have individuals that help us keep this building running every single day who at times feel like they can't talk to us, but in the lead-up to today, I've had people show me the

sneakers that they planned to wear on Sneaker Day.

That connection, something that we can all share, is something I think we should remember when we do have our disagreements, when we are having passionate conversations about very important things. Let us remember how lighthearted and how universal sneakers can be and what they have been for today.

So, Madam President, I will be voting proudly in the affirmative for Sneaker Day, and I encourage my colleagues to do the same.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Bailey on the resolution.

SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you, Madam President.

First I want to give credit to my brother in arms, my brother in sneakers, sneaker exclusives. Exclusives. Senator Myrie, I want to thank you for coming up with the concept.

And as a fellow sneakerhead, I'm excited about today, because it's not just about the sneaker. It is about the culture that comes

with sneakers. And sometimes in life we bond as people over music, we bond over food, we bond over sports. And today we bond over sneakers.

When I was growing up, much like Senator Myrie, I was laughed out of a couple of rooms when I would ask for Jordans, and I was asked did they also pay for the Con Ed bill. The answer was no.

But one day my dad came home with a pair of Jordan 3s. And like Common Sense said in his song "I Used to Love H.E.R.": I met this girl when I was 10 years old, and what I love so much about her, she has so much soul. Not just S-O-U-L, S-O-L-E.

That's when I fell in love with sneakers. Not just the color, but the composition, the material, the differences between each sneaker.

See, we didn't have a car growing up, Madam President, so my sneakers were my Cadillac. Many people that I grew up with, we used the MTA, and that bus was our limousine. But on our feet were our Mercedes Benzes and our BMWs and our Ferraris. And things that we wouldn't be able to see, we saw them on our feet.

And it created an ability to bond with each other.

Like Nike's famous sneaker, the Air Force 1, they are called Uptowns, folks. Just want to make sure we are very clear. And that we're very clear that the leader is wearing a pair of Uptowns today.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR BAILEY: And I want to thank her for not just participating in Sneaker Day, but permitting us to be able to have such a day.

Like I'm just thinking about, like, growing up and listening to people -- my uncles, with the My Adidas and the K-Swiss and the Clyde PUMAs and the LA Gears with the light-ups. I used to beg my mom for those sneakers too, even like I look back, they're pretty wack, but --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR BAILEY: But like -- but there was something about just sneaker culture, how ingrained it was with hip-hop.

And you've heard me wax poetic, or sometimes not so poetic, about my love for hip-hop. There is a significant cultural

intertwining between sneakers and hip-hop culture.

Like Patrick Ewing, famous New York Knicks center, had a pair of sneakers that were incredibly popular, the Ewings. Reebok Classics, 54.11, size 7 in girl's. They used to be 49.99. And in New York City, with the tax, they used to come out to $54.11.

These are things that you remember growing up, right? Shell toe Adidas, the Stan Smiths, the Chuck Taylors, the Converse with the REACT Juice. The Nikes. And I've always been a big fan of Nikes. Maybe -- maybe it's because I'm a sucker for marketing, Madam President, I don't know. But it's a level of comfort that their shoes brought.

Right now I'm wearing a pair of Air Max 90s to commemorate Puerto Rican Parade Day. But there are so many different sneakers. I don't have a -- I can't name a favorite of mine. But if you push me a little bit, I can tell you top five. I'm going to go with the Air Max 95s, the green and grays. I'm going to go with the Jordan 1s in any color you want, Madam President. I'm going to go with the

Air Max 90s right here. I'm going to go with the Foamposites; I used to be a Foamposite guy. They used to be called space shoes. But they were incredibly comfortable. And the fifth would be the Nike Dunk, a high or a low, your choice.

So I just want everybody to think about the significance of what sneakers mean to you. You might remember your first pair; you might not. But there's something that can unite us. And I want us to remember this day, like Senator Myrie said. Remember the comfort, remember the relief from your back pain that you have walking on these marble floors in these wonderful sneakers.

And, Madam President, I got 99 problems, but my kicks ain't one.

(Laughter.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Rolison on the resolution.

SENATOR ROLISON: Thank you, Madam President.

And, you know, as I think most of you know, my dad served in this chamber from 1966 to 1990. I daresay that during that time there was probably not a pair of sneakers worn in here.

And here we've come to having an actual Sneaker Day here in the State Capitol.

And I want to thank my colleagues, Senator Bailey and Senator Myrie, who, you know, put a little subtle pressure on me -- because I see them quite often in the hallway -- what was I going to do, how was I going to rise up to try to do the right thing.

And I'd said to Senator Bailey, I said, Well, you know, I really -- I love this pair of sneakers that I used to wear in college and when I was first on the job, and they were white and they had a red stripe -- oh, that's Cortez. Right? Boom, he knew it, just like that.

So I only had one pair of sneakers, because I only use them when I'm out in the morning with the dog, in the early evening. So this forced me to go to DSW.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR ROLISON: And I went the other day. And as you -- you're living in that world, and obviously I'm not, but now I am rocking a new pair of Adidas with cloud foam on the bottom.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR ROLISON: I -- sliding across that concourse today --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR ROLISON: It felt good. It felt really good.

But, you know, going there and getting really like engrossed in all of the sneakers. It was a tough choice. And I settled on these, because I wanted to do blue because I know they would go with other outfits down the road.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR ROLISON: And while I was there, I bought a pair of Florsheim, kind of the dress sneaker, which I will wear next week. Because I'm one of these guys that always takes a little longer than others to get there. Right? To do the dress-down thing.

I'm a big loafer guy. And tomorrow I'll have the loafers back on. I even brought them with me in a shoe bag just in case these didn't work out today. So they're in the car down in the parking garage.

But again, to what both of you said,

this is a way, you know, to kind of just get together, feel good. Same thing with the staff, you know, wanting to talk about it. Nick Eastman, our session assistant, he's rocking out a pair of sneakers today that I know you were talking to him about as well too.

So I just want to thank you. And I -- Madam President, I know I've gone on way too long, but I wanted to just say I proudly vote aye on this resolution today.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Lanza on the resolution.

SENATOR LANZA: Madam President, I rise to support the resolution.

I thank Senator Myrie for bringing it to the floor. I think it's pretty clear here Senator Rolison's hooked. You've converted him. I'm going to check his registration card tomorrow.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LANZA: Just to make sure it ends here --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LANZA: -- at sneakers.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LANZA: You know, Madam President, you know, you wear something long enough, there's a chance it might become fashionable. As some of you know, I've been wearing sneakers around here for, I don't know, about 12 or 13 years. I used to get a lot of funny faces. Sometimes it was about the sneakers.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LANZA: But it was not -- I still get a lot of funny faces, and it's definitely not about the sneakers.

But it wasn't -- I didn't receive any sort of acceptance until Senators Myrie and Bailey arrived to the New York State Senate. And this is something that we've shared for quite a while now. And as Senator Myrie said, it is about more than sneakers or clothes, it's about the things that truly do unite us.

Yes, the politics unites us and sometimes divides us. And that's okay. But it's the human things -- the sneakers, the clothes, the food, the culture, the family, the neighborhoods, the sports teams. All those

things. And there are lots of them that unite us, and this is one of them.

So certainly Senators Myrie, Bailey and myself may not be birds of the same political feather, but the mighty sneaker means that we certainly flock together. And I really enjoy it. I enjoy the friendship, and I enjoy the fact that you now extend that friendship to everyone here and around the state.

You know, Senator Myrie, when you talked about Jordans, I am -- Madam President, you might know -- considerably older than both Senator Myrie and Senator Bailey. And so for me, that question was not about Jordans. When I was I think in the eighth grade, or maybe a freshman in high school, up until then, sneakers were all the same. You had Converse, you had Keds, you had Flyers. They were all canvas. They were white or they were black. I think my sneakers came from a basket in the supermarket, most often.

And I'm not complaining or anything; I was very lucky. But I knew I needed new sneakers when, if it was raining outside, I would feel the water come through the hole in the sole

of my sneaker and get to my sock.

So I remember a kid came into class one day, and he had these things, they looked like they were from Mars. And they weren't canvas, they were actually suede. And they had this stripe that came up. And we were all just marveling at what they were. And they were PUMAs. They were the first sort of -- kind of boutique-type sneaker. And then quickly thereafter, Adidas came out with the Clydes.

And I went home, just like Senator Myrie, and I sheepishly said, "Hey, Mom, you think I can get one of these pairs of sneakers? They're called PUMAs." And she said, "Sure, honey, where do you get them?" I said, "I think they're $30." She said: "You better talk to your dad."

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LANZA: And so I gathered the courage and I asked my father if I could have these $30 sneakers. A long time ago. I will never -- I still have, thank God, my father, 88 years old. I will never forget the look on his face.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LANZA: I didn't get those sneakers. Until about a year later, somehow my mother figured out a way. And when I did, that started a long love affair with sneakers.

And my sneakers may have come out of the basket at the supermarket; now you get them in a boutique on Fifth Avenue. I mean, it's crazy how the sneakers evolved. And it's made it officially to the New York State Senate. I think it's a good thing. It's okay.

And to Senator Bailey's point, my youngest, my son, just turned 19, and we were talking about sneakers and Yeezies and all these things. And, you know, both my daughters played sports -- soccer, basketball. My son, basketball, baseball. And it is neat when you show up at the field after an event. You have a suit on, and you've got the sneakers, and the kids surround you. And it's just great. And I love it. I really do love it.

So I was telling him that -- he was talking about Jordans, and I told him, "You know, I had one of the first Jordans." I had my first job, I was working in Manhattan, and I picked up these new things called Jordans. And he said,

"Come on, Dad. What did you do with them?" I said, "I think they're in Grandpa's house right now." He -- I never saw him move so quickly.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LANZA: And he went over there, and he brought them home. And to him, he had discovered gold, and they're sneakers. And that's pretty cool.

And I thank Senator Myrie.

Madam President, I support this resolution.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Tedisco on the resolution.

SENATOR TEDISCO: Well, I can go back, Madam President and my colleagues, a little bit farther back than my colleague Senator Lanza.

But I want to thank Senator Myrie and Senator Bailey for releasing us --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR TEDISCO: -- to allow us to put on these sneakers to be comfortable. I hadn't put them on for a long time, and I hadn't thought about the importance and significance of these sneakers.

When you think about it, there would

be no LeBron James, there would be no Kobe Bryant, there would be no NBA championship game tomorrow that we could watch and enjoy the excellence of those players, if at some point they didn't have these sneakers to wear.

And they're an unbelievable tool, when you think about it. I saw the good Senator Krueger in the back room there. She's so deft on her feet when she's debating and everything. So I said to her, "Where are your sneakers?" I said, "You'd be a great scoring and shooting guard."

(Laughter.)

SENATOR TEDISCO: So she's going to think about it, and maybe she'll get herself a pair. Because you'd be surprised how good it feels to put your feet in the sneakers.

But when you talk about the evolution, I think I go back just about farther than most people in this room. I started off with PF Flyers. And my whole life, sneakers were the most important thing I ever had in my life, most important tool. I wouldn't have got to college without sneakers. I wouldn't have got to college if I went out every single day and played

eight or 10 hours on a court to practice what I did, and get a scholarship so I could play and get a degree from Union College and then go on to St. Rose, get a master's degree, then become a person who had, I say tongue-in-cheek, a real job. I was an educator for 10 years, and I coached for 10 years. But it was the most important part of my life to have those sneakers.

Basketball was everything to me. Now, you're looking at me and saying, Tedisco's five-foot-seven-and-a-half; how is basketball everything to him? Well, I was 6 foot 10 when I got to the Legislature --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR TEDISCO: You should have seen me walking down the hall. Tall.

And of course I've been in the minority for 40 years. And then I got to the promised land for two years, and then you took it away from me --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR TEDISCO: -- like Al Pacino said that. Was it him who said that?

(Laughter.)

SENATOR TEDISCO: But it was PF Flyers. And just like Senator Lanza, I'd wear those things out. There were big holes. And when I'd go to my dad and say, "I need another pair of PF Flyers," he'd come out with a beautiful piece of cardboard cut like this, and he'd put them in my sneakers. And I could go with them for another couple or two or three months, and finally he'd relent and buy me another pair.

Then Keds I bought.

And then the last high school All Star game I played -- and I showed it to Senator Bailey; I've got a picture of it right here if anybody wants to see it -- I was playing in an All Star game at the La Salett Seminary down in Altamont here. It was State of New York, Vermont -- I told Senator Breslin today -- Connecticut and Massachusetts, all of the All Stars.

Who represents Roosevelt High School

in here? Roosevelt High School. Somebody's got to be a Senator from Roosevelt High School.

SENATOR RHOADS: Kevin Thomas.

SENATOR TEDISCO: Who?

SENATOR RHOADS: Senator Thomas.

SENATOR TEDISCO: Senator Thomas, okay.

The most important man in history from that school is the man I played with in 1968 in the All Star game. He scored 30,000 votes as an NBA and ABA player. He's only one of three players that did that.

And this is the picture of him, with me standing next to him. You probably can't see it. If you want to see it, he's in the corner. His name is Dr. J, Julius Erving. We had the opportunity to play in an All Star game together.

Now, I played with some of you guys maybe in this room and early on in the Assembly. But the greatest honor I ever had was to play with Julius Erving in an All Star game -- and probably never passed him the ball when I played with him. And he probably will remember me for that, because I took more shots than he probably did.

But in that game we were wearing canvas All Stars. You remember those? And when I asked my dad -- that became the top of the line when I was in high school, and then when I went on to play at Union College. And I think they were $5 when I asked him to buy it. And he worked in the foundry at the General Electric his entire life. And like Senator Lanza's father, when I said $5, smoke started coming out of his head, and he goes: "You want to come down to the foundry and work for me to earn that $5?" No, I don't want to go there.

But my entire life, I never really thought about it that way. I thought about the ball I played with, the uniforms -- but sneakers are the key. If you have the sneakers, you can get out there and play. If you have the sneakers, you can build relationships.

Built tremendous relationships playing out on courts in the playgrounds, in the college. We have a reunion every five years from my college for my team. We're the best win/loss record in the history of Union College. It's a college that's 300 years old.

Any of you remember Mike Doyle? He

was a lobbyist here. We used to call him Big Oil Doyle. He was for the oil company. He played with me. He died a couple of years ago. Tremendous rebounder. A great asset to me as being a part of my life.

And 11 out of 12 players came back to that last reunion five years ago, over 50 years, all of our coaches. And my coach -- I'll close by telling you this -- was Gary Walters, who played with Bill Bradley at Princeton. He came from Middlebury to coach us at Union College, and then he became the athletic director at Princeton. And later on Bill Carmody, who played with me at Union, was the coach at Princeton, and he was the Coach of the Year one year.

So sneakers are important not only for what we do here, and the relationships we have -- and we don't have enough camaraderie, you know? I'm a pretty tough debater sometimes when I go after some people, I understand that. Because I'm like you: I love the job I do, I love the people I represent. I want to stand up for them. I want this to be the greatest state in the nation.

And -- but it's good to have this type of camaraderie. And I thank you for helping to build that. And let us understand. Something that we don't think about that much can bring people together from both sides of the aisle from a lot of different opinions.

So I thank you, Madam Speaker, for the opportunity to say a few words.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Borrello on the resolution.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you so much, Madam President.

First of all, I want to thank the sponsors.

And, you know, I think some of you know me well enough to know that I have a shoe problem. Like a shoe problem that would make Imelda Marcos blush. So trying to choose some shoes was difficult today for me, and I actually had to have a conference with both Senator Myrie and Senator Bailey to ask what the parameters were here: "Can you wear those -- like the ones that are like dress shoes on top and sneakers on the bottom?" And they said, "Whatever you want to do, however you want to do it."

And it's been great to see all the shoes and -- Senator Comrie, have you seen Senator Comrie's shoes? Those -- I mean, those are fantastic. Classic.

So, you know, we've got a big few days ahead of us. We're going to go through a hundred-plus bills a day. It's going to be stressful. I just want to thank both of you for making this a fun day for all of us here. Very much appreciate it.

My chosen pair was my Allen Edmonds, which are a great brand -- an American brand, as a matter of fact. And this has been so much fun.

And, Madam President, I proudly vote aye. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Cleare on the resolution.

SENATOR CLEARE: Thank you, Madam President.

I just wanted to get up, as one of the women --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR CLEARE: -- and say how much I appreciate you doing this today. Because sneakers -- you know, for me, the evolution told

another story. It told a story, an additional story about a culture: Urban culture and inner-city culture. Kids. Hip-hop.

And we made sneakers popular. You know? We made them step up their game, and sneakers became something different. I grew up with Pro Keds and Converse too, but I never really looked at sneakers as something, growing up, that I wanted to wear necessarily. But when they started making all these wonderful sneakers, they started making them for women. You know, at one time there was just one kind of sneakers.

And I have to believe that that encouraged some young women to become athletic, to participate in sports, to feel comfortable, because you could be cute and sporty. And, you know, I just look at that and I think it's wonderful.

Also look at all the financial opportunities that sneakers brought to people who weren't necessarily getting paid good money to play ball and play other sports. But people like Jordan, LeBron, Patrick, so many people who brought sneakers out and made financial opportunities. And I'm just really proud of that

culture. I'm proud of that hip-hop culture that brought that.

And of course as you mentioned earlier, Senator Bailey, we got a sneaker called the Uptowns. And there's a reason for that. We made the Uptowns popular, and everybody wanted to be Uptown.

So you find sneakers named in so many rap songs, I can't even count all of them. My Adidas that I have on today, and, you know, all the other sneakers, I just think it's really good.

And Senator Myrie, you said something very important. Young people relate, people in the community relate to sneakers. And when they see you in sneakers, they see themselves.

So I think it's something that brings them into the process and makes them feel comfortable as well. So there's more comfort in sneakers than just what's on your feet. There's comfort from our young people, from our communities. And I'm very proud to know that my community of Harlem and El Barrio and the Bronx helped make sneakers popular.

Thank you. And I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick on the resolution.

SENATOR CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK: Thank you, Madam President.

Yes, I have to join Senator Cleare as a representative of the women in the chamber.

I want to thank both the sponsors. Senator Myrie, you and I have from the very beginning enjoyed a lovely interaction. And just the other day, we talked about my sparkly jacket that you noticed. And this just adds to it, that sneakers are part of who we are.

I typically am a very formal person, and I've got my pearls on with my sneakers, like Madam President. And it's a wonderful statement. It's a wonderful sense that you have now extended to everybody.

And as Senator Lanza said, it's about the friendship that we enjoy here today. And sneakers, yes, have come so far. Who'd have thought that we would have a movie about Air Jordans, right, and an entire movie about a sneaker.

So thank you so much for bringing

this today. I proudly vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The resolution was previously adopted on 5/23.

And we're all wearing our sneakers today. I have on my sneakers, just so -- Senator Myrie and Senator Bailey pushed me into getting it. Just letting everyone know.

(Laughter.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Serrano.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you.

Madam President, can we please take up previously adopted Resolution 830, by Senator Krueger. Please read that resolution title only and call on Senator Krueger.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution 830, by Senator Krueger, commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Postpartum Resource Center of New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Krueger on the resolution.

SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you, Madam President.

It seems unfair I'm going after sneakers.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR KRUEGER: But I do want to just add my voice to pointing out I've been here 21 years; I've only learned, in the last week and a half, my Republican colleagues are actually funny.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR KRUEGER: But -- less funny -- I want to stand to honor a woman I have known for multiple years now, Sonia Murdock, who is one of the two founders of the Postpartum Resource Center, which for 25 years has served as a not-for-profit organization, even when they had barely a dime to their name and were operating out of a kitchen table, trying to make sure that the women and men in this state understood that depression during pregnancy and after pregnancy is a very serious, very real medical issue, with real solutions when women are diagnosed and get the treatment they need.

And now today, in 2023, more of us know about this. The healthcare field and providers are more knowledgeable. We have passed

laws here in the Senate I'm very proud of having been involved in, that ensure that women are reviewed and diagnosed early.

But it goes back I believe to what was being said earlier about Dr. Rosa Gil. There are women and men in our communities who take it upon themselves to change the world, to save lives, to save women from suicide and lives of misery, who ensure that young children actually can bond successfully with their mothers in their first year of life, which is crucial to them for the rest of their lives.

And like many people, Sonia Murdock's path in this direction grew out of tragedy in her own family, because a family member did not get the care she needed.

And so I invited Sonia up today, knowing we would be doing this resolution to honor her and also to honor Emily Sampino, who worked with her to start this organization, and to just recognize that they continue, 25 years later now, to provide a statewide helpline that people from every one of our districts call to learn about what is going on in their own lives or their family members' lives and what can be

done about it.

And she sincerely and this organization sincerely have been responsible for saving endless, countless lives of women and young children and, I would argue, countless marriages also, when people don't understand what's going on with their loved ones.

So I would love for you to recognize Sonia Murdock and for us to thank her and her organization for the amazing work they've been doing for 25 years, and to hope they will continue it for another 25 years.

Thank you, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: To our guests, I welcome you on behalf of the Senate. We extend to you all the privileges and courtesies of this house.

Please rise and be recognized.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The resolution was adopted on May 2nd.

Senator Serrano.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you, Madam President.

Let's please take up previously

adopted Resolution 991, by Senator Hinchey, read that resolution title only, and call on Senator Hinchey.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution 991, by Senator Hinchey, memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2023 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in the State of New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Hinchey on the resolution.

SENATOR HINCHEY: Thank you, Madam President.

Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses have become a public health crisis. If you live in a rural community, a suburban community, in even some of our urban communities, the threat from Lyme disease or another tick-borne illness is grave.

I think everyone knows either someone in their family or another person in their community -- at least one -- who's been impacted by Lyme disease.

This is a disease that sticks with

you for life. It causes severe health impacts, cognitive issues, and other debilitating outcomes. And often this disease is not well understood. The data is not tracked, people don't understand what the repercussions are. They don't even know how to look for it.

We're told often that when you get a bull's-eye -- when you're bitten by a tick, you will get a bull's-eye. That only happens in a small percentage of cases. And so it's actually something that's really difficult to diagnose and to understand.

For me personally, we believe that my uncle actually passed away from undiagnosed Lyme disease from just working in his backyard on Long Island. Every family has some story similar to that.

Here, it's estimated that nearly half a million people are diagnosed with Lyme each year. And for over a decade, New York has been one of 10 states with the most Lyme cases. And the areas that I represent in Dutchess, Ulster and Columbia counties have some of the highest numbers of deer ticks in the entire state.

We have to bring more awareness to both Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses, to be able not just to save lives, but to find a treatment and to also understand how vast this issue and this disease is, how prevalent it is across our communities.

This resolution proclaiming the month of May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month here in the State of New York is just one step towards making sure more people can stay safe and be protected. And I am proud to vote aye, and I thank the leader and this chamber for bringing it forward.

Thank you very much.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Rolison on the resolution.

SENATOR ROLISON: Thank you, Madam President.

I want to thank Senator Hinchey, the sponsor of this resolution, in bringing awareness to Lyme disease. As Senator Hinchey said, the Hudson Valley has been the epicenter, from the beginning, with Lyme disease.

I myself had Lyme disease at least twice. And I live in the City of Poughkeepsie,

so you don't have to necessarily be out in the fields or in the woods to have a tick and to get Lyme disease. Many family members also -- one family member actually had Lyme disease in such a way that he was on IV fluids for several weeks to help bring that under control. Which, thankfully, it did.

In the early days when Lyme disease wasn't even really a term, and it was going undiagnosed, as Senator Hinchey has said, I had several friends who still to this day suffer the effects of Lyme disease in a very serious way.

So this is another great reason to have resolutions like this proclaiming months and days and weeks with certain things, because everybody leads a busy life, and sometimes we forget about taking the simple precautions that we can all take when we're outside to keep ticks off of us, both on ourselves and on our pets.

And I proudly vote aye, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Mannion on the resolution.

SENATOR MANNION: Thank you, Madam President.

Thank you to Senator Hinchey for bringing forward this resolution.

Lyme disease and tick-borne illnesses are an emerging and exponential disease. It's exponentially growing. We are in a crisis. And this disease is challenging to diagnose. There is currently no vaccine for humans. And the treatment can be challenging as well.

This is personal for me. One of my children, entering their senior year of high school, contracted Lyme disease, was unaware that it was Lyme. And the only positive that came from it was that the symptoms were so acute that my child had to be treated. It quickly progressed into what is referred to as Lyme meningitis, and that child had to be hospitalized for five days. Her cerebral spinal fluid pressure is normally under 20, and that was at 55 when she was at the hospital. She had blurred vision, loss of vision, crossed eyes. And we're very fortunate that we have the medical care here in New York State and around the country to deal with that.

But we must do more. And I was

happy to ask our new -- soon to be new, and current interim commissioner of the Department of Health a question on it, because we must pay greater attention to it. It is silently, harshly, impacting the lives of many New Yorkers.

I thank the Senator again for this resolution, and I proudly vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Harckham on the resolution.

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Thank you very much, Madam President.

I want to thank Senator Hinchey for bringing this resolution to the floor.

I want to thank the colleagues who have just spoken on this disease. I share their sentiments.

Tick-borne diseases -- Lyme, babesiosis, Bartonella -- you know, we talk in terms of behavioral co-occurring disorders. There are also co-infections of tick-borne illnesses.

What is important, I think, in addition to what colleagues have said, is the institutional stigma that exists against Lyme disease still to this day in the medical

community and in the insurance industry.

And up until only a few years ago, New York State was going after the licenses of doctors who had the temerity to treat long-term Lyme or chronic Lyme, something that some in the medical community still deny exists. Some in the insurance company deny treatments for long-term Lyme and chronic Lyme conditions such as you've heard expressed here today.

So it's important that we get the word out about prevention. But certainly we in this chamber need to do more in terms of breaking down the barriers, in terms of medical care, in terms of insurance.

And this is also another harbinger of climate change, is that we no longer have the snowpacks that used to kill ticks in the winter. The tick populations are growing and moving to areas where they never did before. They're moving further north, moving into urban areas. So this is a much greater challenge.

So I want to thank the sponsor, I want to thank everybody who's spoken on this, and take this as a call to action -- not just in terms of awareness, but in terms of public

policy, to break down barriers in medical care and insurance for people living with Lyme.

I vote aye. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The resolution was previously adopted on May 16th.

Senator Serrano.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you, Madam President.

Let's now take up previously adopted Resolution 1096, by Senator May, read that resolution title only, and call on Senator May.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution 1096, by Senator May, memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2023 as Bike Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with National Bike Month.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator May on the resolution.

SENATOR MAY: Thank you, Madam President.

I ask everyone to picture a bicycle in your mind. If you're imagining two equal-sized wheels joined by a chain on a frame

with a seat and handlebars, that's the iconic bike that was first produced in 1885. And in all the 14 decades since then, no one has come up with a more efficient form of transportation.

To go a mile on a bike takes about half the calories it takes to walk a mile, and it gets you there much faster. A small car with one passenger takes 50 to 80 times as much as power to go a mile, and it comes with a lot of environmental, health and safety problems as well.

So in that context, I am thrilled to speak in favor of this resolution naming May Bike Month in New York State. Biking is fun, it's healthy, it's green, it's economical. It's more and more accessible, as we see e-bikes, recumbent bikes, bikes with trailers, bike share options. We're also seeing more and more of New York State itself become accessible by bike, now that the Empire State Trail is fully open and many localities are developing their own bike paths and bike trails.

This past Saturday I had the pleasure of marking the second anniversary of the Syracuse Bike Party, which meets every last

Saturday of the month. This month we had about 200 joyous folks of all ages and backgrounds on all kinds of two-wheeled contraptions, seeing neighborhoods of the city most of them had never traversed before, as children waved gleefully from their porches.

Last week two of our colleagues biked up to session in Albany from New York City.

I looking forward to welcoming some of you to join me on the newly opened stretch of the Empire Trail that runs right through the middle of Syracuse. And I invite all of my colleagues to celebrate Bike Month and enjoy bike riding any time of the year.

I vote aye. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank you.

The resolution was previously adopted on May 23rd.

Senator Serrano.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you, Madam President.

At the request of the sponsors, the resolutions are all open for cosponsorship.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The

resolutions are open for cosponsorship. Should you choose not to be a cosponsor on the resolutions, please notify the desk.

Senator Serrano.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you.

At this time let's please take up the reading of the calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 126, Senate Print 1201, by Senator Parker, an act to amend the Public Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 126, voting in the negative: Senator Walczyk.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 242, Senate Print 134, by Senator Krueger, an act to amend the Public Health Law and the Civil Rights Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 370, Assembly Print Number 1686A, by Assemblymember Hunter, an act to amend the Private Housing Finance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This

act shall take effect on the 180th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 392, Senate Print 4970, by Senator Jackson, an act in relation to directing the Division of Housing and Community Renewal to study nonrental fees charged by landlords.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to

Calendar Number 392, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 42. Nays, 16.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 438, Senate Print 2714, by Senator Kennedy, an act to amend the Highway Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 438, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,

Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 40. Nays, 18.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 458, Senate Print 438, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Election Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 491, Assembly Print Number 3110, by Assemblymember Magnarelli, an act to amend the Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 491, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 40. Nays, 18.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 504, Assembly Bill Number 5772, by Assemblymember Lavine, an act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 504, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 43. Nays, 15.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 576, Senate Print 5414, by Senator Hoylman-Sigal, Concurrent Resolution of the Senate and Assembly proposing amendments to Article 6 of the Constitution.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 576, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Griffo, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, Ortt, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 44. Nays, 14.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 607, Assembly Print Number 6856, by Assemblymember Pheffer Amato, an act to amend the Civil Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 662, Senate Print Number 5444, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 662, voting in the negative: Senator Walczyk.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 665, Senate Print 5597, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the Banking Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 665, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Helming, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 47. Nays, 11.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 684, Senate Print 6112, by Senator Stavisky, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 684, voting in the negative: Senator Walczyk.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 750, Senate Print Number 6525, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to amend the Private Housing Finance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Scarcella-Spanton to explain her vote.

SENATOR SCARCELLA-SPANTON: Thank you, Madam President.

And thank you to my colleagues here in the Senate for all your support in helping pass this legislation, which will provide much-needed support and assistance to our veterans.

Our veterans, particularly those with service-related disabilities, often face unique challenges when transitioning back to civilian life. Stable and affordable housing is a crucial aspect of this transition, as it provides a solid foundation upon which veterans can rebuild their lives and reintegrate into civilian life.

The Affordable Homeownership Development Program is designed to help individuals and families achieve their dream of owning a home by providing financial assistance and support. This program has already had a positive impact on many New Yorkers, helping them secure affordable housing and build a better future for themselves and their families.

By giving veterans who have service-related injuries access to affordable

homeownership opportunities, we are helping them achieve stability, independence, and a sense of belonging to their communities. This legislation is a crucial step towards providing vital support and opportunities for those who have served our country, and especially those with service-related disabilities.

These brave men and women have made immense sacrifices to protect our freedoms, and this bill is just one way that we can support them the way they have always supported us. I proudly vote aye, and I encourage my colleagues to do the same.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Scarcella-Spanton to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 753, Senate Print 4738, by Senator Kennedy, an act to amend the General Municipal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 753, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Krueger, Martinez, May and Ryan. Also Senator Lanza.

Ayes, 53. Nays, 5.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 767, Senate Print 3257, by Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an act to amend the Public Officers Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 767, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 42. Nays, 16.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 771, Senate Print 6433, by Senator Mannion, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 774, Senate Print 6095, by Senator Cleare, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 782, Senate Print 5984A, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the Election Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 782, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 40. Nays, 18.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 794, Assembly Print Number 7112, by Assemblymember Pheffer Amato, an act to amend the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 794, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Tedisco and Weber. Also Senator Gallivan.

Ayes, 48. Nays, 10.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 801, Senate Print 3409, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the General Municipal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 801, those Senators voting in the

negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 41. Nays, 17.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 806, Senate Print 6312, by Senator Kennedy, an act to amend the General Municipal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 813, Senate Print 6342, by Senator Stavisky, an

act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 838, Senate Print Number 2919, by Senator Cleare, an act to amend the Executive Law and the State Finance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator

Cleare to explain her vote.

SENATOR CLEARE: Thank you, Madam President.

Sadly, the consequences of redlining are still being felt throughout our communities nearly a hundred years after the abhorrent FHA sanction process locked Black families out of stable affordable housing and opportunities for growth, advancement and the type of generational wealth that others may take for granted. The system that was put in place, with red lines separating those who could get a mortgage from those who could not, is in many ways still in place.

This bill is part of a series of efforts to deal with this unfortunate and punitive legacy of housing discrimination. This bill is designed to discourage appraisal discrimination, as study after study have shown that race and the racial composition of homebuyers, sellers and neighborhoods, have a disparate impact that still disadvantages people of color.

Consider this New York Times headline from 2022: Home appraised with a Black

owner, $472,000; with a white owner, $750,000.

This bill will root out those who engage in appraisal discrimination, revoke their licenses, if necessary, and fine them, with those fines being directed back into antidiscrimination efforts in housing.

It is the very least we can do to help change a system that has held certain people back for nearly a century, and I proudly vote aye.

Thank you.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 838, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Griffo, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 47. Nays, 11.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 845, Assembly Print Number 4972A, by Assemblymember Braunstein, an act to amend the

Real Property Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 849, Assembly Bill Number 6017, by Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 850, Senate Print 4787, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 851, Senate Print 4889, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Social Services Law and the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 851, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ortt, Palumbo and Walczyk.

Ayes, 55. Nays, 3.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 854, Senate Print 5815, by Senator Mannion, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect June 1, 2024.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 856, Senate Print 6075, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Fernandez to explain her vote.

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I want to thank everyone for bringing this bill to the floor.

At a time that we're seeing attacks on our neighbors for their religion, how they look, how they live, this bill is so important to protect those that practice whatever religion they have, wearing religious garb, and would now create a statute that this is an aggravated

assault. It would protect them in getting justice from an attacker that would attack their choice of wardrobe based on their religion, whether it be a turban or a hijab or whatever have you.

But this is a protection of your right to practice and to express your religion as you choose. And should you be attacked, there will be consequences.

So I thank the conference for supporting this bill, and I proudly vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 869, Senate Print 5302, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the Penal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 882, Senate Print 6404, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Hinchey to explain her vote.

SENATOR HINCHEY: Thank you, Madam President.

It is incredibly important that we hit our renewable energy goals and the goals set forth in the CLCPA. But it's also incredibly

important that we're protecting agricultural land and supporting our communities in more rural areas, which are often sited for these solar energy projects.

And I had the opportunity to ask the executive director of ORES numerous times through budget hearings, as well as in our Energy Committee, who was looking at cumulative impacts and who was compiling a full document, a map, a full list, of Article 10s and 94C projects, so that we can get a holistic view of what's being proposed.

We also want to make sure that we actually are on track to hit the goals of the CLCPA, and so therefore we should know what's in the pipeline and what's scaling up, and therefore what we also need to do to hit those goals.

It was a shock to me to find out we actually didn't have a comprehensive map. And so that's what this bill sets forth to do, to actually create a map that lives publicly, that people can see where projects are being sited, where they're being developed, and that way municipalities and communities can find locations that are suitable for development and we can also

make sure that we're hitting our goals understanding what's in the pipeline and what's already green-lit.

This is a commonsense bill that I'm really proud to bring forward. I thank the chamber for voting on this today. And for that, Madam President, I vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 889, Senate Print 6745, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 990, Senate Print 3313A, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Legislative Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 997, Senate Print 682, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 997, voting in the negative: Senator Walczyk.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1000, Senate Print 4907A, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Public Health Law and the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Krueger to explain her vote.

SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you,

Madam President. I rise to support the bill.

Many of us know that medical debt is in fact the largest debt that American citizens are carrying, and it can literally destroy their lives. And this simple bill will at least protect them from some of the most aggressive behaviors by private entities and ensure that their credit records are not destroyed, so that they can continue the rest of their lives while they struggle to figure out how to pay their medical bills.

And frankly, it's very disturbing that considering what a huge percentage of New Yorkers are covered by health insurance, that we still have unbelievably high medical debt, with people's bank accounts being taken from them, liens put on their homes, inability to borrow money or pay for their children's education. We have to get our arms around this in a much broader way.

But I certainly support this bill and urge my colleagues to do the same.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1000, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Oberacker, Stec, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 50. Nays, 8.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1007, Senate Print 2706, by Senator Harckham, an act to establish the East of Hudson watershed road salt reduction task force.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1007, voting in the negative are Senators Lanza and Oberacker.

Ayes, 56. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1009, Assembly Print Number 3720, by Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1014, Assembly Print Number 5516, by Assemblymember Hunter, an act to amend the Banking Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1024, Senate Print 2747, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Executive Law and the Criminal Procedure Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1024, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Helming, Oberacker, Ortt, Tedisco and Walczyk.

Ayes, 53. Nays, 5.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1025, Senate Print 2913A, by Senator May, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator May to explain her vote.

SENATOR MAY: Thank you, Madam President.

A recent study found that about two out of every five college students experience food insecurity. They are balancing paying tuition and paying rent and buying their books

and buying food, and many of them are coming up short when it comes to the food piece of that.

And so this bill would make grants to SUNY institutions, public colleges, to create a task force to help students navigate the SNAP program and to help establish food pantries on these campuses.

I'm pleased that this morning, in his State of the University address, Chancellor King announced an additional million-dollar investment in food pantries at SUNY institutions. I hope that together we can truly create hunger-free campuses, as this bill attempts to do.

So I vote aye with great pride.

Thank you.

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

Senator Murray to explain his vote.

SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you, Madam President.

While I certainly do support the bill and support the effort -- we don't want hungry students -- I can't help but point out that when we talk about forming these grants, I'm

looking for the amount that it would cost, and under the "Fiscal Impact" it says "To be determined and subject to appropriations."

Well, the appropriations usually happen in the budget process. And this year we were looking for appropriations to ensure that all of our children, K through 12, were fed, all of those children that are going hungry. You know what? We fell short.

So while I do support this effort, my concern is this. Before we forget about that and move on to this, I suggest we revisit and make sure we find every penny needed to ensure that every hungry child in New York State, K through 12, is fed.

With that said, I do support this bill. Thank you, Madam President.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1025, voting in the negative: Senator Walczyk.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1028, Senate Print 3525, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1033, Senate Print 5422, by Senator Ramos, an act to amend the Labor Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1033, voting in the negative are Senators Gallivan, Griffo and Walczyk.

Ayes, 55. Nays, 3.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1039, Senate Print 5516, by Senator Brouk, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

SENATOR SERRANO: Lay it aside for the day.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill will be laid aside for the day.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1042, Senate Print 5970, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1043, Senate Print 62, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1050, Senate Print 3472, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1063, Assembly Print Number 5609, by Assemblymember Rozic, an act to amend the Workers' Compensation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1067, Senate Print 349A, by Senator Cleare, an act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Cleare to explain her vote.

SENATOR CLEARE: Thank you, Madam President.

Upon election to the Senate, I made deliberate efforts to fight human trafficking. We have passed meaningful legislation and held community conversations, but there is more to accomplish. Sadly, we know that at present, due to many variables, effective cases of human trafficking prosecution are very challenging to

bring in a timely, meaningful and preventative manner.

However, there's no time limit to the trauma and the scars suffered, and no one pathway to becoming a survivor. Therefore, we must ensure that justice is not denied due to the simple passage of time.

The bill we have now before us will empower district attorneys all over the state to be able to effectively prosecute the most heinous and grievous acts of human trafficking in a way that will not only hold people accountable but also help change the system.

Senate Bill 349 will eliminate the criminal statute of limitations for sex trafficking and extend the window for survivors to file lawsuits, to parallel other changes we have recently made in law.

I want to thank Manhattan district attorney Alvin Bragg for being such an effective partner on this legislation, and NOW NYC and so many other groups for your powerful and resounding advocacy. Today we stand up for survivors and ensure that they may seek justice.

I vote aye with pride and encourage

my colleagues to do the same.

Thank you.

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

Senator Rhoads to explain his vote.

SENATOR RHOADS: Thank you, Madam President.

I want to thank Senator Cleare for her advocacy, not only on this issue but certainly, importantly, on this issue. It is an incredibly important topic. This bill is incredibly important to extend both the civil and criminal statutes of limitation to make sure that when victims feel comfortable enough to find their voice, they have the opportunity to be able to exercise it.

I do think -- while I support the legislation, I do believe that there is an important opportunity that's been missed here, and that important opportunity is to actually offer some protection to victims.

One of the reasons that there's reluctance to come forward is not just social stigma, but actual fear about being victimized again by those individuals who victimized them

the first time -- whether that is a child who's afraid of an uncle or an aunt who victimized them, whether that's a worker who's afraid of another employee or a boss who victimized them.

While we're offering them the ability to come forward, by refusing to allow justices to consider the dangerousness of the criminal accused and whether or not they present a continuing risk to the victim -- or in the case, for example, of a child predator, a continuing risk to a class of individuals -- by refusing to allow judges the opportunity to set bail based upon their threat to both the victim and the community, we are doing a disservice in protecting those victims while providing them the opportunity to be able to come forward.

So as important as this bill is, I think we need to recognize that there are common-sense consequences that make victims less safe by refusing to allow judges the discretion to be able to consider the dangerousness of the criminal. And I hope that's something that we can work on together, hopefully to fix in the future.

So thank you, and I proudly vote

aye.

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

Senator Krueger to explain her vote.

SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you very much, Madam President.

I also rise to thank Senator Cleare for her work in this field and for bringing this bill to us today.

You know, I remember being here when we finally passed the actual criminalization of human trafficking law. And there were actually still fights to the day we passed that bill that we couldn't do away with criminal penalties for the young women who had been human trafficked into lives of crime -- because, to quote someone on this floor who no longer is here, "Once girls go bad, you can never fix them."

So I believe we've come a long way since then, and yet not nearly far enough, because the fact is that women, children, young boys, young girls, are still being literally stolen from our streets, runaways are being picked up by pimps, forced into prostitution and pornography. Then these children become adults

and feel they have nothing else they can do, they are not worthy of anything, no one will hear them, no one cared or was willing to do anything for them as they were being brutally raped day in, day out for years.

And so the fact that this bill will allow people who are brave enough and willing to come forward to get justice from abusers who have gone completely, completely left out of this storyline I think is so, so important for people of this state.

And to remind us all that this is still going on. New York State has one of the highest human trafficking rates in this country, disproportionately into sexual business, disproportionately young women of color in this state.

So thank you very much, Senator Cleare. I vote yes.

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

Senator Bailey to explain his vote.

SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you, Madam President.

Senator Cleare, I really want to

thank you for introducing this piece of legislation.

Every year I do a Human Trafficking Awareness Assembly in my district, and we bring in a host of law enforcement officials and other, like, support services, because the North Bronx and Lower Westchester, the City of Mount Vernon, is one of the highest areas where incidents of human trafficking take place.

And to hear some of the stories that some of these law enforcement individuals have had to literally run in and rescue -- and they've done simulations with some of the young men and women in these schools that shows how much of a scourge human trafficking truly is on our society.

And with this piece of legislation, you're allowing us to allow, you know, these victims to have a little bit more clarity in their life and to know that something can be done. Because sometimes they say comparison is the thief of joy. You can't get back those years that were taken from you. Right? You can't get back those innocent years. And sometimes these women and young men, young women and young men,

are forever changed by their time being trafficked. And it takes years and years and years to even get them to a place that approaches where they were before that.

So a really important piece of legislation. I salute you.

And I proudly vote aye, Madam President.

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

Senator Helming to explain her vote.

SENATOR HELMING: Thank you, Madam President.

I too rise to thank the sponsor for bringing this legislation to the floor.

And I wanted to add on to what Senator Krueger shared. I represent -- you've all heard me say it many times -- a predominantly very rural area. And sometimes I think that our rural areas get forgotten, especially when it comes to human trafficking. But it is out there, and it is terrible. Terrible.

I had the opportunity to recently meet with several of the leaders from my counties who work with primarily teenagers, but really

these are teenagers who are impacted by trafficking. Most of it, as Senator Krueger said, is sex trafficking. And they're looking for more resources, more help from the state to establish housing, to be able to put these folks into safe housing.

It's really -- to listen to the stories and the experiences, it's heartbreaking. Some of these children are being trafficked by their own parents, who have substance abuse issues of their own, who are dealing with homelessness and so much else that's going on.

So again, I just wanted to rise and say thank you to the sponsor, Senator Cleare, for bringing this to the floor and keeping this topic alive, but also just to remind everyone here that this is an issue that not only impacts our cities, but also our rural communities.

I will be voting yes on this legislation. Thank you.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1085, Senate Print 3315, by Senator Sepúlveda, an act to amend the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act.

SENATOR SERRANO: Lay it aside for the day.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill will be laid aside for the day.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1097, Senate Print 5007A, by Senator Gonzalez, an act to amend the State Technology Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Gonzalez to explain her vote.

SENATOR GONZALEZ: Thank you, Madam President.

I am proud to speak in favor of the Secure Our Data Act.

Since 2017, more than 3600 local,

state and tribal governments across the country have been targeted by cyberattacks. New York is not exempt from this. Hundreds of cyberattacks are attempted on government entities each year.

Cyberattacks have real-world consequences for New Yorkers. For example, last year an attack on the One Brooklyn hospital group in Senator Myrie's district forced a network of three hospitals in Brooklyn to work off paper charts for weeks following a cyberattack on its computer systems.

The hospitals are located in predominantly low-income communities of color, such as Brownsville. And this isn't the first time cyberattacks have targeted low-income communities. In 2020, Wyckoff Hospital had to deal with a cyberattack as well.

These attacks also have real-world consequences for our government. A separate attack last year pushed Suffolk County's local government offline for weeks, forcing officials on Long Island to disable email for all 10,000 civil service workers.

While we can't eradicate these attacks, we can fortify the defenses that protect

our information systems and the personal information that they store. The Secure Our Data Act does this by requiring the Office of Information Technology and other state agencies to set up data protection standards, vulnerability assessments, data and information inventories, and recovery procedures.

New Yorkers should never have to fear that their personal information is at risk simply because they have interacted with a state agency. And today we're taking a big step in building that trust.

Therefore, I proudly vote aye and urge my colleagues to do the same.

Thank you.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1111, Senate Print Number 6151, by Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, an act to amend Chapter 676 of the Laws of 1978.

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside for the day.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill will be laid aside for the day.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1113, Assembly Print Number 6751, by Assemblymember Jacobson, an act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1114, Senate Print 6528A, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Bailey to explain his vote.

SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you, Madam President.

On this very floor a couple of years back we enacted -- we passed something called the Crown Act, to protect against racially and hair-based discrimination in the State of New York.

We're taking another step today with requiring that cosmetologists are properly trained in culturally competent hair, for curls and wave patterns. I'm especially excited about the word "wave pattern" being in a state statute.

You know, they say that our crowns are the way that we wear our hair, and it's very important and unique to each and every one of us. There's no better feeling sometimes than walking out of that barber chair or that beauty salon

chair and just that feeling about your appearance and that fresh-cut feeling, as I would say, Madam President.

But we want to make sure that the people within the confines of the state, if they say that they were able to do your hair in a certain way, that they're able to do it properly. If I want 360 waves, I'm not asking for finger waves. They need to know the difference between the difference.

And there are a number of other things that are really important in this measure, but I'm eternally grateful to be able to pass this bill. And I'm hopeful that we can get it done in the Assembly so that we can continue to protect the crowns that we have.

I vote aye, Madam President.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1114, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Oberacker and Walczyk.

Ayes, 56. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1116, Senate Print 6661A, by Senator Weik, an act in relation to authorizing the Chabad of Islip Township Inc. to receive retroactive real property tax exempt status.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1116, voting in the negative: Senator O'Mara.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1117, Senate Print 6680, by Senator Murray, an act to amend Chapter 638 of the Laws of 2022.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1117, voting in the negative: Senator O'Mara.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

Senator Lanza, why do you rise?

SENATOR LANZA: Madam President, can we pause to congratulate Senator Murray on the passage of his first bill.

(Cheers; standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Congratulations.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Calendar Number 1118, Senate Print Number 6741, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1129, Senate Print 7085, by Senator Webb, an act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

There is a substitution at the desk.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Weber moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 7398 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7359, Third Reading Calendar 1130.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Substitution so ordered.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1130, Assembly Bill Number 7398, by Assemblymember Zebrowski, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

There is a substitution at the desk.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Weber moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 7399 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7360, Third Reading Calendar 1131.

Calendar Number 1131, Assembly Bill Number 7399, by Assemblymember Zebrowski, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Substitution so ordered.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1132, Senate Print 258, by Senator Serrano, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1132, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 40. Nays, 18.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

Senator Lanza, why do you rise?

SENATOR LANZA: Madam President, I

apologize, but I neglected to ask this body to pause on Calendar 1130, which was Senator Weber's first bill.

(Cheers; standing ovation.)

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1174, Assembly Print Number 4265, by Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the Transportation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1184, Assembly Print Number 6164, by Assemblymember Weprin, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1191, Assembly Print Number 7291, by Assemblymember Steck, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1191, voting in the negative: Senator Skoufis.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1201, Senate Print 6955, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the General Municipal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1201, voting in the negative: Senators Mannion and Walczyk.

Ayes, 56. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1202, Assembly Print Number 5697, by Assemblymember Barrett, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1202, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara, Palumbo, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 43. Nays, 15.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1209, Senate Print 3594, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1212, Assembly Print Number 6807, by Assemblymember Woerner, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Chu to explain her vote.

SENATOR CHU: Thank you,

Madam President, for letting me explain my vote and highlight the importance of this legislation.

Under current Education Law, the definition of school library material is limited to the items in printed and in audio/visual form. However, nowadays with our technology advancement, we can no longer ignore the availability and accessibility that digital materials can be used to educate our students.

Students now can access documents, literature, and art forms from all over the world in digital form. Many of these items are now accessible to our students who have disabilities such as issues of mobility or low vision, just to name those two.

Digital materials can now open gateways to enhance and enrich learning for our students, but only if our school libraries are able to provide the access to it. As state legislators, it is our duty to keep our laws up-to-date. This bill intends to keep up with our education environment.

I'm proud to sponsor this bill to support our school systems, or libraries, and our students. I encourage my colleagues to vote yes

and show their support as well.

Thank you, Madam President. For these reasons, I vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1213, Senate Print 6669, by Senator Tedisco, an act to amend Chapter 203 of the Laws of 1957.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1217, Senate Print 7093, by Senator Chu, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1218, Senate Print 1567, by Senator Salazar, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1224, Senate Print 3318, by Senator Sepúlveda, an act to amend the Correction Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: In relation to Calendar 1224, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 41. Nays, 17.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

There is a home-rule message at the desk. The Secretary will read.

Calendar Number 1234, Assembly Bill Number 4092, by Assemblymember Byrnes, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1242, Assembly Print Number 1753A, by Assemblymember Dinowitz, an act to amend the General Obligations Law and the State Technology Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1243, Senate Print 5540, by Senator Harckham, Concurrent Resolution of the Senate and Assembly proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Stec to explain his vote.

SENATOR STEC: Thank you, Madam President.

I want to thank Senator Harckham for his work on this legislation. This is a critical

constitutional amendment. As most of you all know, almost anything involving the transfer of land or use of Forest Preserve in the Adirondack Park requires a constitutional amendment. It's a lengthy process. But I appreciate Senator Harckham for his work on this.

This centers around expanding trails in an event area for biathlon and Nordic ski in North Elba/Lake Placid, the home of the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympic Games and, most recently -- following a lot of improvements to the venues, sponsored and supported by the State of New York -- the FISU games last year.

So the investment has been made. It's going well. But this constitutional amendment is important for continuing to support the Olympic venues in the Adirondacks and specifically in my district.

So I want to thank Senator Harckham again for carrying this bill for us. I vote in the affirmative.

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

Senator Harckham to explain his vote.

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Thank you very much, Madam President.

I just want to stand very quickly to thank Senator Stec for all his hard work on this legislation, and for bringing it to us. This was really his bill. I was proud to carry it over the finish line, but I want to thank him for all his great work on this.

I'll be voting in the affirmative.

Thank you.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1256, Senate Print 3221, by Senator Cleare, an act to amend State Finance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1258, Senate Print 3610, by Senator Webb, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1262, Senate Print 5992A, by Senator Persaud, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1263, Senate Print 6082A, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Fernandez to explain her vote.

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Thank you so much, Madam President.

I'm very grateful to be a New Yorker and honored to have this position, to be in a state, being a part of a state that has always led when it comes to reproductive rights and protection of women.

And in this time where we see some states even punishing women for going through traumatic experiences such as miscarriage and infant loss, this bill is so important and so needed right now.

It is a compassionate piece of legislation that is necessary to address the unique needs of individuals and families affected by pregnancy and infant loss. It empowers them with information and resources to navigate the healing process, and ensures they receive the support they need and require during this difficult time.

It's a bill that we named Ava's Law, in memory of Ava, the daughter that we unfortunately don't have today -- the daughter of someone that I'm very grateful and -- honored and grateful that she shared this story with me. And

I thank her for being here today, my friend Kai, for sharing this experience. Because it is an experience that many women go through, sadly, in silence. Unfortunately, in silence.

To go through pregnancy loss, your body is not the same. You don't realize the changes that are happening when what you expected to happen doesn't happen. And this bill would create an education and outreach program as basic as pamphlets that the Department of Health would have to give and inform to those that have suffered from pregnancy loss, to prepare them for what may happen.

Because milk still produces. Your body goes through postpartum. And we need to make sure that those that are in this difficult time have full support and knowledge of the resources around them, and from the state, so they can get to the healing path and succeed in getting through the healing path.

And this bill is going to change so many lives. It's going to help so many women, that in the most difficult time of their life -- that they probably didn't expect -- they know where the help is, they know where to get the

resources. And New York State, as we have been a leader in this, I'm very proud that today we're making another step in making sure that women and everyone involved is prepared, is informed, and is supported.

So thank you, Madam President, for bringing this bill to the floor. Thank you all, everyone, for supporting it. Because it is an experience that is incredibly unfortunate, incredibly unexpected. And at the very least we as a government, as a society, as a state, should be helpful, should be supportive. And this bill will make sure that we know what we can do and what some should do to make sure that they are healed in some of the most traumatic times of their life.

So thank you so much for this. Please vote aye. This is going to be, again, a basic bill that will change and protect and save and help families get past the moment and grow and continue to be a prosperous member of this state.

So in memory of Ava, thank you for voting for Ava's Law. Please vote aye. And let us continue to make sure that New York State is

always going to be protective, supportive and informing of every resource that's out there.

Thank you.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1265, Senate Print 327, by Senator Rivera, an act in relation to the definition of "safety net providers."

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Lay it aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1271, Senate Print 2519, by Senator Gallivan, an act to deem an application filed with the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System by the widow of Lawrence Lakeman as timely filed.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This

act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1278, Senate Print 4877, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the State Finance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1279, Assembly Print Number 5208, by Assemblymember Pheffer Amato, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1280, Assembly Print Number 4721, by Assemblymember Solages, an act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Gonzalez to explain her vote.

SENATOR GONZALEZ: Thank you, Madam President.

I am proud to stand up to speak on the passage of S5137, to allow greater access to a legal system that all too often is inaccessible. This bill would prevent a court from denying a class-action lawsuit solely on the basis that the suit involves governmental operations.

The government operations rule is unique to New York. It does not exist in other states or the federal government, because it limits the ability for class-action lawsuits to be certified when a case involves a state entity.

Class actions are a powerful tool for justice. And with the Supreme Court's rightward shift, we can't count on circumventing New York courts by bringing these cases to federal courts. That's why removing the operations rule is important. It's removing one more barrier to wielding the power that class-action lawsuits have to bring relief to the

most marginalized populations.

And suits brought as class actions have held government agencies in this state accountable in numerous ways over the past decades. They've challenged the failures of New York's foster care system, they've sought to remedy nursing home facilities failing health standards, ensured mentally ill inmates have treatment plans upon discharge, and challenged the NYPD's practices of racial profiling under stop-and-frisk.

I am proud to be part of a body that believes in granting New Yorkers greater access to the power of the courts, and I vote aye.

Thank you.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1280, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Helming, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Rolison, Skoufis, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 43. Nays, 15.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1287, Senate Print Number 6523, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to amend the Veterans' Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Scarcella-Spanton to explain her vote.

SENATOR SCARCELLA-SPANTON: Thank you, Madam President.

Thank you to my colleagues in the Senate for all your support in helping pass this legislation, which will require the Department of Veterans Services to collaborate with other state agencies in creating a resource database for veterans and their families.

One of the things that I was I think

most frustrated by when I started this job was learning of how many wonderful resources there are for veterans and their families while I'm sitting on this side of the desk -- but when my husband and I first moved back from Colorado, from Fort Carson where he was stationed, not being able to find those resources when my family personally really needed them.

This could be anything from housing resources to mental health resources, anything that we provide here in New York State. And New York State does a really wonderful job of providing support to our veterans, but it's just not all easy to find.

So one of the things that made the most sense to me was to create a registry of the resources, whether that's career opportunities for veterans, housing opportunities, mental health resources -- not just for the veteran, but also for the veteran's family. Because there's a lot that you go through together upon returns from deployments.

This was a big priority for me, and I'm really excited to see it pass today on the Senate floor. I know that this is going to be so

beneficial to countless veterans and their families across New York State. I proudly vote aye, and I encourage my colleagues to as well.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Scarcella-Spanton to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1294, Senate Print 5642, by Senator Mannion, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1302, Senate Print 4511A, by Senator Ramos, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This act shall take effect April 1, 2024.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Ramos to explain her vote.

SENATOR RAMOS: Thank you, Madam President. I rise in honor of our public defenders.

You know, lawyers work very hard, study for a very long time in order to fulfill their vocation of being a true advocate for each and every one of us.

And to me, public defenders, you know, when they could be a fancy defense attorney and, you know, make money on big, big cases, they actually choose to represent the poorest among us, the most vulnerable. And I wanted to show a

token of my appreciation for their work with this bill.

And though I believe all student debt should be canceled federally, absolutely, this is but a way to recognize their sacrifice and their hard work in ensuring that everyone has a representative before the court.

So thank you, Madam President.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1302, voting in the negative: Senator Walczyk.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1310, Senate Print 23, by Senator Stec, an act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1310, voting in the negative: Senator Brisport.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1314, Assembly Print Number 7155, by Assemblymember Pheffer Amato, an act to amend the Civil Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1315, Assembly Print Number 7157, by Assemblymember Pheffer Amato, an act to amend the Civil Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1316, Assembly Print Number 6480, by Assemblymember Burdick, an act to amend the Civil Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This

act shall take effect on the first of January.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1317, Senate Print 252, by Senator Serrano, an act to amend the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1317, voting in the negative are Senators Helming and Walczyk.

Ayes, 56. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1322, Senate Print 5714A, by Senator Cleare, an act to amend the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Cleare to explain her vote.

SENATOR CLEARE: Thank you, Madam President.

Some of the most important groups within our communities are our arts and cultural organizations. They teach children how to dance, sing, paint. They give lessons on history, culture, and the environment. They serve as communal gathering places for the meetings, advocacy, and celebrations. In short, they enrich us.

However, not everyone is the Met, sitting on $5 billion in assets. The small, diverse community-centric arts organizations are the ones who need our support the most. Yet historically, they are the ones that have the most difficulty garnering federal, state and local support.

Large museums have lots of space and large audiences but are not always committed to supporting and displaying works that focus on diversity, equity and telling history from different points of view.

Therefore, this bill does several things. It amends the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law to incorporate even broader concern for culture, access, diversity, equity, inclusion and social and racial justice, by reforming the composition of NYSCA, the New York State Council on the Arts, by requiring consideration of diversity and equity considerations and cultural preservation and development; updating contracting parameters by requiring consideration of diversity and equitable access to contracting opportunities; and requiring NYSCA to evaluate potential grantees on the basis of how they use

arts or culture to address racial and social justice.

This bill is sorely needed to make certain that our arts and cultural organizations tell the whole story of our people, our communities and our history. In doing so, we will shape a better future for all.

I vote aye. Thank you.

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

Senator May to explain her vote.

SENATOR MAY: Thank you, Madam President.

And I want to thank my colleague Senator Cleare for this bill. This is so important that we diversify the arts and support for the arts across the state.

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure to attend Sneaker Day -- not here in the Senate, but at the Everson Museum in Syracuse, where I saw the most diverse group of young people decorating sneakers, designing their own sneakers. And they had vendors there who I'm sure had never been inside the Everson Museum.

It was part of a project to

diversify not just the exhibits and the artists that they feature, but the board as well of the Everson. And we're seeing this at arts organizations all around the world, I think. But we need to support it, and we need to support the smaller organizations as well that are often the places where kids of color, families of color feel more comfortable, and that really engage and support forms of art that aren't typically supported with these kinds of funds.

So I'm excited to see what this program will do and what kinds of new experiences I will get exposed to by being able to take advantage of some of the new opportunities that I think this bill and our support, broadened and more diversified support for the arts, will allow.

I vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1322, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,

Rhoads and Walczyk.

Ayes, 51. Nays, 7.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1324, Assembly Print Number 5948, by Assemblymember Shimsky, an act to amend the Navigation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2024.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1324, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Helming and Walczyk.

Ayes, 56. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1328, Assembly Print Number 5821A, by

Assemblymember Lavine, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1328, voting in the negative are Senators Brouk and Martinez.

Ayes, 56. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1348, Assembly Print Number 3164, by Assemblymember Magnarelli, an act to amend Chapter 62 of the Laws of 2003.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1353, Assembly Print Number 2935, by Assemblymember Woerner, an act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1419, Assembly Print Number 7430, by Assemblymember Peoples-Stokes, an act to amend the Cannabis Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1419, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Lanza, Martinez, Mattera, Rhoads and Weber.

Ayes, 52. Nays, 6.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

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

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you, Madam President.

Let's please go to the reading of

the controversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will ring the bell.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1265, Senate Print 327, by Senator Rivera, an act in relation to the definition of "safety net providers."

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Lanza, why do you rise?

SENATOR LANZA: Madam President, I believe there's an amendment at the desk. I waive the reading of that amendment and ask that you recognize Senator Weber.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank you, Senator Lanza.

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

SENATOR LANZA: Accordingly, Madam President, I appeal the ruling of the chair and ask that Senator Weber be heard on the appeal.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The appeal has been made and recognized, and

Senator Weber may be heard.

SENATOR WEBER: Thank you, Madam President.

I rise to appeal the ruling of the chair. The proposed amendment is germane to the bill at hand because both the amendment and bill deal with Medicaid funding.

The bill before us would expand the definition for the budgeting funding for safety net hospitals. While this is welcome, it is nowhere near close to stemming the rise in inflation that has increased the cost for hospitals, healthcare costs for New Yorkers, and overall costs to our county governments.

This amendment would repeal the FMAP intercept that would administratively take pass-through federal funding meant for county governments and divert it to the General Fund to offset other Medicaid spending.

The enacted budget eliminates Medicaid enhancement, the federal medical assistance program, the FMAP fund payments intended to go to the county governments. Each county would realize a loss in state funding due to this proposal.

What does this mean? Well, Rockland County will lose $8.7 million. Suffolk County, 31.9 million. Nassau County, 29.9 million. Westchester, 27.7 million. Erie County, 26.6 million. Monroe, 23 million. Onondaga, 13.2 million. Orange County, 9.1 million. Putnam, 1.2; Dutchess, 5.4; Sullivan, 2.6 -- it goes on and on.

These losses are staggering. Some analyses that I've seen say that county governments will be forced to raise taxes between 7 and 14 percent. They've already passed their budget. The Governor just basically took the money away from them.

If you think that someone like myself is going to go back to Rockland and tell our county executive and our county legislature, Hey, great job passing the budget; by the way, we're taking this money away from you not only this year but in future years, so you're going to have to raise taxes by 7 to 14 percent -- that's crazy. I'm not doing that. I don't think a lot of people in this chamber are going to be comfortable having to go back to their county governments and tell them that.

As part of this federal Affordable Care Act, New York receives funds annually from the federal government to fund Medicaid expansion. Federal law requires the state to share 20 percent of these funds with county governments, known as FMAP reconciliation. The state would stop making those required payments administratively.

Congress intended these funds to be shared with counties and New York City. Under Governor Hochul's fiscal year 2024 enacted budget, the government absorbs up to 1 billion in FMAP funds, over a period of three years, into the State General Fund, cutting county-administered Medicaid services.

I ask this body to pass this amendment to reverse this bad policy that the Governor did administratively. If you don't pass this amendment, I encourage you to sign on to S6716, which is my bill to require FMAP funds be directly shared with counties and New York City. That's open for cosponsorship.

But in the interim, please pass this amendment so that we can prevent future tax increases on our counties.

Thank you very much.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank you, Senator.

I want to remind the house that the vote is on the procedures of the house and the ruling of the chair.

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

(Response of "Aye.")

SENATOR LANZA: Request a show of hands.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: A show of hands has been requested and so ordered.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 18.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The ruling of the chair stands, and the bill-in-chief is before the house.

Senator Serrano.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you, Madam President.

Upon consent, please restore Calendar 1265 to the noncontroversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is restored to the noncontroversial calendar.

Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as Chapter 53 of the Laws of 2022.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

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

SENATOR SERRANO: Can we return to motions.

Amendments are offered to the following Third Reading Calendar bills:

By Senator May, page 19, Calendar 608, Senate Print 227A;

By Senator Gonzalez, page 51, Calendar 1207, Senate Print 6475;

By Senator Hoylman-Sigal, page 32, Calendar 871, Senate Print 6341A;

And by Senator Gounardes, page 63,

Calendar 1312, Senate Print 5015.

I now move that these bills retain their place on order of third reading.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The amendments are received, and the bills will retain their place on the Third Reading Calendar.

Senator Serrano.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you.

Is there any further business at the desk?

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

SENATOR SERRANO: I move to adjourn until Thursday, June 1st, at 11:00 a.m.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Thursday, June 1st, at 11:00 a.m.

(Whereupon, at 6:17 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)