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SENATOR SHELLEY B. MAYER, Acting President

ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Senate will come to order.

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

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

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

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Wednesday, May 31, 2023, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Tuesday, May 30, 2023, was read and approved. On motion, the Senate adjourned.

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

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Rivera

moves to discharge, from the Committee on Health, Assembly Bill Number 4332 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 2930, Third Reading Calendar 621.

Senator Rivera moves to discharge, from the Committee on Health, Assembly Bill Number 2400 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6219, Third Reading Calendar 624.

Senator Sanders moves to discharge, from the Committee on Banks, Assembly Bill Number 5519 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 5972, Third Reading Calendar 666.

Senator Hoylman-Sigal moves to discharge, from the Committee on Finance, Assembly Bill Number 458 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 548, Third Reading Calendar 671.

Senator Hoylman-Sigal moves to discharge, from the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, Assembly Bill Number 1025 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 50, Third Reading Calendar 695.

Senator Griffo moves to discharge, from the Committee on Judiciary, Assembly Bill Number 6907 and substitute it for the identical

Senate Bill 6591, Third Reading Calendar 797.

Senator Griffo moves to discharge, from the Committee on Consumer Protection, Assembly Bill Number 4456 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 4617, Third Reading Calendar 999.

Senator Harckham moves to discharge, from the Committee on Transportation, Assembly Bill Number 150 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 2702, Third Reading Calendar 1006.

Senator Palumbo moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 7354 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7072, Third Reading Calendar 1128.

Senator Walczyk moves to discharge, from the Committee on Codes, Assembly Bill Number 4994 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 4384, Third Reading Calendar 1133.

Senator Skoufis moves to discharge, from the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Assembly Bill Number 6107 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 2724A, Third Reading Calendar 1139.

Senator Lanza moves to discharge,

from the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Assembly Bill Number 6569 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 4827, Third Reading Calendar 1144.

Senator Mannion moves to discharge, from the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Assembly Bill Number 7432 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6946, Third Reading Calendar 1154.

Senator Martinez moves to discharge, from the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Assembly Bill Number 7435 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6948, Third Reading Calendar 1156.

Senator Fernandez moves to discharge, from the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Assembly Bill Number 7436 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6949, Third Reading Calendar 1157.

Senator Mannion moves to discharge, from the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Assembly Bill Number 7439 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6950, Third Reading Calendar 1158.

Senator Chu moves to discharge, from

the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Assembly Bill Number 7440 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6951, Third Reading Calendar 1159.

Senator Chu moves to discharge, from the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Assembly Bill Number 7441 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill Number 6952, Third Reading Calendar 1160.

Senator Webb moves to discharge, from the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Assembly Bill Number 7442 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6953, Third Reading Calendar 1161.

Senator Webb moves to discharge, from the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Assembly Bill Number 7443 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6954, Third Reading Calendar 1162.

Senator Thomas moves to discharge, from the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Assembly Bill Number 7438 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7056, Third Reading Calendar 1164.

Senator Ashby moves to discharge,

from the Committee on Libraries, Assembly Bill Number 1313 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 4389, Third Reading Calendar 1211.

Senator Persaud moves to discharge, from the Committee on Social Services, Assembly Bill Number 7361 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6944, Third Reading Calendar 1219.

Senator Hoylman-Sigal moves to discharge, from the Committee on Judiciary, Assembly Bill Number 6587 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6854, Third Reading Calendar 1247.

Senator Sanders moves to discharge, from the Committee on Banks, Assembly Bill Number 7172 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6920, Third Reading Calendar 1252.

Senator Hoylman-Sigal moves to discharge, from the Committee on Finance, Assembly Bill Number 358 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 3225, Third Reading Calendar 1276.

Senator Ashby moves to discharge, from the Committee on Finance, Assembly Bill Number 5075 and substitute it for the identical

Senate Bill 5539, Third Reading Calendar 1284.

Senator Thomas moves to discharge, from the Committee on Consumer Protection, Assembly Bill Number 7401 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7059, Third Reading Calendar 1358.

Senator Rivera moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 6029 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 2339, Third Reading Calendar 1362.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: So ordered.

Messages from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

Reports of select committees.

Communications and reports from state officers.

Motions and resolutions.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Good morning, Madam President.

Amendments are offered to the following Third Reading Calendar bills:

By Senator Skoufis, page 27, Calendar Number 842, Senate Print 5207A;

Senator Stewart-Cousins, page 63, Calendar Number 1408, Senate Print 7026;

And Senator Sanders, page 7, Calendar Number 254, Senate Print 1161.

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

SENATOR GIANARIS: I also wish to call up the following bills, which were recalled from the Assembly and are now at the desk:

Senate Print Numbers 599 and 4354.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 75, Senate Print 599, by Senator Salazar, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

Calendar Number 479, Senate Print 4354, by Senator Breslin, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to reconsider the vote by which these bills were passed.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 55.

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

SENATOR GIANARIS: I offer the following amendments.

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

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Please recognize Senator Lanza.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Lanza.

SENATOR LANZA: Madam President, amendments are offered to the following Third Reading Calendar bills:

Senator Stec, page 29, Calendar Number 876, Senate Print 4876;

Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, page 37, Calendar Number 1111, Senate Print 6151;

Senator Mattera, page 51, Calendar Number 1285, Senate Print 5852.

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

third reading.

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

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President, just to inform my colleagues, with a week to go in session and the volume of bills we're taking up increasing, we're going to move to a process where we take up resolutions where we do not have guests present at the end of session, as opposed to at the beginning, so we can clear the legislative business first, with some rare exceptions.

That being said, our first resolution with guests here is previously adopted Resolution 1285, by Leader Stewart-Cousins. Please read that resolution's title and recognize Leader Stewart-Cousins.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Resolution 1285, by Senator Stewart-Cousins, honoring the hard work, dedication, and commitment of the members of the New York State Legislative Messenger Service.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins on the resolution.

SENATOR STEWART-COUSINS: Thank you so much, Madam President.

And it is exciting to have the guests here in the chamber to be recognized. Our messenger service has been serving the people of New York State and the legislative colleagues for 50 years this year. And --

(Applause.)

SENATOR STEWART-COUSINS: It was an innovative program in 1973, and it has become more than just an innovative program. It has really been, for us, the lifeblood of our communications.

And the fact that we have so many dedicated employees -- not only are you inspirational to each and every one of us, the way you go through your work, but you're also inspirational to others. When people come in with their groups, when they come in with their high-powered corporations, they recognize that there are people who are working in state government at the highest, highest level of importance who can contribute every single

moment. And they go back to their companies and wonder how they can open doors and create opportunities.

At our very best, that's what government is about: Removing hurdles, removing obstacles, and giving people a path to show their very best. And you, in this service to us, show your very best every single day.

I want to thank your leadership -- I know Kevin Kather, who's the director, and Beth Bonesteel, the assistant director -- for being those guides and making sure that every day for you is not only productive for you, but it is productive for us and it is productive for the entire state.

We are honored, and I am so excited. Yesterday was Sneaker Day, and this -- and today, you know, like I said, when you think about sneakers, you think about speed, you think about reliability. And I don't think there's anyone that exemplifies speed, reliability, more than you and our messengers.

So I am so happy that many of your family members are here. We are looking forward to celebrating even more after this. There is a

reception on the fourth floor, where our message messengers can come with their families, and again, really -- we don't get a chance to appreciate you, because you're running through your jobs and we're running through ours.

But we really are honored to be able to take this moment and personally thank you in front of everyone in the state, everyone in government, everyone who does not know how important you are to the workings of this great, great state.

The other thing, there are people who I want to point out because you're going to get, all of you, certificates for what you do. Some people have been doing this for over three decades. And so I just want you to stand if you're here.

Valerie Zeh, 33 years. Stand up if you -- if you're here.

Patrick O'Hara, 36 years. Patrick.

(Applause.)

SENATOR STEWART-COUSINS: Kathy O'Brien, 30 years. Hey, Kathy.

(Applause.)

SENATOR STEWART-COUSINS: Kimberly

Lapp, 35 years.

(Applause.)

SENATOR STEWART-COUSINS: Sharon Forkeutis, 33 years.

(Applause.)

SENATOR STEWART-COUSINS: Adam Denenberg, 37 years.

(Applause.)

SENATOR STEWART-COUSINS: And Michael Cohen, 30 years.

(Applause.)

SENATOR STEWART-COUSINS: Thank you for your diligence. Thank you for your hard work. Thank you for being with us so long. You make us all better, and hopefully your service to us makes you proud as well.

Congratulations to our messengers.

(Sustained standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Ortt on the resolution.

SENATOR ORTT: Thank you, Madam President.

Hard to add much to that. I want to thank my colleague the Majority Leader, Senator Stewart-Cousins, for her comments. I want to

thank the Majority for bringing this resolution to the floor.

We talk a lot about -- you know, I think about at the end of budget, I think about at the end of session, we always try to give recognition to the staff and to a lot of the people in this place here in the Capitol that make it -- that make it work, that make it what it is. Because I can assure you it is not exclusively, certainly, the 63 members of the Senate or the 150 members of the Assembly. There are a lot of folks who you'll never see on TV -- which I'm sure they're fine with -- and there's a lot of folks who do a lot of great work here in the Capitol that make it go, that make it work for the people of New York.

And you are in that group of people. And I can promise you the 63 members in this chamber know that. And on behalf of the Republican Conference, I want to thank you not only for the important work that you do, walking miles every day -- really, you think about the amount of -- the amount of -- that they walk across the LOB, the Capitol, back to the LOB, delivering, as the Majority Leader said, very

important documents that our offices need to make sure that we're able to do the work that we were elected to do. You are a part of that. And you should never doubt your importance and your significance to making our state government work for the public.

But it's also the way you do it. Very often when I see any one of you, you know, I'm probably walking around sometimes maybe with less than a smile on my face. Sometimes. Sometimes. But whenever I see all of you, you've got a smile on your face. How's it going? You know, you extend your hand. You are always -- and this is really true -- you were always in a positive mood, because I think you always remember how lucky and privileged you are to be able to be a part of what we do here.

And we would all benefit to remember that and emulate your attitude and the positivity that I see all of you have in the hallways as you're -- and everyone knows all of you. You're all sort of secret rock stars. The members know you. I want to thank -- I've got a lot of artwork from Billy in my office --

(Applause.)

SENATOR ORTT: Some of it I think looks like me.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR ORTT: But it's a lot of good artwork in my office. And -- and that's just impromptu. He just stops by and does that. And that takes a certain level of selflessness and a thought for others. And I just want to thank you, I want to thank you again for what you do here, but more importantly for how you do it. I can tell you, you've brightened my day a number of times. And obviously there's the important role that you play.

So on behalf of not only the State Senate but certainly our conference, we thank you for what you do.

Congratulations on 50 years. It is tremendous. And I have no doubt that you'll be here and this program will be here for 50 years more going forward.

So thank you very much for everything you guys do. God bless you.

Madam President, thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Ortt.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Comrie on the resolution.

SENATOR COMRIE: Thank you, Madam President. I rise just to thank the leader for putting this presentation together, for acknowledging the 50 years of service of the messengers, and to just -- you know, it's been a good week here, I think, in Albany. We've been doing a lot of things that the entire body and the entire state can appreciate, honoring people that have truly put in the work and have truly made a difference in our lives by making sure that our important papers get delivered with a positive spirit and a hello. And, you know, when they're moving around, you can feel their energy, you can feel their exuberance, you can feel that they are focused on trying to do the right job and at the right time with the right attitude.

So I just hope that that permeates throughout the chambers in the next week as we try to be positive about the things that we have to do in the next week so we can shut down our legislative agenda for the year.

But I also just wanted to thank the

messengers for reminding all of us of what we need to be: Focused on making sure that we radiate the positive energy that you guys consistently do as you're moving around. You make my heart warm as you're flying by me all the time, getting to your locations to get to do the things you want to do to make sure that you're representing us in a proper way.

And I just wanted to take the honor to -- opportunity and the honor to thank all of you for your consistency, for your efforts. And please continue to make us proud.

Thank you very much, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you, Senator Comrie.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Mannion on the resolution.

SENATOR MANNION: Thank you, Madam President.

As chair of the Committee on Disabilities, I want to use two words. And one word is "access," and the other word is "success." Can you imagine what it would be like

in the Legislative Office Building and other places if this program had never been initiated 50 years ago?

The access to employment is essential. And we benefit from that access every single day. It shows in the success that we all have and how reliant we are on the messenger service to make sure that we get things done -- from an efficiency standpoint, from a commitment standpoint, and from a cultural standpoint.

So I thank you for your service to this state, and I thank you for your friendship that I have established with many of you, as a result of our connection in making this state a better place. Thank you.

And thank you, Madam President.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Bailey on the resolution.

SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you, Madam President.

I really want to thank the leader for introducing this resolution. It is truly, as Senator Comrie said, another feel-good day in chamber.

You are the truly -- not just hidden rock stars, you are the rock stars of this -- you literally permit us to do the jobs that we do every single day.

And one of the things that is always -- not just your exuberance and your joy, which is always obvious. You do something that is not only literal but metaphorical. You always stop for us. No matter what you're doing, no matter how much of a hurry you're in, you always stop to say hello. That's something that we don't do enough of in life. We don't stop and observe our surroundings. We don't stop and say hello and good morning.

Every single one of you, any time you see any of us, you stop and you say hello. That is something that people outside this chamber have somehow failed to realize that it's a part of what we should be doing, but you have not forgotten. And quite frankly, you remind me of it every day.

So I want to say thank you. I want to say thank you to Adam for reminding me that "Wakanda Forever" was coming out. Adam was telling me that "Wakanda Forever" -- he was more

hyped than I was.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR BAILEY: There's a month to go, there's three weeks to go, there's two weeks to go.

Any time I need to know what the score of the Met game was last night, Mollie knows it.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR BAILEY: And I'll leave you with this, that -- you speak of the selflessness; it's something that I said to Mollie once upon a time. I said, Mollie, you do an excellent job. In immediate response: "It's not me, it's my team. It's all of us. All of us work hard."

And that's what true leadership is about. You are all incredible leaders in your own right. We are so lucky to have you. We congratulate you.

Fifty years of hip-hop and 50 years of messenger services, it's not a coincidence. You both have influenced this state in an amazing way.

I vote aye, Madam President.

(Laughter; applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you, Senator Bailey.

Senator Tedisco on the resolution.

SENATOR TEDISCO: Thank you, Madam President.

To Billy, let me say I'm a little bit jealous of Leader Ortt here. I thought you only did artwork for me.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR TEDISCO: But apparently that's not the case.

And Madam President, and to our messengers and our colleagues, I felt I would be remiss if I didn't get up after representing over 80 years of those 50 years that you've been involved with this service here.

And I appreciate that. And this is a special day for all of us. Because as much as you've been bringing messages to us, we've never, as I can remember -- being in the Assembly and the Senate, for now 41 going on 42 years of those 50 years -- ever been able to give a message to you on the floor of the New York State Senate. And I want to give you that message.

We thank you. We appreciate you.

Your excellence is above and beyond. And I have one special word for all of you. Besides the normalcy which you provide, which Senator Bailey presented to us, when we stop and talk to you -- which kind of takes us away from the everyday activities here -- there's one special word that really identifies all of you. And somebody made that famous. I don't even remember the guy that made that famous. But I want to stop speaking right now and say to you: You are marvelous!

Congratulations.

(Laughter; applause.)

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

SENATOR SCARCELLA-SPANTON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

And thank you to our leader for bringing this to the floor today.

I just want to say thank you all for the work that you do every single day. Every time I see you, I know that you're coming into my office to make my life easier. And I think I would actually be a mess without all of your help.

So I wanted to just say thank you

for the hard work and dedication that you do. I know that your families who are here in the gallery today must be so incredibly proud to sit here and see you be honored for the job that you all do so well. And I know Mollie often sees me walking my puppy around outside of the Capitol, so -- I know she always loves that.

And Billy, I want some artwork for my office too.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR SCARCELLA-SPANTON: But thank you so much. Thank you for the work that you do.

I proudly vote aye.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Sepúlveda on the resolution.

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Thank you, Madam President, for allowing me to add a few words to some of the comments that have been made here by our Leader Stewart-Cousins, Leader Ortt, and my colleagues, so I don't have to duplicate that.

But I just want to tell you, from personal experience, that there are many times in

this body and many times in our offices, in the hallways, where I am upset about something, I'm feeling down about something, I feel like I'm having a terrible day. And I can't tell you guys how many times when I'm in that mood and I see one of you coming out of the elevator or bringing something to my office or I see you in the hallway, how that big smile that you give me changes the entire trajectory of my day.

Over the last 10 and a half years that I've been here, so many times you guys have changed my mindset in a positive way. And I can never repay you for that.

But everyone here spoke about the greatness of what you do. Everyone spoke about the program itself. But to every person here, every person that knows all of you, you guys are the most valuable players in the Senate, and I daresay in the Legislature.

So thank you so much for the great work that you do. Mollie, thank you for always smiling. Everyone, all of you, thank you for smiling and changing the minds of many of us. Because sometimes we have a rough day and you change that day for us.

God bless you all.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Kennedy on the resolution.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Thank you, Madam President.

First I want to thank our Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins again for making this day such a special day. And, you know, 50 years is an amazing time. And the fact that so many of you have been doing your work on a daily basis, serving our great state, working with us to make government happen here in New York, is a true testament to your character, who you are, and how you treat your job each and every day.

You know, to hear 30 years here and 30 years there and another 30 years -- I know Adam was mentioned. You know what I love about Adam? Every time I see him, he says "Go, Bills!"

(Laughter.)

SENATOR KENNEDY: So it reminds me I'm not the only Buffalo Bills fan around here.

You know, and Senator Ortt mentioned the fact that he has all these special tributes from Billy. Well, I was kind of disappointed

because I thought I was the only one, Billy.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR KENNEDY: I thought I was your guy. But, you know, I think we're all your guy and gals. You work so hard each and every day to help make us look good. And we appreciate you, and we thank you for everything that you do for us, for our teams, to help make government operate here in the great State of New York. We couldn't do what we do without you. And we owe you all a great tribute today, but a debt of gratitude each and every day.

Thank you so much.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Stavisky on the resolution.

SENATOR STAVISKY: Thank you, Madam President.

I'm not going to repeat what has been said, but if my memory is correct, the Legislative Messenger Service when it began was a result of the service of a State Senator on the other side of the aisle. His name was Senator Conklin, and he was from Brooklyn, if my memory was correct. And it was his dedication that I

believe led to the creation of the Legislative Messenger Service.

Secondly, I want to pay tribute to the parents in the gallery. I understand that Michael Cohen and his mother have done a book. And it's the parents that I think work together with their children and with the Legislature, and we are grateful to the parents also.

Thank you, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you, Senator Stavisky.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Hoylman-Sigal on the resolution.

SENATOR HOYLMAN-SIGAL: Thank you, Madam President.

There's so much love and mutual respect in this room right now. I want to thank the leader for bringing this resolution to the floor, and of course to this amazing team and their family.

It reminds me in my Senate district there's an enormous building with Roman colonnades, with an inscription at the top. It's a former post office, but I think the motto

applies to you here today. It says "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." I think that applies to you.

My heartfelt thanks. I vote aye.

(Applause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you.

To our guests from the Legislative Messenger Service and their families, we welcome you on behalf of the Senate. We extend to you the privileges and courtesies of the house.

Please rise and be recognized.

(Enthusiastic standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The resolution was previously adopted on May 31st.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now take up together previously adopted Resolutions 1162 and 1194, both by Senator May, read their titles, and recognize Senator May.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Resolution 1162, by Senator May, commemorating the 175th Anniversary of the Syracuse City School District, to be

celebrated on May 8, 2023.

Resolution 1194, by Senator May, commemorating the 175th Anniversary of the City of Syracuse, New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator May on the resolutions.

SENATOR MAY: Thank you, Madam President.

Syracuse and its school district recently turned 175 years old. And though they're getting up there in years, I've got to say the future looks bright.

Back in 2000 I chose to move to Syracuse because I believed it would be a great place to live, work and especially to raise my daughter.

With an abundance of natural beauty, a strong sense of community, world-class institutions like Syracuse University, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and Upstate Medical University, a thriving arts and culture scene and increasingly a foody scene, I am glad to report that I made the absolutely correct choice to call Syracuse home.

First, a happy 175th birthday to our

school district. One of the Big 5 school districts in the state, SCSD serves almost 19,000 students daily, with students from more than 60 countries who speak almost 90 languages.

My daughter attended Ed Smith and graduated from Nottingham High School, and I could not be more proud to be the parent of a Syracuse City School District alum.

The former superintendent, Jaime Alicea, set the district up for a new generation of successes, and now his successor, Anthony Davis, is putting all his energy into ensuring that we continue that history. Both Jamie and Tony started their careers in the schools at Syracuse City School District and worked their way up to become truly remarkable leaders. I am glad to be their partner here in Albany and congratulate the district on 175 years of important service to our community.

Turning to the City of Syracuse, it has a powerful history and a great future as well. It was on the shores of Onondaga Lake centuries ago that the Peacemaker came from the north and brought the first five Nations of the Haudenosaunee together to create the Great Law of

Peace, setting the stage for one of North America's great Native civilizations that endures to this day and that shaped our own democracy.

Obviously much has changed since that time. But knowing that history and the legacy of the original inhabitants of the land should and does inspire us to do our very best as a city.

We have been a location that -- a central location for the fight for abolition, for women's equality, for civil rights, for clean air and water, a welcoming home for new Americans from many backgrounds. All of that is a testament to our -- the legacy that we inherit from the original dwellers in the land where Syracuse now is.

The City of Syracuse that grew up on the shores of Onondaga Lake is known as the Salt City because of its natural environment and the industries that grew up around it. The salt springs that were on the shore of Onondaga Lake brought settlers from Europe who saw a lot of potential for making money there. It was a very lucrative industry, producing salt, and in fact

the tax on the salt that was produced in Syracuse is what paid for a lot of the Erie Canal to be built across the state. And it was -- to bring the salt from Syracuse to New York City was one of the major motivations to build the Erie Canal in the first place.

Once the salt industry kind of -- well, the salt dried up, a lot of the salt dried up. But also there were other places in the country that were producing salt, so Syracuse turned more to industry and became a major industrial center in the country.

And then in the mid-20th century we turned to the eds-and-meds economy, a mixture of great educational institutions and hospitals.

And now we're turning back to becoming more of a manufacturing center with Micron and other industries really setting their sights on central New York.

With all of these investments, Syracuse is surging -- and not just economically, but in many ways. As we prepare to tear down the I-81 viaduct that has rended our city into pieces, we want to knit the city back together and really restore the sense of unity in our city

that was destroyed by that project 50 years ago.

With the leadership of former Mayor Stephanie Miner and current Mayor Ben Walsh, and a new generation of leaders that represent the thriving diversity of Syracuse's growing community, we are investing in new opportunities.

The new Central Tech STEAM school, which we as a body helped to fund, will soon come online. Local businesses, like JMA Wireless and TCGplayer -- shout out to the CWA members who are organizing the first union shop in the eBay empire here in our city. So many other institutions that are really bringing our city to be a world leader in the 21st century.

I could go on and on, but I will wrap up with this thought. Mayor Walsh has long talked about his goal for Syracuse to be a growing city that embraces diversity and creates opportunity for all. We are making strides in that direction. There is still a lot to be done. There is still too much poverty, too much hunger, not enough quality affordable housing, among other challenges.

But for what feels like the first

time in many years, all the elements are in place to make good on the vision that I share with Mayor Walsh -- nurturing growth, embracing diversity, and setting up opportunity for each and every person calling Syracuse home.

I am honored to be a Syracuse resident and honored to vote aye on this resolution. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you, Senator May.

The resolutions were previously adopted on May 31st.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President, at this time please recognize Senator Bailey for an introduction.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Bailey for an introduction.

SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you, Madam President.

I wanted to make a brief introduction. You know, this is June and we're starting off Black Music Month. And it's also, as I mentioned probably 3,000 times, the 50th anniversary of hip-hop. And we have some

folks from Universal Music Group who are here today to celebrate how they've been able to contribute to the 50 years of hip-hop, and also just the state of music in New York, specifically Def Jam. Def Jam was one of those record labels that really help to give a sound to what hip-hop was -- LL and some things that -- maybe we can say that next week when Senator Comrie and I have a robust discussion about where hip-hop started. It's the Bronx, just to let everybody know.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR BAILEY: But I want to recognize by name Charles Wadelington, the senior manager of public policy and government relations. He works closely with Universal's Task Force for Meaningful Change that works to support marginalized communities in their ongoing fight for equality, justice and inclusion -- all the way from D.C.

And Alexandra Williams, the public affairs lead who works specifically with a particular focus on Latin America and to figure out how to make Universal a more global public policy, joining us from New York City.

I thank you for coming.

And Madam President, if you could extend to them the privileges and courtesies of the house. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you, Senator Bailey.

To our guests, we welcome you on behalf of the Senate. We extend to you the privileges and courtesies of the house.

Please rise and be recognized.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: And now recognize Senator Sepúlveda for another introduction.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Sepúlveda for an introduction.

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Thank you, Madam President, for allowing me to make this introduction.

So today we are honored having a delegation from the Gauteng Province in South Africa. They came to join us today to have a discussion about exchanges of ideas about government. Professor Kevin Parker gave them a

lecture on our budgets, on our legislative process, on our oversight process. And we're going to continue those discussions.

I want to thank my colleagues who joined us today. And I want to mention the delegation of individuals that are here with us this morning, and I hope I don't mess up anyone's name.

But the leader of the delegation is Mr. Bonginkosi Wesley Dhlamini. We also have Members of Parliament: Mr. Lesego Makhubela. Another Member of Parliament, Ms. Fasiha Hassan. Another Member of Parliament is Mr. William Mathafeng Matsheke. Ms. Dolly Caroline Ledwaba. Mr. Solly Tshepiso Msimanga. Mr. Alan Joseph Fuchs. He made sure I pronounced that properly --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: -- explained the difference in letter pronunciation in South Africa and here.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Mr. Anton De Waal Alberts, also a member of Parliament. Mr. Dulton Adams, member of Parliament.

Ms. Nothile Gracious Dlamini; she is the senior committee researcher. Ms. Neo Sharon Montisi, the senior committee coordinator. And Mr. Mzwanele Langa, who is the consul political and charge d'affaires of the Consulate General of South Africa.

Please help me in welcoming them to our body here today.

I want to thank you for being here. And I hope this is just the beginning of a long relationship where we can continue to learn from your government and you can continue to learn from ours.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: To our distinguished guests from South Africa, we welcome you on behalf of the Senate. We extend to you the privileges and courtesies of the house.

Please rise and be recognized.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President, Leader Stewart-Cousins and Senator May would like

to open up the resolutions we took up for cosponsorship.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The resolutions are open for cosponsorship. Should anyone choose not to cosponsor, please notify the desk.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President, at this time we're going to simultaneously have a meeting of the Rules Committee in Room 332 and take up the calendar.

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

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 124, Senate Print 1137, by Senator Sanders, an act to amend the Banking Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 176, Senate Print 1087, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law and the Economic Development Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: 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 MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 331, Senate Print 993A, by Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 331, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads and Weber.

Ayes, 46. Nays, 12.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 337, Senate Print 2472, by Senator Cleare, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect one year after it shall

have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 342, Senate Print 2284, by Senator Cleare, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Cleare to explain her vote.

SENATOR CLEARE: Thank you. Good morning, Madam President.

In 2021, the most recent year for which complete data is available, 48,830 people

died from gun-related injuries in the United States, according to the CDC. Access to firearms through undocumented attainment allows for the surfacing of unidentified and untraceable firearms which contribute to the epidemic of violence in our communities.

And while the state may keep statistics on the volume of production of milk or the deaths of small ponds, we have no idea exactly how many firearms are sold and/or distributed in our state.

Therefore, this legislation requires the monitoring of manufacturers and keeping records of their firearms sales by the Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Firearms are inherently dangerous weapons, and knowing how many are being sold in our state should be baseline common knowledge. Moreover, the recording and supervision of firearm manufacturing sales will at least give us a picture of where guns that are used illegally originate from and how they may change hands.

Through this legislation, the Division of Criminal Justice Services will have more resources in order to determine a whole host

of important considerations with respect to firearms in our state. I proudly vote aye and encourage my colleagues to do the same.

Thank you.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 342, 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 MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 389, Senate Print 3531A, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Executive Law and the Energy Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Secretary will announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 389, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Griffo, Helming, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 42. Nays, 16.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 407, Senate Print 1646, by Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick to explain her vote.

SENATOR CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK: Thank you, Madam President.

As many people here may know, I am an attorney and very proud of what I've accomplished, and I'm very proud to be an attorney that is put in a position of trust when people are in the most vulnerable positions.

While I understand that there may be a goal to have fairness, I do believe that character is a critical prerequisite to the practice of law. If a person has something that they've had in their past that they need to explain to the character committee, it's in my opinion an opportunity for them to explain that this experience has allowed them to build character and reflect on their past conduct that may now be something that they would never choose to do at this point.

I do think that the letter that we have received from all of the judges of the various Appellate Divisions as well as the Acting Chief Judge that says that we are putting the public in jeopardy to pass this law -- I take

that with a lot of weight, because they are dealing with so many attorneys in the practice of law.

So for that reason, I will be voting no, and I urge my colleagues to do so also.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick to be recorded in the negative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 407, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Skoufis, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 39. Nays, 19.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 476, Senate Print 1471, by Senator Breslin, an act to amend the Insurance Law and the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 9. This act shall take effect on the 270th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 621, Assembly Bill Number 4332, by Assemblymember Gunther, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: 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 MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 621, voting in the negative: Senator Mannion.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 624, Assembly Print Number 2400, by Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 630, Senate Print Number 3234A, by

Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 630, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Lanza, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt and Stec.

Ayes, 52. Nays, 6.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 655, Senate Print 5640, by Senator Ramos, an act to amend the Labor Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 657, Senate Print 157, by Senator Krueger, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: 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 MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Chu to explain her vote.

SENATOR CHU: Thank you, Madam President, for giving me this opportunity to explain how important it is to support this legislation.

And I would like to thank my colleague Senator Krueger for bringing this to all our attention because in 2021, just in New York City, we had over a hundred fire cases started related to this, battery related, caused by e-bikes or e-scooters. And just by 2022, the number doubled to over 200 cases.

In Southern Brooklyn, where I represent the community, just last year, within 12 months, I saw four cases, fire cases, related to this caused by e-bikes, e-scooters, lithium-ion battery issues. And it's really important for us, for especially like immigrant communities, working families, because many of them who utilize this battery for delivery or to provide for your family as transportation.

And one of the cases in my district last year, one fire caused -- over 140 families got displaced simply because of those batteries.

So I really would like to emphasize how important this legislation is, because this legislation is one right step and also one of the first steps we have to take to ensure our community and our family can be safe and feel safer, instead of feeling you're living next to

an unstable ticking bomb. So I really would like to emphasize this.

For all these reasons, I vote aye, and hopefully all my colleagues in the chamber can support it.

Thank you.

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

Senator Krueger to explain her vote.

SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you, Madam President.

I so appreciate my colleague speaking on behalf of my bill.

I just wanted also to rise to explain this is a crucial health and safety issue. There are absolutely, as Senator Chu just pointed out, fires going on all over the City of New York that we know are caused by the illegal use of these secondary-market reused batteries.

Once they start to burn, because they're usually packaged in groups for purposes on e-bikes and other small vehicles, they start to burn so hot and so fast that the fire department can't even put out these fires in time. And people have been dying, have suffered

horrendous burns, spreading throughout multifamily dwellings, private houses.

And the fact is we have to establish new regulations to deal with the new world we are living in with lithium-ion batteries being used for so many purposes.

I do want to, for intents of the Legislature, go on the record that it is not the intent of this bill to put these same requirements on larger industrial uses. I even understand there are forklifts that now are using batteries. And of course we know there are cars that use batteries.

Of course we must have safety standards for them as well, and I suspect there will be other bills in the future to address the continuing growth in battery-powered products that are good for our environment and overall good for us.

But this was specifically targeted to the smaller products, the e-bikes and electric-moped-type products that are wreaking havoc in the City of New York at this point in time.

So I also urge a vote yes by

everyone. Thank you.

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

Senator Ramos to explain her vote.

SENATOR RAMOS: Thank you, Madam President.

I'm so happy to be voting for this legislation today, and I want to commend and thank Senator Krueger for her crucial initiative in addressing all of the fires that truly have devastated so many families across New York.

And I wanted to add some context to the plight of the deliveristas who often are the ones who incur all of the overhead of the work that they have to do. They buy the bike, they have to even buy the thermal bags that carry our food in order, you know, to -- for it to travel as best as possible.

The big companies like Grubhub, Door Dash, Uber Eats and the like, actually do not cover any of that overhead for them, and it had pushed them then to look to second-use ion batteries as a way to save money. And quite frankly, it needed to be banned because lithium-ion batteries -- second-use lithium-ion

batteries have been banned in nearly every other electronic. And it just didn't make sense that we hadn't done so for e-bikes as well.

So right now as the deliveristas in New York City are actually fighting for a decent living wage and then the New York City mayor can take action on that today, we hope that this will at least provide families with solace and with the peace of mind that we all deserve.

Thank you.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 663, Senate Print 5823C, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the General Business Law.

SENATOR PALUMBO: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is laid aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 666, Assembly Print Number 5519, by Assemblymember Hunter, an act to amend the

Banking Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 666, 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 MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 671, Assembly Print Number 458, by Assemblymember Epstein, an act to amend the Real Property Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: 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 MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 671, voting in the negative: Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 691, Senate Print 1672, by Senator Addabbo, an act to amend the Highway Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: 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 MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 695, Assembly Print Number 1025, by Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn, an act to amend the Public Buildings Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 695, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Helming, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 45. Nays, 13.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 726, Senate Print 3133, by Senator Mannion, an act to amend the Highway Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Borrello to explain his vote.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you, Madam President.

First of all, I want to thank Senator Mannion for bringing this forward.

You know, we talk a lot about what we can do to expand broadband access, particularly in our rural areas. But unfortunately, still one of the biggest barriers to the expansion of broadband, despite the state's efforts to provide funding, is

bureaucracy and other hurdles.

One of the biggest ones -- and the most egregious, in my opinion -- was the fact that the Department of Transportation requires the resurveying of utility poles when you are simply adding fiber optic cable to them. Now, I'm not an expert on utility poles, but I'm pretty sure they don't get up and move around.

So this is really ridiculous, it's expensive, and it delays the expansion of broadband.

So this bill in part does address that, as well as other things like ensuring that those out there that are trying to expand broadband access realize that there are grants available, that there is indeed state funding and we're not just talking about it.

So again, thank you to Senator Mannion for that, and I proudly vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 728, Senate Print 4273, by Senator Lanza, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: 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 MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 744, Assembly Print Number 3057, by Assemblymember Cruz, an act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law.

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for the day.

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

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 761, Senate Print 2164A, by Senator Liu, an act to amend the Legislative Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 761, voting in the negative: Senators Lanza and O'Mara.

Ayes, 56. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 765, Senate Print 291, by Senator Tedisco, an act to amend the Legislative Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Tedisco to explain his vote.

SENATOR TEDISCO: Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President and my colleagues, I'm honored to have been able to author this particular piece of legislation and see it come in a bipartisan way to the floor, and I thank you all very much for your support of it.

I think it was Winston Churchill who once said our representative democracy is the worst form of government in all the world -- except for all the rest. And I think he was absolutely right about that.

What I don't know if he said or not, but I know is a truism, we're the greatest nation in the world also. And we're the greatest nation in the world for one overriding reason: We've got a great Constitution. It's an unbelievable document. We had some wonderful founding fathers. We make it better over years. And this document chronicles everything we were born into

this world with, all our freedoms and all our liberties. No man, no woman has given us the freedoms incorporated in this.

But we're the greatest nation in the world because of our veterans, because of the best, the brightest, the most courageous and compassionate fighting force in the world, the men and women of the armed forces. Why? Because every human being in every other nation in the world has these same freedoms and liberties. Because of them, we get to live these freedoms and liberties at the highest level of any group of people in any nation in any part of our world.

Recently, on Memorial Day, we honored those people who gave the last measure on Memorial Day. But every single one of our veterans, when they sign up, understand they're willing to give up everything they hold dear for us, so we as individuals can have everything we hold dear for ourselves and our families.

If anybody should be seeing the representative democracy -- sometimes they call it the way the sausage is made, the good, the bad the ugly of their government, which they were willing to die for -- it should be our veterans.

This bill will provide them the same opportunity as those outstanding interns we've had over the years. And I've had some great interns. I think we should have a day where we honor our interns here on this floor, because they do an unbelievable job for us. I've hired -- and probably you have also -- hired several of our college interns. It's a great program, unbelievable program. And they provide us great service.

But there's one group that overridingly, if we can get them into this building and see what they're putting their lives on the line for -- in many instances, giving up their lives for. And it's this nation, it's this representative democracy. It's the great greatest nation in the world.

I hired my last intern, and he's been with me for seven years. His name is Alex Blizinski. Fantastic worker. Loves this country, loves working in the Legislature. And I bet you have many of your interns which you feel the same way about.

Why is this important? Number one, everybody, all our constituents, should be in

this room watching what we do in here when they have the time. Unfortunately, they're very busy. But certainly those who make this type of government possible should have the opportunity to see the inner workings.

But secondly, they come back from their service in many instances, putting their lives on the line -- they haven't been in the workforce, they haven't got any income coming. We provide a stipend for our interns. We provide a stipend for these VIP, very important persons, our veterans.

And thirdly, we give them something to put on their resume. And I think it would be a positive, I hope it would be a positive.

But maybe lastly, and most importantly, they can help exemplify to us and the college interns they work with the work ethic, the loyalty, the honor, the love of country and patriotism, and the tremendous asset that they were not only there for us as soldiers, and now as veterans, but as workers for us in here.

So, Madam President, I appreciate the opportunity to bring this to the floor. I

thank you for supporting it. And I vote yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Tedisco to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 778, Senate Print 2362, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Election Law.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay the bill aside for the day.

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

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 781, Senate Print 5943, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Election Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 781, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Griffo, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 44. Nays, 14.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 783, Senate Print 1104, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law and the Public Lands Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 797, Assembly Print Number 6907, by Assemblymember Buttenschon, an act to amend the Judiciary Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: 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 MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 814, Senate Print 6585, by Senator Stavisky, an act to amend Chapter 548 of the Laws of 2004.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 821, Senate Print 5957, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: 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 MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 821, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Gallivan, Griffo,

Helming, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Stec and Walczyk.

Ayes, 49. Nays, 9.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 828, Senate Print 1110, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the Executive Law and the General Municipal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 828, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Gallivan, Helming, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco and Walczyk.

Ayes, 47. Nays, 11.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 829, Senate Print 1193, by Senator Persaud, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

Calendar Number 842, the bill is high and will be laid aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 858, Senate Print 6328, by Senator Ramos, an act to amend the Labor Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

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

SENATOR SCARCELLA-SPANTON: Thank you, Madam President. And thank you, Senator Ramos, for introducing this legislation that will protect the rights and livelihoods of call center workers here in New York.

Call center workers often live with constant anxiety of losing their income and facing displacement if their employer loses a contract bid. This bill comes in the wake of the unfortunate closure of the Staten Island E-ZPass Center, which left many call center workers facing uncertain futures and displacement. It was horrifying to hear some of their stories throughout this process, and I'm really happy to be supporting this bill today.

The closure highlighted the vulnerability of these call centers and the need for stronger protections to safeguard their jobs. This bill will provide these necessary protections for call center, particularly when

contracts are terminated. It will also require new contractors to hire existing workers and protect collective bargaining agreements, which is a critical piece to this bill.

Call center closures should not come at the expense of their workers, and this legislation is a reasonable and fair solution.

Thank you again, Senator Ramos, for introducing this legislation and for advocating for the rights and well-being of call center workers.

I proudly vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 858, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 46. Nays, 12.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 859, Senate Print 6635, by Senator Ramos, an act to amend the Workers' Compensation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 859, 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 MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 885, Senate Print 1684A, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Emergency Tenant Protection Act

of 1974.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Hinchey to explain her vote.

SENATOR HINCHEY: Thank you, Madam President.

As we know and we've discussed in this chamber, New York State is facing an unprecedented housing crisis. And here with this Majority in 2019, the Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act was passed, which among other things allowed for municipalities to opt into tenant protection regulations if their municipality had a vacancy rate of less than 5 percent. This vacancy rate was to be determined by the completion of a survey by property owners within that given municipality.

In the community that I represent, the City of Kingston, they had a vacancy rate

study. And at the end of that study it was deemed that their vacancy rate was 6.7 percent. Anecdotally, if you live in or around Kingston, you know that that number was false.

When the City of Kingston themselves conducted their own survey, they found that the vacancy rate was actually more like 1.57 percent.

And so this bill, pretty simply, now just requires that property owners actually complete the vacancy rate survey honestly and correctly the way that we've deemed it to be through the housing and tenant protections passed in 2019.

It makes sure that property owners are honest about their vacancies, and it makes sure that they are consistent in when they are filling out that survey to actually get accurate information so that municipalities, when deemed necessary, can enact strong tenant protections.

I'm really proud to carry this bill. I thank my colleagues for voting for it.

And for that, Madam President, I vote aye. Thank you very much.

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

Senator Palumbo to explain his vote.

SENATOR PALUMBO: Thank you, Madam President.

And although I do agree with the housing crisis issue and a lot of issues mentioned by the sponsor, and I have a lot of respect for the sponsor's positions on these types of issues, I unfortunately do have a problem with this bill, and I've had some individuals express concern. Because it's a means to an end that certainly needs to be properly achieved, but the protocols are not appropriate or accurate, I think, even in the language of this bill.

For example, the surveys are done in New York City by the Census Bureau, which certainly has quality standards and so forth. And to make every municipality now statewide have to comply with this is unfortunately part of what's been an ongoing process that landlords are somehow villains. And if they were making improper notations, they were improperly filling out these surveys, then shame on them. And we do need to remedy that issue.

But my concern is that we now have

an ongoing really bludgeoning of landlords. And what that is saying from a global standpoint to people outside of New York is don't invest in real estate in New York. Because as a landlord, you do need those individuals to be solvent, to actually have the ability to not have to deal with more burdensome regulations, because they're the ones who are building this affordable housing.

And as you may recall, Mr. President, I had an affordable housing bill last year for the five eastern towns on Long Island. I get it. And I think we all can agree that this is at critical mass.

However, creating more regulations for landlords is not the answer. In fact, I think it's counterproductive and counterintuitive to the goals that we're trying to seek.

So for those reasons, Madam President, I am in the negative.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Palumbo to be recorded in the negative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to

Calendar 885, 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 MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 981, Senate Print 448B, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: 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 MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 995, Senate Print 6776, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: 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 MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 999, Assembly Print Number 4456, by Assemblymember Bores, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1001, Senate Print 5430, by Senator Mattera, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Mattera to explain his vote.

SENATOR MATTERA: Thank you, Madam President, for explaining my vote.

First I would like to thank Legislator Nick Caracappa from Suffolk County for drafting a bill in Suffolk County. When we had a

press conference with our County Executive Steve Bellone, it was a unanimous vote on this bill.

And just so everybody understands, that we drive our roads, safety is key. Yeah, we have a lot of potholes, but we do not need to have the debris of cars that are being wrecked in an accident and, guess what, the car gets put on a tow truck or a flatbed, but all the rest of the debris is laid on the side and pushed off to the side. Now, frankly, that is part of the car, part of the automobile. This is safety reasons.

And this being a statewide bill is so, so important for the safety of our drivers and our motorcyclists.

I'd like to thank ABATE, which is American Bikers Aimed Towards Education for helping, actually, this bill, going to everybody and lobbying to make sure that the debris will be cleared from our roadways from any accident. And I look at this as preventive maintenance so -- for safety reasons for all of New Yorkers.

So I am happy that this is statewide to protect all New Yorkers. And I am proud to vote aye, Madam President, and I hope all my

colleagues do the same.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Mattera to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1001, voting in the negative, Senator Brouk.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1006, Assembly Print Number 150, by Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1006, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Hinchey, Lanza, Mannion, Martinez, Mattera, Murray, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Rolison, Skoufis, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Webb and Weber.

Ayes, 38. Nays, 20.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1015, Senate Print 6648, by Senator Sanders, an act to amend the Banking Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1015, 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 MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1017, Senate Print 1453, by Senator Sanders, an act to amend the General Municipal Law and the Banking Law.

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1031 --

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Wait, wait. Excuse me one minute, I'm sorry.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay 1017 aside for the day, please.

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

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1031, Senate Print 5026, by Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the Labor Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: 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 MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Gounardes to explain his vote.

SENATOR GOUNARDES: Thank you, Madam President.

I rise today in support of this bill, the Freelance Isn't Free Act, which we're passing for the second time today.

Across the country and in New York, more than a third of people in the workforce work as freelance workers or contract workers. Those numbers have only increased since the pandemic as people have switched careers or taken on other jobs to kind of make their ends meet.

And amongst freelancers, 71 percent report late or nonpayment for the services that they provide, 60 percent report that they live paycheck to paycheck. And on average, freelancers lose about $6,000 a year in lost payments for the work that they provide.

Only 28 percent of freelancers say

they have consistently received either payment or they even get a contract for what they do.

So what Freelance Isn't Free is meant to do is actually help extend workplace protections or payment protections to this growing segment of our workforce. It would allow every freelancer the right to a written contract on their terms that dictates how and when they are to be paid. It mandates a standard 30-day payment term unless their contract says otherwise.

It includes payment agreement protections so that clients can't require that freelancers accept less payment up-front and the promise of full payment in three months, six months or a year. And it also says that clients can't retaliate against freelancers for pursuing payment.

This is based on a very successful model we've seen work in New York City for the last six years. And because of that, millions of dollars have been recouped on behalf of freelance workers who are being paid, you know, the value for their honest day's work.

I implore and ask my colleagues to

support this bill to help freelancers in every corner of the state, from Buffalo to Brooklyn and everywhere in between. And I proudly vote aye.

Thank you.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1031, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco and Weber.

Ayes, 43. Nays, 15.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1035, Senate Print 6660, by Senator Martinez, an act in relation to authorizing a study on lithium-ion battery fires and prevention.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1036, Senate Print Number 5402, by Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an act to amend the Domestic Relations Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Hoylman-Sigal to explain his vote.

SENATOR HOYLMAN-SIGAL: Thank you, Madam President.

You know, with all the talk of sneakers and our amazing messengers and the anniversary of hip-hop, I need to say today Happy

Pride, because today is June 1st, the beginning of Pride. And thank you. Thank you.

(Applause.)

SENATOR HOYLMAN-SIGAL: And I'm mindful of this important day because I represent Stonewall, which is the birthplace of the modern LGBTQ human rights movement, as well as sponsoring this bill. This bill, which would amend the Domestic Relations Law to prevent a judge from considering the sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or prohibiting a parent from undergoing a gender reassignment when making a determination in a child custody case.

The reason this is so important, Madam President, among other reasons, including today being about the first day of Pride, is that there is a campaign across this country targeting transgender kids and their families. Right-wing lawmakers in groups are making trans kids their number-one target.

There are currently 474 anti-LGBTQ bills introduced in state houses just like this across the country, over 100 of which seek to eliminate gender-affirming care and criminalize

the parents and healthcare providers who help kids access gender-affirming care. And 48 of these anti-LGBTQ bills have already been passed into law, and 14 states have banned gender-affirming care for kids entirely.

This bill is an important statement. We need to do more -- and I hope we do, before the end of the session -- to protect families and their children who are seeking gender-affirming care to prevent kids from literally being separated from their parents in their search for their true selves.

And that's what Pride is all about, Madam President, is acknowledging your true self and being damn proud of it.

I vote aye.

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

Senator Brisport to explain his vote.

SENATOR BRISPORT: Thank you, Madam President.

And thank you to Senator Hoylman-Sigal for sponsoring this bill.

You know, in the Children and

Families Committee we often talk about the best things for children and families. And what's becoming clearer and clearer is that all families of many types are valuable, and the best thing for children is to make sure that they can stay with their parents.

So I'd like to thank Senator Hoylman-Sigal again for moving this bill, and Happy Pride.

I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Brisport to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1036, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Helming, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco and Walczyk.

Ayes, 48. Nays, 10.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1065, Senate Print 6646, by Senator Ramos, an act to amend the Labor Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1065, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Griffo, Helming, Oberacker, O'Mara, Rhoads, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 49. Nays, 9.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1066, Senate Print 6651, by Senator Ramos, an act to amend the Workers' Compensation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1128, Assembly Print Number 7354, by Assemblymember Thiele, an act to amend Chapter 387 of the Laws of 2013.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1128, voting in the negative: Senator Skoufis.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1133, Assembly Print Number 4994, by Assemblymember Blankenbush, an act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1139, Assembly Print Number 6107, by Assemblymember Thiele, an act to amend Chapter 435 of the Laws of 2014.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1139, voting in the negative are Senators Brisport and Martinez.

Ayes, 56. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1144, Assembly Print Number 6569, by Assemblymember Fall, an act to amend Chapter 395 of the Laws of 1978.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to

Calendar Number 1144, voting in the negative: Senator O'Mara.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1151, Senate Print 6673, by Senator Martinez, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1154, Assembly Print Number 7432, by Assemblymember Lunsford, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1155, Senate Print 6947, by Senator Martinez, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1156, Assembly Print Number 7435, by Assemblymember Wallace, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1157, Assembly Print Number 7436, by Assemblymember McMahon, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1158, Assembly Print Number 7439, by Assemblymember Burdick, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1159, Assembly Print Number 7440, by Assemblymember Simone, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1160, Assembly Print Number 7441, by Assemblymember Otis, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1161, Assembly Print Number 7442, by Assemblymember Levenberg, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1162, Assembly Print Number 7443, by Assemblymember Williams, an act to amend the

Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1164, Assembly Print Number 7438, by Assemblymember Lee, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1176, Senate Print 6808, by Senator Mannion, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1177, Senate Print 6889, by Senator Martinez, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1196, Senate Print 2006, by Senator Sanders, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1196, voting in the negative: Senator Helming.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1208, Senate Print 1418, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1211, Assembly Print Number 1313, by Assemblymember McDonald, an act to amend Chapter 672 of the Laws of 1993.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1219, Assembly Print Number 7361, by Assemblymember Davila, an act to amend Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1219, voting in the negative: Senator Walczyk.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1226, Senate Print 6975, by Senator Salazar, an act to amend the Executive Law.

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for the day, please.

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

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1240, Senate Print 2271, by Senator Liu, an act to amend the Real Property Law and the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to

Calendar 1240, 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 MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1247, Assembly Print Number 6587, by Assemblymember Lavine, an act to amend Chapter 455 of the Laws of 1997.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1251, Senate Print 6647, by Senator Sanders, an act to amend the Banking Law.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for the day.

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

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1252, Assembly Print Number 7172, by Assemblymember Seawright, an act to amend Chapter 223 of the Laws of 1996.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1253, Senate Print 6930, by Senator Sanders, an

act to amend Chapter 591 of the Laws of 2001.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1257, Senate Print 3529A, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect 12 months after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator

Fernandez to explain her vote.

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Madam President.

Many times we've been talking about this on the floor, the need to normalize the conversation around periods and menstrual products. And this bill right here adds to that.

All of us know somebody, love somebody, probably are that person that may use menstrual products, and it is our responsibility, I feel, to make sure that those products be the most safe for human use.

And this bill would prevent the use of certain chemicals being in our menstrual products. These are products that go in us, on us, and we should be removing any chemicals that can harm us.

So I am very happy to see this on the floor. I thank you all for the support. I proudly vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1261, Senate Print 5991A, by Senator Persaud, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1266, Senate Print 600, by Senator Salazar, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1266, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Mattera, Murray, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 42. Nays, 16.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1268, Senate Print 1860, by Senator Brouk, an act to amend the Labor Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: 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 MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1268, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Gallivan and Helming. Also Senator Walczyk.

Ayes, 54. Nays, 4.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1269, Senate Print 2469, by Senator Parker, an act to amend the Public Service Law and the Public Authorities Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1269, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello,

Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Tedisco and Walczyk.

Ayes, 48. Nays, 10.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1273, Senate Print 2674, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Krueger to explain her vote.

SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you very much, Madam President.

I rise to strongly support this bill and to urge my colleagues to think twice before they vote no.

We know that homeless youth suffer a disproportionate series of problems, both as

young people without families or without foster care or any services, and that haunts them the rest of their lives.

This bill will allow the small number of programs desperately trying to serve this population to be able to keep their arms wrapped around them and continue to provide desperately needed services for a few more years of age.

And this is so critical. I have a couple of these programs in my district. They are doing amazing work. They are protecting young people from being forced into human trafficking, an issue we discussed quite a bit on this floor yesterday.

And so I want to thank Senator Fernandez for taking the lead on this, and I think it's just so important that the State of New York recognize, as we have for other categories of young people, that they need a few more years of help before they are let out of any protections of government services.

And this is a perfect example of what we should be doing for young people without families or homes to go to.

Thank you. I vote yes.

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

Senator Fernandez to explain her vote.

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: What she said.

No, I'm --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: No, I thank you, Senator Krueger, for your kind words and true words.

I'm very honored to hold this bill because our young people do need the most help right now. And this bill actually does help a demographic that we just highlighted.

This is the first day of Pride Month, and unfortunately it is our young LGBTQ children, members, families, neighbors that do find themselves in homelessness longer than others.

So this will absolutely save lives, add to aiding the housing crisis that we do have, and making sure that people, our loved ones, have a chance for real prosperity.

Thank you. I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Fernandez be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1273, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Helming, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Stec, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 43. Nays, 15.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1274, Senate Print 3011, by Senator Liu, an act in relation to ordering a study and report on a proposed expansion of the Long Island Motor Parkway trail.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1276, Assembly Print Number 358, by Assemblymember Bronson, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: 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 MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1276, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco and Senator Walczyk.

Ayes, 45. Nays, 13.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1284, Assembly Print Number 5075, by Assemblymember McDonald, an act to authorize William Schumaker and Mark Hennessy to receive certain service credit under Section 384-d of the Retirement and Social Security Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: 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 MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1289, Senate Print 6701, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: 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 MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Fernandez to explain her vote.

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Madam President.

So we all know that I am your humble chair of the Committee of Alcohol and Substance Use Disorder, where, with the office of OASAS, we help New Yorkers dealing with addiction. And it cannot be overseen, the addiction crisis that affects those that gamble. Gambling addiction is very real, it is growing. And as we continue to talk and work towards doing more in this state with new casinos, with legalizing mobile betting, to have the Gambling Advisory Council is so important at this very moment.

This council is the creation of -- okay, this is the creation of the Problem Gambling Advisory Council. It is a proactive step in tackling the challenges posed by problem gambling. And this would create a board of

professionals -- let me get the right notes. It would put together a board to make sure that we are addressing and reaching those that may be showing signs of over-gambling and addiction to gambling.

So I hope that this does get through. Because again, as we grow in this state and we see casinos growing and online activity with sports growing, this is something that will help New Yorkers not fall into gambling addiction, gambling debt, and we can have fun with the act of gambling.

So thank you so much. I look forward to seeing this continue to pass and to become reality so, again, we have another program that is protecting, helping New Yorkers, and making sure that no one falls into any dark place of gambling.

Thank you. I vote aye.

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

Senator Addabbo to explain his vote.

SENATOR ADDABBO: Thank you very much, Madam President. And good afternoon, everybody.

And, you know, whenever we do advance or expand gaming in New York, whether it be with the Nations' number-one mobile sports betting product or with the downstate license, a process that's already started, whenever we do these expansions of gaming, what should always and really has been always on the forefront is the issue of problematic gaming and how we address it.

And I want to thank my friend here, Senator Fernandez, for doing this bill. Because if implemented correctly, this council will provide a blueprint on how we not only address the issue of problematic gaming and acknowledge it and address it, but also to try and find a way and make sure that we help people before, before they get really into the addiction. So before they lose the house, before they affect their lives and their families' lives, this council should find a way to, again, address that issue of that individual.

So I want to thank Senator Fernandez. And hopefully this, again, bill can advance in the other house as well. And I'll be voting aye.

Thank you, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Addabbo to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1304, Senate Print 6863, by Senator Stavisky, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This act shall take effect January 1, 2024.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1305, Senate Print 6936, by Senator Stavisky, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1306, Senate Print 6937, by Senator Stavisky, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1311, Senate Print 4087, by Senator Helming, an act to authorize Michael Telesca to take the competitive civil service examination.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1311, voting in the negative: Senator Brisport.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1318, Senate Print 805, by Senator Serrano, an act to amend the Parks, Recreation and Historic

Preservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: 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 MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1318, voting in the negative: Senator Ortt.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1321, Senate Print 5670, by Senator Gallivan, an act to amend the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1321, voting in the negative: Senator Skoufis.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1327, Senate Print 6460, by Senator Krueger, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Krueger to explain her vote.

SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you very much.

This bill was passed last year and unfortunately vetoed by the Governor, so we're giving it another shot.

New York State basically doesn't approve for-profit healthcare. We have a couple of exceptions; they haven't worked so well, for the record. But what we know already is that states that have allowed for-profit hospices to expand have ended up with literally crisis problems of scammers, of drawing down the money without providing the services.

I am a big supporter of hospice care and palliative care, but we need to do it the right way in New York State. We've passed some laws expanding the programs. We should be doing more. But if we let for-profits, particularly those of ill repute, expand into our marketplace here in New York State, we are going to be very sorry in a few years.

And I'd like us to avoid the mistakes made by many other states in this country, well documented now, including by the Center on Economics and -- I'm getting the name wrong, so I'll have to -- anybody who wants the report, ask me. CEPR, and I'm trying to remember

the nickname right now.

So we know that this doesn't work. We should protect New Yorkers from it not working here. I'm urging a yes vote.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1327, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Griffo, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison and Stec. Also Senator Tedisco.

Ayes, 44. Nays, 14.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1336, Senate Print 4047, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the Labor Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: 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 MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1336, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Griffo, Helming, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber. Also Senator Griffo.

Ayes, 42. Nays, 16.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1337, Senate Print 4402, by Senator Kennedy, an act to amend the Labor Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Kennedy to explain his vote.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Thank you, Madam President.

I rise today to speak on this bill that I'm proud to sponsor. And I want to thank our great Majority Leader, Andrea Stewart-Cousins, for prioritizing it on behalf of working families all across New York State and, quite frankly, all across this country, because New York State is a leader in this space.

Right now, if you are a front-line worker on strike, fighting for better wages for yourself and your family, to strengthen safety conditions in the workplace, a fair contract -- you're unable to collect unemployment insurance until you hit two weeks on the strike line.

Not too long ago that wait was even longer; it was actually seven weeks. Because of the work of this conference and this Senate and our partners in government, we were able to lessen that waiting period to two weeks, but it's still far too long. Waiting an extra week on top of what everyone else has to wait for in order to collect unemployment puts an extra strain on

these workers that are out there simply trying to get the benefits and wages that they rightfully earn and deserve each and every day.

And while we've done better than we have in the past, unfortunately, with a prior administration and a prior chapter amendment to the original bill that was a one-week waiting period -- which is what the bill before us does here today -- we ultimately settled on two weeks.

So this rectifies that, ensures that we level the playing field for all workers across the board, whether they are filing for unemployment from being laid off or whether they're out on the line fighting for themselves and their families.

You know, two weeks doesn't necessarily seem like quite that long until you're out of work, until you miss that paycheck. You know, it could mean a missed car payment. It could mean a missed mortgage payment, daycare costs or, you know, just simply struggling to pay utility bills or put food on the table, all because one is seeking better wages for themselves and, again, their families.

So we are making sure that when it

comes to striking workers, that they have a fair and level playing field and don't get the vindictive actions of the managing corporation, whoever that may be, to squeeze them out until they settle for less than they deserve.

So we are very proud to move this bill once again here today. Madam President, I want to thank all of our colleagues for their support on this important bill.

And it has a real-life impact. All you have to do is ask the striking workers who were out on the line at Mercy Hospital in South Buffalo, not too long ago, for over 30 days. Those front-line workers that were there for us during the most difficult time in human history, the last pandemic of COVID-19, and that they were strained by a fight with management and they ended up out on the line for what was a historic fight. But they were able to get the benefits after two weeks because of the legislative actions of this chamber and others.

We want to make sure that all have that at one week. And, when it comes to working families across New York State, they know that we're listening, we're fighting for them and with

them, and they get that relief that they rightfully deserve.

With that, Madam President, I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Kennedy to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1337, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Lanza, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 49. Nays, 9.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1339, Senate Print 944A, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Election Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1339, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Skoufis, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 40. Nays, 18.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1340, Senate Print 2331, by Senator Myrie, an act to amend the Election Law.

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is laid aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1341, Senate Print 2333, by Senator Myrie, an act to amend the Election Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Borrello to explain his vote.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you, Madam President.

This bill requires that the Board of Elections publish biographical information of candidates. I was quick to think about the fact that, you know, what if George Santos had submitted his biographical information to Nassau County, would the Board of Elections be required to vet that information?

But more importantly, this also requires that the Board of Elections, by advertising and advertising four times a day about an election upcoming -- I think we are already inundated with political advertising. And we certainly know who the candidates are and when the election is. And the fact that we're going to dedicate resources for something that already is in overabundance, and require our Board of Elections to ensure that biographical information is actually accurate, is just

irresponsible.

So I'll be voting no. Thank you.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1341, 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 MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1356, Senate Print 5941B, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1358, Assembly Print Number 7401, by Assemblymember Wallace, an act to amend Chapter 109 of the Laws of 2018.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1362, Assembly Print Number 6029, by Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

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

SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President, can we lay aside for the day Calendar 663, and then move to the controversial calendar and take up the one remaining bill.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Calendar Number 663 is laid aside for the day.

The Secretary will ring the bell.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1340, Senate Print 2331, by Senator Myrie, an act to amend the Election Law.

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

SENATOR WALCZYK: Madam President, I rise to see if the sponsor will be willing to answer some questions about this bill.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR MYRIE: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Madam President. So this bill that you're proposing is to do a few things, change the Election Law to do a few things: To create at the state level a voter's guide to send out postcards to voters by household and also to use what I would assume is taxpayer money for television and radio ads in the State of New York to remind people that it's Election Day.

Is that correct?

SENATOR MYRIE: Through you, Madam President, that is not correct.

The bill requires, in addition to some of the things mentioned by my colleague, also if you have an email available to the Board

of Elections, they can contact you that way. And regarding the TV and radio time, these are not advertisements, these are public service announcements of upcoming elections. It has nothing to do with the party or whomever is running, simply to let people know an election is coming up.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Madam President, would the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR MYRIE: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Thank you for that clarification.

In the first section here when you're talking about the voter guide -- and we've had some discussion in this chamber and even passed legislation through this chamber -- I'm not sure how it's doing in the other house -- but it was specifically about the leadership at the State Board of Elections and removing the partisanship or the bipartisan nature of the

State Board of Elections, requiring that there be a balance of both a Republican leader and a Democrat leader, and saying, Oh, not so important to have the balance of those two parties, but rather, you know, we'll have leadership that will be selected.

So I say that because in the first section when you're talking about the voter guide, you're requiring the State Board of Elections to put together issue-based questions. And I wonder what the process the State Board of Elections -- whether they'd be, you know, any party in the future or currently a Republican and a Democrat, equally matched -- what process will they use to determine what questions are appropriate for candidates on state literature and state biographical information that's going to be distributed?

SENATOR MYRIE: Through you, Madam President, I'll address the question that pertained to this bill.

The bill requires that the Board of Elections promulgate regulations and establish the formats and lengths by which biographies, candidate statements would happen.

When we do that typically in our laws, when we allow for the agency to promulgate the regulations, we intentionally do not prescribe specifically how they should do that, in order to leave it to the experts to take care of the promulgation.

It is no different here in requiring the Board of Elections to do that. And I would note on line 14 on page 1 of the bill, the information submitted by the candidate is a sworn statement. And in our statutes a sworn statement would subject the person issuing the statement to criminal penalties should they be offering anything not truthful.

So I leave it to the State Board of Elections and to the candidates, under the penalty of law, to come up with accurate biographies.

SENATOR WALCZYK: And through you, Madam President, would the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR MYRIE: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The

sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: We took up a bill not too long ago talking about how concise the nature of the language for constitutional amendments on the back of the ballot is. And I thought the goal of that was pretty laudable in sort of constraining the State Board of Elections to say, We don't want this to be propaganda on the back of the ballot, we want voters to be as informed as possible about what they're voting on as far as New York State constitutional amendments go. It's an interesting approach.

So as you point out, and through you, Madam President, in line 14 that sworn statement is requiring biographical information be forwarded to the State Board of Elections but also information about the candidate's occupation, educational and occupational background, prior governmental experience, and any other personal background or experience that the candidate deems relevant. Nice to give them some leeway there in defining themselves on their own political campaign and what will be state-sponsored propaganda.

But what is really still the

question to me is: Why is included, in line 18, issue-based questions drafted by the State Board of Elections? Why is that included here?

SENATOR MYRIE: Through you, Madam President, the -- firstly let me step back. The characterization that this is encouraging or somehow explicitly accepting proposing propaganda is a characterization that I would deeply disagree with. This system is in place in New York City. The Campaign Finance Board issues these voter guides for every single election. And as far as I know, there have not been any issue with the content of those voter guides.

And I also think personally that there might be some constitutional issues should we encourage the government to censor political speech.

That aside, the issue-based questions, I would also point to the construction of the current board, State Board of Elections, that is bipartisan, that does require bipartisan agreement for the promulgation of regulations. And so in crafting issue statements -- and again, we -- I know you pointed to the later line, but if you look to the second paragraph of the

statute, that there will be a regulatory process by which you or others could offer public comments on the format and the content of these biographies and issue-statement questions would be formulated.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Madam President, would the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR MYRIE: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: So same question, why is it required in this bill that you're proposing today to have issue-based questions drafted by the State Board of Elections at all? Why wouldn't it be the job of political campaigns to define themselves in the issues that are important to them by function of their own campaign?

SENATOR MYRIE: Through you, Madam President, this doesn't limit what a political candidate can do or say or use as an instrument of persuasion to voters.

But as far as the State Board of Elections or a local board if the State Board of Elections deems that necessary, their role in this process is really for information purposes, for the issues like -- in the New York City voter guide model, like housing, that the candidate is free to say whatever they want to on that.

And I would note, again, that these are candidates -- not a candidate for a single party, but every candidate that is running in that election.

And if there are issues with the promulgation of the issue statements, again, there is an opportunity for public comment, as with all of our other regulations.

SENATOR WALCZYK: And through you, Madam President, would the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR MYRIE: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: So in Section 5 of this bill you're requiring the State Board of

Elections to mail and email, if the registered voter's email is available, every registered voter in each household of the state this voting guide. How much will that cost?

SENATOR MYRIE: Through you, Madam President, up to $5 million.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Madam President, would the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR MYRIE: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: So if there's seven voters in a household and the State Board of Elections has zero email addresses on file, will that household receive seven voter guides or just one for the household, by the way that you've written it here?

SENATOR MYRIE: Through you, Madam President, it would go to each voter, because we are trying to give as much information as possible.

And as all of us are familiar with,

not each household is unanimous in their political affiliation, and there may be households that have different viewpoints on things and may receive the same information very differently. And so it's important that we give each voter that opportunity to make that judgment call.

SENATOR WALCZYK: And through you, Madam President, would the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR MYRIE: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: In Section 6 you're also charging the State Board of Elections to maintain a state website that has this information. Is there a cost associated with that?

SENATOR MYRIE: Through you, Madam President, that is included in the up to 5 million I referenced earlier.

SENATOR WALCZYK: And through you, Madam President, would the sponsor continue to

yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR MYRIE: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: In the section about postcards, in this instance, for the postcards that you'll be sending out within a time period prior to the election reminding folks that an election is coming in case they missed all of the TV and radio ads and mail that they're already receiving in, in this instance you're not requiring each member of the household to receive that postcard, are you?

SENATOR MYRIE: Through you, Madam President, no.

(Pause.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator, he responded to your question.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Oh, I'm -- could you -- through you, Madam President, would he be willing to repeat that response?

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator, your response?

SENATOR MYRIE: Absolutely. Through you, Madam President, no.

SENATOR WALCZYK: And through you, Madam President, would the sponsor continue to yield.

SENATOR MYRIE: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: How will State Board of Elections -- say it's a household of seven, by way of example, again -- how will State Board of Elections determine which member of the household gets the postcard?

SENATOR MYRIE: Through you, Madam President, as I think I mentioned a number of times here, this would be through a regulatory process by which there will be bipartisan participation to ensure that this is the most effective and commonly shared purpose between the two parties, the most effective way to reach voters.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Madam President, would the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Does the

sponsor yield?

SENATOR MYRIE: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Well, I am hopeful that, you know, State Board of Elections has processes through Republicans and Democrats at the top. And, you know, hopefully that leadership balance is maintained so that we can have both free and fair elections here in the State of New York.

I do have some concerns if you consider an odd-number household, for example, where -- seven is probably not a bad number for me to pick as a hypothetical -- if three Democrats live in that household and four Republicans live in that household, putting the Republican and Democrat elections commissioners at the State Board of Elections at a decision whether to pick the Republicans or the Democrats or one or the other to send a postcard to, may present an undue challenge and is inconsistent with prior provisions in even your bill and that you've admitted to in this debate.

But I don't want to belabor this for

too long. I do have a question about the final section, if you would continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR MYRIE: I would. And I would quickly address the point, although there was not a question there.

The same voter guide would be sent to the voter regardless of their party affiliation. And so the concerns about the board picking about whether Democrats or Republicans would receive a postcard is immaterial.

But I will continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Thank you.

The last section here is probably going to be the most perplexing to constituents that may have questions to me about how this law is going to -- or if this becomes law, how it's going to apply in our election systems.

This is the section where we're requiring, for 10 consecutive days for each both primary and general election, that there be consistent ads on the television and the radio

reminding folks that Election Day is coming.

Why is this section included in your bill?

SENATOR MYRIE: Through you, Madam President. I'd first say I think there is a philosophical difference that will not be resolved in our conversation here today.

I am of the belief that more information on our democracy, more information on how you can participate, more reminders, are always a good thing. I believe my friend on the other side may disagree with that.

But on the substance, the last line in that section says each of the four required notifications. So this isn't consistent, to borrow your phrase. This is four consecutive -- four messages per day for 10 consecutive days. And these are not advertisements, these are public service announcements.

SENATOR WALCZYK: And through you, Madam President, will the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR MYRIE: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: We have public service announcements about a number of different topics, and sometimes we even use taxpayer money to fund public service announcements. Sometimes it's in partnership with broadcasters who just want to do the right thing.

Will the state be paying for the time to broadcasters on the TV and radio when they have these public service announcements about the election that's upcoming?

SENATOR MYRIE: Through you, Madam President. As I mentioned earlier, the costs associated with this, including this section, could be up to $5 million.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Madam President, would the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR MYRIE: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: So the cost to

put the public service announcements on the TV, for example, that's included? So the broadcaster, the television broadcasters will be paid by taxpayer money in order to provide that service for the state?

SENATOR MYRIE: Through you, Madam President, they are using public airwaves that belong to New Yorkers. And to uphold our democracy, I think it's important that if you are both making money from using our public airwaves, that that should also be a medium by which voters should be notified of upcoming elections.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Madam President, would the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR MYRIE: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: I'm just trying to find out whether the state's going to be paying the TV or the radio for the time or not.

SENATOR MYRIE: Through you, Madam President, this would not change the --

this will not change the method by which the state issues public service announcements, not just on elections but for health-related concerns or tourism concerns.

This would not change how the state does this under the normal course of business; it would be the same exact process.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Madam President, will the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR MYRIE: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: In the memo that you've written adjacent to this legislation, and submitted, you list the cost as none to the state. But you've referenced multiple times in this debate that this could be up to $5 million.

Was there a state appropriation in the budget for $5 million? And if not, who is going to pay that $5 million?

SENATOR MYRIE: Through you, Madam President, no specific appropriation for

this in the budget.

We have historically given money to our local boards and this year gave more than we have since we've assumed the majority.

But this is an issue that I'd be happy to revisit, should this bill become law, in the next year's budget.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Madam President, would the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR MYRIE: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: So again, your memo says none to the state. Would we require a $5 million appropriation in next year's budget if this is signed into law, or is someone else going to be paying for this?

SENATOR MYRIE: Through you, Madam President. The number that I mentioned earlier is an estimate. Should this bill become law, we would engage the State Board of Elections, we would engage our local boards of

elections to determine what the need would be exactly. And would be happy to discuss with my colleague and the rest of the chamber how we can invest to ensure that this is run appropriately.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Madam President, on the bill.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Walczyk on the bill.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Well, when I first read this bill and it came through committee and we had some committee discussion, I was confused about some of the motivation, frustrated by some of the goals. I have yet to come across someone who at the end of the political season says to me: Oh, gosh, I missed Election Day. If only they had 10 days of public service announcements on the TV and radio to inform me that there was an upcoming election, then I would have remembered to get out there. But we should get down to Albany and do something about that. I wish you would use $5 million of my taxpayer dollars to remind me before --

Imagine this concept, using taxpayer money. And now I'm even less sure about whose taxpayer money, whether it's going to be local

board of elections or the state at a future date, because the memo and some of the information has been inconsistent today.

But I have -- usually, Madam President, people are pretty frustrated by the amount of junk mail that they receive in their boxes, the inundation that they get for political ads on the TV and on the radio. And they're looking forward to the end of the political cycle, like many of us are, so that all of that stuff is gone.

Nobody has approached me and said, Gosh, if only we had the state out there providing more political messaging on campaigns.

So I know my colleague from across the aisle does want to enfranchise more voters, does want to encourage people to get out to vote, and wants to make sure that everybody's informed. I think that's a laudable goal. I think this bill tremendously misses the mark.

And there's also something included here that I think is dangerous to our representative democracy. So that piece is going to be frustrating to constituents when they see the state is wasting taxpayer money advertising

to them that there's an election coming up. Believe me, if they're going to vote, they know that there's an election coming up.

But there's a piece in here that's going to require the State Board of Elections, the same State Board of Elections that this body has pushed legislation forward to -- and there is a movement to remove the bipartisan nature of -- requiring that State Board of Elections to define candidates. There is a line in here that requires the State Board of Elections to define which issues are the most important on a campaign.

In a representative democracy it is not the job of a government to decide what issues are the most important on the campaign. It's not the job of some bureaucrat at the State Board of Elections -- Republican, Democratic or bipartisan -- to decide what issues.

It's our job to decide what issues are most important on a campaign, and it's our job driven by the people that we represent. That's how you win and lose campaigns. You go out and you listen to the people that you represent, they drive the focus, and then we come

here and do the job. It is not top down, it's bottom up. That's how representative democracy is designed.

So, Madam President, I'll be voting no on this, and I encourage my colleagues to do the same.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank you.

Are there any other Senators wishing to be heard?

Seeing and hearing none, debate is closed.

The Secretary will ring the bell.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President, let's return this to the noncontroversial calendar, please.

ACTING; PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill will be returned to the noncontroversial calendar.

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 Borrello to explain his vote.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you, Madam President. What I said on the previous bill. I'm still a no.

Thank you.

(Laughter.)

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1340, 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 Gianaris, that completes the reading of the calendar.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now

return to resolutions and take up previously adopted Resolution 938, by Senator Hinchey, read its title and recognize Senator Hinchey.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution 938, by Senator Hinchey, memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 2023 as Dairy Month in the State of New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Hinchey on the resolution.

SENATOR HINCHEY: Hi, Madam President. I rise today to celebrate June as Dairy Month in the State of New York.

It's often important to start these comments with a frame of how important the dairy sector and our dairy farmers are to New York State. Dairy is the largest sector of New York's agricultural industry. We are fifth in the nation as the largest dairy state, fifth-largest dairy state in the nation. And for every job created by dairy food manufacturers, an additional five jobs are created indirectly, through vendors, contractors and others.

It's also important to know that

dairy farmers are some of the best people I know across our state. It may surprise people to know that here in New York we have --

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Excuse me, Senator Hinchey.

Can we have some order in the chamber, please. Thank you.

SENATOR HINCHEY: Thank you, Madam President. Because our dairy farmers deserve it. They're some of the best people that I know and I think many of us know across the state.

It may surprise people that almost all of the dairies here are small dairies. And the farmers who run them, the farmers who manage them, actually have names for every single cow that's on -- in their herd and on their farm. They know them by face, they engage with them, they're almost like parts of the family. Actually, they are really, truly parts of the family for these farmers.

And yet our dairy farmers are facing a crisis. Just over the last month and a half, when we've asked for statistics around the number of dairy farms in New York, we originally were

told 3600. And just in the last month we're now down to 3200. Over the last 10 years, 2,000 dairy farms have closed. And we're hopeful that this trajectory will change, and we're calling upon our federal partners to do more in the Farm Bill to actually support not just agriculture and our dairy farmers, but specifically fluid milk here in the State of New York.

We just recently held Dairy Day on May 23rd, in partnership with the Northeast Dairy Foods Association, NEDFA, the New York State Cheese Manufacturers Association, and others, where many in this chamber were able to taste and engage with so many of the delicious products that are created right here in New York. And some big-name brands people didn't even realize were here, being created and being sold here in New York.

So it's a great day for us to celebrate June as Dairy Month, but we also must remember that we have a lot more to do to support those farmers and those people who provide us the delicious food that we all love to consume and enjoy.

So thank you, Madam President. I

vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Borrello on the resolution.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you, Madam President.

I want to first of all thank Senator Hinchey, the chair of Agriculture. I'm proud to be the ranking member and to also rise to celebrate June as Dairy Month.

You know, even though it's mostly small dairy farms, dairy is big business in New York State. It is the number-one agricultural product here in New York State. And I am proud to represent the largest dairy-producing county in New York State, Wyoming County.

We also have lots of other important businesses in the dairy industry. We are building the most state-of-the-art cheese-making facility in the nation right now as we speak in Cattaraugus County, where our good friends at Great Lakes Cheese are expanding their operation.

And currently right now Great Lakes Cheese -- not only does it employ hundreds of people, hundreds of New Yorkers, but there are

also 32,000 dairy cows that every single day supply milk for the cheese that they make that gets shipped around the world. And that number is going to go up as they double in size as they move to their new facility in Cattaraugus County.

So we are proud, very proud of our strong dairy industry here in New York State. And if you ate today, thank a farmer.

I proudly vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank you.

Senator Webb on the resolution.

SENATOR WEBB: Thank you, Madam President.

I rise today to thank Senator Hinchey for bringing forth this important resolution calling to attention recognizing June as National Dairy Month here in our state.

So as it's been shared, agriculture is the cornerstone of our economy here in the state, where our farmers support jobs and communities across our state. According to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, in 2021 agriculture in New York produced roughly $3.3 billion in gross domestic product and paid

close to $1 billion in wages.

In rural districts like mine, where we do have farms, it's critically important that we do all that we can as a state to support our farming community. Dairy farmers are the heart of our agricultural industry here in New York. And according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, milk is our state's largest agricultural commodity, as my colleague just mentioned a moment ago, ranking fifth nationally in sales.

Dairy farmers are vitally important to the health of our communities, providing access to locally produced, delicious and nutritious dairy products.

One of the lessons that we learned in watching the ripple effects of the pandemic as it disrupted our national food supply is that having access to locally sourced foods is critically important to protecting the food security of all New Yorkers. And our dairy farmers play a big role in that, in our state's health and economy.

And so, again, we must continue our efforts to support agriculture and ensure that

our dairy farmers thrive so that they can continue to feed and nourish New York.

I am proud to support this resolution. I proudly vote aye. And I want to thank Senator Hinchey again for bringing this resolution to the floor.

Thank you, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank you.

The resolution was previously adopted on May 9th.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now move on to previously adopted Resolution 1277, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, read its title and recognize Senator Scarcella-Spanton.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution 1277, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, commending the Pride Center of Staten Island upon the occasion of hosting its Pridefest Festival on May 27, 2023.

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

SENATOR SCARCELLA-SPANTON: Thank you, Madam President.

And Happy Pride, everyone. I'm so happy to be here today to shine a light on the great work that the Pride Center of Staten Island does year round.

Carol Bullock, who's the executive director of the Pride Center, has been instrumental in creating visibility and community support for the center for years. She has tirelessly paved the way for the LGBT+ community on Staten Island, from events like Pridefest to her Rainbow Run, and I want to commend her for her leadership.

Pridefest is an opportunity for our communities to come together. This is particularly important because of the adversity that they still face to this day. I promised the Pride Center to always raise awareness of this issue whenever I have the opportunity.

The Staten Island Pride Center is one of the few LGBT groups left in the entire country and, honestly, around the world that is not allowed to march in our local St. Patrick Day's Parade. I find this fundamentally wrong

that they are still excluded from participating after all these years.

So I wanted to stand on this floor today to say that I will do everything I can to stand by your side to make sure that you are included.

And, you know, it's taken a long time to do this, but I always wanted to quote Taylor Swift on the floor of the Senate. So I said "Shade never made anybody less gay," is my message to the organizers.

So thank you very much. Happy Pride. I'm so happy to honor you guys today. I proudly vote aye.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The resolution was previously adopted on May 31st.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: And now previously adopted Resolution 1047, by Senator Hinchey, read its title, recognize Senator Hinchey.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution

1047, by Senator Hinchey, memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 28, 2023, as Menstrual Hygiene Day in the State of New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Hinchey on the resolution.

SENATOR HINCHEY: Thank you, Madam President.

Period poverty is a dilemma that no person should ever have to face, and yet in almost every community across New York there are people who cannot afford these vital products. It's estimated that one in four teens have missed school because menstrual products weren't available to them. And on average, two in five people in the United States struggle to afford menstrual health products.

Stigma, financial barriers, and sexism around menstruation force millions of people into period poverty every day. But here, starting in 2020, New York abolished the "pink tax" to make sure that menstruating people would no longer be subject to price discrimination when buying period products.

And this Majority, over the last few years, has made a strong commitment to not only

raising awareness around this issue, but bringing real equity for people across our state, including expanding access to period products in shelters across upstate New York, something that was already provided in New York City but we, in our majority, passed it for the rest of our state. We've expanded access in schools, and hopefully later this session we'll be able to expand that to SUNY and CUNY campuses as well.

Because no matter where you are, people need and should have access to period products just to live their life with dignity. It's something that we need to talk about. It's something we need to destigmatize. And it's something we need to all support.

I want to thank United Way of the Greater Capital Region, Women United, and the Capital Region Menstrual Health Coalition for doing their work and a press conference in their coalition building around this issue. We were very proud to stand with them yesterday in raising awareness for their Lobby Day.

And I also want to thank Senator Webb for sponsoring this resolution with me and for all of her work in this space, making

sure that everyone has equal access.

Thank you very much, Madam President. And for that, I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank you.

Senator Webb on the resolution.

SENATOR WEBB: Thank you, Madam President.

I rise to explain my vote with regards to this resolution. This is such a critical and important issue, and I want to thank Senator Hinchey for her support. And also you, Senator Persaud, Madam President, for your work on this as well.

We had a panel last week with regards to raising awareness about period poverty. And I think sometimes people take for granted how pervasive it is as it relates to this issue. And so this resolution is a continuation of the necessary awareness that we need to do not just on days like this, but year-round, as it pertains to ultimately ending period poverty.

And as the chair of the Women's Issues Committee I'm really proud of the work that we've been doing, especially during this

legislative session, to raise awareness around period poverty and the need for equitable access to period supplies so we can ultimately end the stigma that exists around it.

As has already been said, for far too many women and girls the cost of period products continues to grow, and it creates even more barriers as pertains to attending school, going to work, being fully engaged in your day-to-day life. And so it is important as a state that we continue to again remove barriers as pertains to getting access to menstrual products, and also raise awareness on -- so that we can ultimately remove the stigma.

I want to thank Senator Hinchey again for bringing forth this important resolution, and I encourage that we all, whether you are an individual who experiences your menstrual cycle or not, that we all collectively commit to ensuring equity for all menstruating women, because no one in our state or our country should have to miss school or work because of period poverty.

I thank you, Madam President, and I proudly vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The resolution was previously adopted on May 23rd.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: The sponsors of the resolutions we just took up would like to open them for cosponsorship.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The resolutions are open for cosponsorship. Should you choose not to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: On behalf of Senator Sanders, on page 48 I offer the following amendments to Calendar 1251, Senate Print 6647, 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 Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Please take up the Rules Committee report that is at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator

Stewart-Cousins, from the Committee on Rules, reports the following bills:

Senate Print 99, by Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the Labor Law;

Senate Print 932A, by Senator Persaud, an act to amend the General Business Law;

Senate Print 942A, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 1048A, by Senator Cooney, an act to amend the General Business Law;

Senate Print 1211, by Senator Persaud, an act to amend the Executive Law;

Senate Print 1577, by Senator Brouk, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 1746, by Senator Ramos, an act to amend the Labor Law;

Senate Print 1863, by Senator Brouk, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 1892, by Senator Stavisky, an act to amend the Penal Law;

Senate Print 1900, by

Senator Stavisky, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law;

Senate Print 2102, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law;

Senate Print 2323A, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

Senate Print 2356, by Senator Felder, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 2399, by Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the General Business Law;

Senate Print 2465, by Senator Persaud, an act to amend the Insurance Law;

Senate Print 2496, by Senator Mannion, an act to amend the Social Services Law;

Senate Print 2629A, by Senator May, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 2904, by Senator Stec, an act to amend the Highway Law;

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an act to amend the Highway Law;

Senate Print 2956A, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law;

Senate Print 3036, by Senator Brouk, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 3037, by Senator Walczyk, an act to amend the Highway Law;

Senate Print 3309A, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law;

Senate Print 3539, by Senator Breslin, an act to amend the General Business Law;

Senate Print 3591A, by Senator Breslin, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

Senate Print 4100, by Senator Kennedy, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 4306, by Senator Chu, an act to amend the State Finance Law;

Senate Print 4393, by Senator Martinez, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

Senate Print 4401A, by Senator Webb, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

Senate Print 4501A, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

Senate Print 4534, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Transportation Law;

Senate Print 4550, by Senator May, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 4558A, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law;

Senate Print 4598, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 4707A, by Senator Walczyk, an act to amend the Highway Law;

Senate Print 4862, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the Insurance Law;

Senate Print 4864, by Senator Cooney, an act to amend the Social Services Law;

Senate Print 4897A, by

Senator Rolison, an act to amend the Highway Law;

Senate Print 4898A, by

Senator Rolison, an act to amend the Highway Law;

Senate Print 4900A, by

Senator Rolison, an act to amend the Highway Law;

Senate Print 4973, by

Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the Labor Law;

Senate Print 5201, by

Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Insurance Law;

Senate Print 5237, by Senator Ashby, an act to amend the Highway Law;

Senate Print 5254, by

Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law;

Senate Print 5261A, by

Senator Salazar, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 5289, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law;

Senate Print 5327A, by

Senator Brisport, an act to amend the Social Services Law;

Senate Print 5396, by

Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law;

Senate Print 5423, by Senator Martinez, an act to amend the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law;

Senate Print 5424, by Senator Martinez, an act to amend the Navigation Law;

Senate Print 5426, by Senator Mattera, an act to amend the Highway Law;

Senate Print 5521A, by Senator Cooney, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law;

Senate Print 5574, by Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law;

Senate Print 5591A, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the Insurance Law;

Senate Print 5650A, by Senator Liu, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 5728A, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law;

Senate Print 5741, by

Senator Palumbo, an act permitting the Town Board of the Town of East Hampton to provide health insurance coverage for enrolled members of the East Hampton Volunteer Ocean Rescue and Auxiliary Squad;

Senate Print 5744, by Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law;

Senate Print 5853, by Senator Krueger, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law;

Senate Print 5867, by Senator Ramos, an act to amend the Workers' Compensation Law;

Senate Print 5897, by Senator Brisport, an act to amend the Social Services Law;

Senate Print 5971, by Senator Mattera, an act to amend the Highway Law;

Senate Print 6050, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 6097, by Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law;

Senate Print 6216, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the

General Municipal Law;

Senate Print 6246, by Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law;

Senate Print 6247, by Senator Myrie, an act to amend the Election Law;

Senate Print 6253, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the General Municipal Law;

Senate Print 6254, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the General Municipal Law;

Senate Print 6293, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law;

Senate Print 6318, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Public Service Law;

Senate Print 6335A, by Senator Mannion, an act to amend the Civil Service Law;

Senate Print 6339, by Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law;

Senate Print 6412, by

Senator Kennedy, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law;

Senate Print 6416, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York;

Senate Print 6458, by Senator Martinez, an act to amend the Social Services Law;

Senate Print 6534, by Senator Breslin, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law;

Senate Print 6537, by Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 6542, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

Senate Print 6552, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law;

Senate Print 6584, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the Executive Law;

Senate Print 6640B, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the

Real Property Tax Law;

Senate Print 6641A, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

Senate Print 6644B, by Senator Mannion, an act to amend the Highway Law;

Senate Print 6733, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

Senate Print 6862, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the General Municipal Law;

Senate Print 6897, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

Senate Print 6976, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law;

Senate Print 7000, by Senator Mannion, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 7012, by Senator Mannion, an act to amend the State Administrative Procedure Act;

Senate Print 7082, by

Senator Kennedy, an act to amend the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law;

Senate Print 7124, by Senator Parker, an act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law;

Senate Print 7152, by Senator Parker, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

Senate Print 7211, by Senator Cleare, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

Senate Print 7225A, by Senator Mannion, an act enacting the "Syracuse Regional Airport Authority Design-Build Act";

Senate Print 7232, by Senator Ryan, an act to amend the Economic Development Law;

Senate Print 7259A, by Senator Persaud, an act establishing a fiscal cliff task force;

Senate Print 7358, by Senator Stewart-Cousins, an act to allow Tammy Sciavillo to file an application for continuation of state health insurance benefits;

Senate Print 7384A, by Senator Krueger, an act to amend the

Real Property Tax Law;

Senate Print 7385, by Senator Sanders, an act to amend the Insurance Law;

Senate Print 7386, by Senator Sepúlveda, an act to amend the Tax Law;

Senate Print 7431A, by Senator Rolison, an act to amend Chapter 371 of the Laws of 2020;

Senate Print 7455, by Senator Serrano, an act to amend Chapter 192 of the Laws of 2011;

Senate Print 7461, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law;

Senate Print 7462, by Senator Ryan, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 7463, by Senator Mannion, an act to amend Chapter 563 of the Laws of 2001;

Senate Print 7464, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 7465, by Senator Mannion, an act to amend the Executive Law;

Senate Print 7474, by Senator Ramos, an act to amend Chapter 363 of the Laws of 2010;

Senate Print 7475, by Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an act to amend the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act;

Senate Print 7476, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules;

Senate Print 7477, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend Part FFF of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2018;

Senate Print 7478, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend Chapter 2 of the Laws of 1998;

Senate Print 7479, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend Chapter 81 of the Laws of 1995;

Senate Print 7480, by Senator Serrano, an act to amend Chapter 384 of the Laws of 1998;

Senate Print 7481, by Senator Cooney, an act to amend the Cannabis Law;

Senate Print 7488, by Senator Ryan, an act to amend the Judiciary Law;

Senate Print 7489, by

Senator Comrie, an act to amend Chapter 303 of the Laws of 1999.

All bills reported direct to third reading.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: All those in favor of accepting the Rules Committee report, signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Opposed, nay?

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The report of the Rules Committee is accepted.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Going back to motions for a moment, on behalf of Senator Sepúlveda, on page 36, I offer the following amendments to Calendar 1085, Senate Print 3315, and ask that said bill retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

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

Senator Gianaris.

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

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

SENATOR GIANARIS: I move to adjourn until Monday, June 5th, at 3:00 p.m., with the intervening days being legislative days.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Monday, June 5th, at 3:00 p.m., with intervening days being legislative days.

(Whereupon, at 2:17 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)