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REGULAR SESSION

SENATOR SHELLEY B. MAYER, Acting President

ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

1                   P R O C E E D I N G S

2                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The Senate  
3 will come to order.

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

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

8                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    In the  
9 absence of clergy, let us have a moment of  
10 silence to honor the memory of Angie Gigliotti,  
11 who many of us knew, who worked at Prime in the  
12 Concourse for many years and was really a symbol  
13 of the force and the strength of this Albany  
14 capital that we reside in.

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

17                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Reading of  
18 the Journal.

19                   THE SECRETARY:    In Senate, Sunday,  
20 May 12, 2024, the Senate met pursuant to  
21 adjournment. The Journal of Saturday, May 11,  
22 2024, was read and approved. On motion, the  
23 Senate adjourned.

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

1 Presentation of petitions.  
2 Messages from the Assembly.  
3 Messages from the Governor.  
4 Reports of standing committees.  
5 Reports of select committees.  
6 Communications and reports from  
7 state officers.

8 Motions and resolutions.

9 Senator Gianaris.

10 SENATOR GIANARIS: Good afternoon,  
11 Madam President.

12 By agreement, I wish to call up the  
13 following bills, which were recalled from the  
14 Assembly and are now at the desk: Senate 3283  
15 and Senate 1198.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
17 Secretary will read.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
19 166, Senate Print 3283, by Senator Rivera, an act  
20 to amend the Public Health Law.

21 Calendar Number 686, Senate Print  
22 1198, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the  
23 Public Health Law.

24 SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to  
25 reconsider the vote by which these bills were

1 passed.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
3 Secretary will call the roll on reconsideration.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 55.

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

9 SENATOR GIANARIS: I offer the  
10 following amendments.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
12 amendments are received.

13 SENATOR GIANARIS: Amendments are  
14 offered to the following Third Reading Calendar  
15 bills:

16 By Senator Brouk, on page 14,  
17 Calendar Number 146, Senate Print 4667;

18 Senator Ramos, page 15,  
19 Calendar Number 211, Senate Print 4924;

20 Senator Salazar, page 39,  
21 Calendar Number 683, Senate Print 7607A;

22 Senator Ryan, page 40,  
23 Calendar Number 713, Senate Print 139B;

24 Senator Breslin, page 51,  
25 Calendar Number 879, Senate Print 5242;

1                   And Senator Skoufis, page 55,  
2                   Calendar Number 920, Senate Print 5536A.

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

6                   Senator Gianaris.

7                   SENATOR GIANARIS:    Madam President,  
8                   we have a very special guest with us today,  
9                   especially for those of us who are not Yankees  
10                  fans.

11                  (Laughter.)

12                  SENATOR GIANARIS:    Please call up  
13                  previously adopted Resolution 2353, by  
14                  Senator Sepúlveda, read its title and recognize  
15                  Senator Sepúlveda.

16                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The  
17                  Secretary will read.

18                  THE SECRETARY:    Resolution 2353, by  
19                  Senator Sepúlveda, honoring David Ortiz, "Big  
20                  Papi," for his contributions to baseball, in  
21                  conjunction with the 20th Anniversary of the  
22                  2004 World Series.

23                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Senator  
24                  Sepúlveda on the resolution.

25                  SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA:    Thank you,

1 Madam President, for allowing me to present this  
2 resolution.

3 For those of you who are Yankee  
4 fans, like me, bear with me. You can forgive me  
5 later on. But "Big Papi" is a name, David Ortiz  
6 is a name that is internationally known for his  
7 works besides baseball, some of the great things  
8 that he's doing since his retirement.

9 Today we honor this figure,  
10 David Ortiz, universally known as "Big Papi."  
11 Our resolution celebrates his monumental  
12 contributions to baseball, his profound  
13 philanthropic efforts, and the 20th anniversary  
14 of the 2004 World Series.

15 Beyond his iconic sports career,  
16 David's unwavering dedication is evident through  
17 his work with the David Ortiz, Jr., Children's  
18 Fund, partnering with CEDIMAT Hospital in the  
19 Dominican Republic, and provides lifesaving  
20 cardiac care to children, highlighting his  
21 commitment to health and well-being across our  
22 borders.

23 David's impact extends deeply into  
24 our community through his participation in  
25 numerous charity events enhancing the lives of

1 kids here in New York. His final tour at  
2 Yankee Stadium, met with heartfelt respect and  
3 admiration, solidified his status not only as a  
4 sports icon but as a beloved humanitarian and a  
5 distinguished member of the Hall of Fame.

6 His efforts have inspired countless  
7 individuals and have had a tangible positive  
8 impact on the lives of children both in New York,  
9 in Boston, and in the Dominican Republic.

10 In celebrating David today, we  
11 recognize not just a sports hero but a man whose  
12 Hall of Fame legacy of compassion and dedication  
13 will resonate for generations.

14 Thank you, "Big Papi," for your  
15 indelible mark on our hearts and our communities.

16 {Remarks repeated in Spanish as  
17 follows: Señora Presidenta, distinguidos colegas  
18 e invitados de honor, hoy honramos a una figura  
19 legendaria, el señor David Ortiz, conocido  
20 universalmente como "Big Papi."

21 La Resolución del Senado No. 2353  
22 celebra sus monumentales contribuciones al  
23 béisbol, sus profundos esfuerzos filantrópicos y  
24 el 20th aniversario de la Serie Mundial de 2004.

25 Más allá de su icónica carrera

1 deportiva, la dedicación inquebrantable de David  
2 es evidente a través de su trabajo con el Fondo  
3 Infantil David Ortiz, asociándose con el Hospital  
4 CEDIMAT en la República Dominicana para  
5 proporcionar atención cardíaca vital a niños,  
6 destacando su compromiso con la salud y el  
7 bienestar más allá de las fronteras.

8 El impacto de David se extiende  
9 profundamente en nuestra comunidad a través de su  
10 participación en numerosos eventos benéficos,  
11 mejorando las vidas de los jóvenes de Nueva York.  
12 Su última gira en el Yankee Stadium, recibida con  
13 un respeto y una admiración sinceros, consolidó  
14 su estatus no solo como un icono deportivo, sino  
15 también como un querido humanitario y un  
16 distinguido miembro del Salón de la Fama del  
17 Béisbol.

18 Sus esfuerzos han inspirado a  
19 innumerables individuos y han tenido un impacto  
20 positivo y tangible en la vida de los niños tanto  
21 en Nueva York como en la República Dominicana.

22 Al celebrar a David Ortiz hoy,  
23 reconocemos no solo a un héroe deportivo, sino a  
24 un hombre cuyo legado del Salón de la Fama de  
25 compasión y dedicación resonará por generaciones.

1                   Gracias, Big Papi, por tu huella  
2                   indeleble en nuestros corazones y nuestras  
3                   comunidades.)

4                   Thank you.

5                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Thank you,  
6                   Senator Sepúlveda.

7                   Senator Bailey on the resolution.

8                   SENATOR BAILEY:    Thank you,  
9                   Madam President.

10                  I am not a Yankee fan, although I am  
11                  from the Bronx.  I am a New York Mets fan.  And  
12                  so in 2004 I was able to observe the World Series  
13                  as a baseball fan, not rooting for one side or  
14                  another.  And I was able to watch the magic  
15                  happen, the magic happen by that band of what  
16                  they called themselves -- not my words, they  
17                  called themselves idiots.

18                  (Laughter.)

19                  SENATOR BAILEY:    But they weren't  
20                  idiots.  They were, quite frankly, one of the  
21                  greatest teams that we've seen, if we're being  
22                  objective about it -- Yankee fans, I'm sorry --  
23                  one of the greatest teams that we've seen win a  
24                  World Series, because they were the essence of  
25                  what a team was.

1                   You had good pitching that rose to  
2                   the level of greatness. You had great hitting  
3                   that rose to the level of stupendous. And you  
4                   had the glue, which is David Ortiz, "Big Papi."  
5                   The only guy that you could ever in the hood call  
6                   "Big Papi" is David Ortiz.

7                   (Laughter.)

8                   SENATOR BAILEY: And it shows you  
9                   that in sports, much like life, being a team  
10                  sport, you need to have certain people that  
11                  galvanize your clubhouse and also your community.

12                  And so the 63 of us -- 62 now that  
13                  Tim's not here -- 62 of us now in this chamber,  
14                  we are all galvanizing forces for our  
15                  communities, so we can understand when we see one  
16                  in our chamber. And that is David Ortiz, who  
17                  from what you've -- what's been read off and what  
18                  you've seen, is a better person than he was a  
19                  Hall of Fame baseball player. And I will say  
20                  that the Minnesota Twins fumbled the bag when  
21                  they let him go.

22                  (Laughter.)

23                  SENATOR BAILEY: I'm a baseball  
24                  fan, right? So like I've watched his career.  
25                  And to be in the midst of a Hall of Famer, a true

1 legend on and off the field, is a true honor for  
2 me.

3 Thank you, David Ortiz, for all the  
4 work that you do.

5 Thank you -- I vote aye,  
6 Madam President. Thank you, Senator Sepúlveda,  
7 for the resolution.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,  
9 Senator Bailey.

10 Senator May on the resolution.

11 SENATOR MAY: Thank you,  
12 Mr. President.

13 I grew up in Boston in the fifties,  
14 sixties and seventies, when World Series titles  
15 were painfully elusive to the Red Sox. And so  
16 it's been wonderful, even though I don't live  
17 there anymore, to see some of the amazing things  
18 that have happened with the Red Sox.

19 And you are such hero to all of us  
20 Red Sox fans. So thank you for being here, and  
21 for all the good work that you've done.

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

24 To our guest, Mr. David "Big Papi"  
25 Ortiz --

1 (Laughter.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: -- we  
3 welcome you on behalf of the Senate. We extend  
4 to you the privileges and courtesies of the  
5 house.

6 Please rise and be recognized.

7 (Standing ovation.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
9 resolution was previously adopted on April 7th.  
10 Senator Gianaris.

11 SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you,  
12 Madam President.

13 Next up is previously adopted  
14 Resolution 2027, by Senator Tedisco. Please read  
15 its title and recognize Senator Tedisco.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
17 Secretary will read.

18 And can we try to have some quiet.

19 THE SECRETARY: Resolution 2027, by  
20 Senator Tedisco, congratulating the Stillwater  
21 High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team upon the  
22 occasion of capturing the New York State Public  
23 High School Athletic Association Boys Basketball  
24 Class B Championship on March 15, 2024.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator

1 Tedisco on the resolution.

2 SENATOR TEDISCO: Madam President,  
3 I guess this is "Outstanding Athletes Day" today  
4 in the New York Senate chambers.

5 I'm pleased to welcome the New York  
6 State Class B Boys Basketball Champions to the  
7 chamber today, the Warriors of Stillwater High  
8 School. Stillwater defeated Marcellus High  
9 School in a hard-fought 59-50 victory to win  
10 their second championship in program history on  
11 Friday, March 15, 2024, at the Cool Insuring  
12 Arena in Glens Falls, New York.

13 Prior to their success at that  
14 level, this outstanding -- these outstanding  
15 young men won the Waseran League with a 16-0  
16 record and finished the season with an  
17 outstanding overall record of 27 wins and only  
18 one loss.

19 The Warriors were also recognized  
20 for their great academic achievements as a  
21 New York State Public High School Athletic  
22 Association Scholar Athlete Team, garnering an  
23 overall team grade point average of above  
24 90 percent.

25 It is said that the success of any

1 team starts with leadership. And their coaches  
2 worked tirelessly to make this group collectively  
3 greater than the sum of its parts. And although  
4 they are not present today, the administration,  
5 board, and faculty of Stillwater School District  
6 are second to none and no doubt had a hand in  
7 this team's success.

8                   Please welcome these members and  
9 their coaches: Members Lukas Lilac,  
10 Carter Wichelns, Thomas McDonough, Shea Brown,  
11 Kaelan Leak, Brody Burdo, Mason Wagner,  
12 Jack Stewart, Jay Gannon, Jacob Niznik,  
13 Jaxon Mueller, James Cocozzo, Landon Staie, and  
14 Matt Lutz; their Head Coach, Bruce Lilac; and  
15 Assistant Coaches Dave Cook, Craig Burdo and  
16 Pete D'Aloia.

17                   Madam President, please extend a  
18 warm welcome to these outstanding student  
19 athletes and coaches and give them all the  
20 cordialities of this august chamber.

21                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you.

22                   To our guests, the winning team from  
23 Stillwater High School and their coaches, we  
24 welcome you on behalf of the Senate. We extend  
25 to you the privileges and courtesies of the

1 house.

2 Please rise and be recognized.

3 (Standing ovation.)

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
5 resolution was previously adopted on March 26th.

6 Senator Gianaris.

7 SENATOR GIANARIS: Next is  
8 previously adopted Resolution 1983, by  
9 Senator Thomas. Please read its title and  
10 recognize Senator Thomas.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
12 Secretary will read.

13 THE SECRETARY: Resolution 1983, by  
14 Senator Thomas, honoring Dr. Kishore Kuncham upon  
15 the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of  
16 distinguished service to the Freeport School  
17 District.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
19 Thomas on the resolution.

20 SENATOR THOMAS: Thank you,  
21 Madam President.

22 It's a bit hard to rise right after  
23 "Big Papi" from the Bronx, you know, who decided  
24 to come to our chambers today.

25 But we've got a "Big Papi" at the

1 Freeport School District here, Dr. Kishore  
2 Kuncham. He is here with us today after 30 years  
3 of distinguished service to the Freeport School  
4 District.

5 For the past three decades,  
6 Dr. Kuncham has served Freeport schools with  
7 integrity, compassion and unwavering dedication  
8 to his students. Under his guidance, Freeport  
9 schools have flourished and achieved  
10 unprecedented success in academics, arts,  
11 athletics and beyond.

12 His vision and innovation gave  
13 students unique opportunities for growth,  
14 exploration, and discovery with a "whole child"  
15 approach to learning policy. Dr. Kuncham  
16 empowered students of all ages to excel  
17 academically, but also focused on fostering their  
18 social, emotional and physical well-being. He  
19 made sure that every student had the tools they  
20 needed to succeed in an ever-changing world in  
21 unique ways.

22 As an advocate for more health and  
23 wellness in classrooms, he introduced the daily  
24 practice of mindfulness, yoga and guided  
25 breathing. And he brought his deep passion for

1 peace and humanitarianism to our community with  
2 the annual peace concerts, peace marches, and an  
3 unprecedented 131-mile Peace Walk hosted by the  
4 school district.

5 Dr. Kuncham's journey is not only  
6 one of professional achievement but is also a  
7 testament to the power of passion and  
8 perseverance. He will be remembered as a  
9 trailblazing spirit whose unwavering commitment  
10 to excellence can be felt for generations to  
11 come.

12 From humble beginnings to his ascent  
13 as a respected figure in education, his story  
14 resonates deeply with all of us, and especially  
15 with me. As the first Indian American State  
16 Senator, it is both an honor and privilege to  
17 have this opportunity to pay tribute to the  
18 remarkable career of Freeport schools' first  
19 Indian American school superintendent. His  
20 success demonstrates the resilience and  
21 determination of the Indian American community.

22 So thank you, Dr. Kuncham, for your  
23 service to our children, your unwavering  
24 leadership, and the profound impact you've had on  
25 the Freeport community. You will be deeply

1 missed, but your legacy will surely endure.

2           Congratulations and best wishes for  
3 a well-deserved retirement.

4           ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,  
5 Senator Thomas.

6           To our guest, Dr. Kishore Kuncham,  
7 we welcome you on behalf of the Senate. We  
8 extend to you the privileges and courtesies of  
9 the house.

10           Please rise and be recognized.

11           (Standing ovation.)

12           ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
13 resolution was previously adopted on March 19th.

14           Senator Gianaris.

15           SENATOR GIANARIS: Next up is  
16 previously adopted Resolution 2352, by  
17 Senator Helming. Please read that resolution's  
18 title and recognize Senator Helming.

19           ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
20 Secretary will read.

21           THE SECRETARY: Resolution 2352, by  
22 Senator Helming, congratulating the Finger Lakes  
23 Community College Men's Volleyball Team upon the  
24 occasion of capturing the 2024 National  
25 Junior College Athletic Association Men's

1 Volleyball National Invitational Title.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
3 Helming on the resolution.

4 SENATOR HELMING: Thank you,  
5 Madam President.

6 I agree that we have many, many  
7 great people who have joined the chamber today.  
8 And it is truly an honor and privilege to welcome  
9 the Finger Lakes Community College Men's  
10 Volleyball Team to our chamber.

11 This team made history last month by  
12 claiming their second consecutive National  
13 Junior College Athletic Association Volleyball  
14 Championship. The Lakers secured the  
15 championship after a 3-1 defeat over the  
16 Monroe College Mustangs from New Rochelle.

17 This series was an exciting rematch  
18 of the Lakers and Mustangs inaugural 2023  
19 national championship. As you can imagine, the  
20 Mustangs came out looking to strip the title from  
21 the Lakers. And during the first set, which the  
22 Mustangs won, it looked like they could possibly  
23 do just that.

24 But the Lakers, under the leadership  
25 of Coach Steven Verbridge, pulled together as a

1 team, winning the following three sets and  
2 returning the championship trophy to the  
3 Finger Lakes Community College campus.

4 This victory sealed the deal on a  
5 remarkable season for the Lakers, who finished  
6 with an impressive 33 and 3 record.

7 First-year Head Coach Steven  
8 Verbridge was named Men's Volleyball Coach of the  
9 Year, and Nick Ferris the Most Valuable Player.

10 During the season and the  
11 championship playoffs, Coach Verbridge and  
12 Assistant Coach Daina Marsh stressed teamwork,  
13 and they taught the team important lessons that  
14 can be applied not only on the court, but in life  
15 as well -- how to face adversity and channel  
16 challenges into the motivation necessary to  
17 achieve your goals.

18 To Dan, AJ, Bryce C., Ian, Nate,  
19 Devin, Sam, Evan, Bryce Nickson, Nehemiah, Aaron,  
20 Alex, Nick, Marc, Garyson and Jarett,  
21 congratulations. You have learned lessons from  
22 your experience that will help you, as I said,  
23 both on and off the court, and you have  
24 demonstrated to all of us that you have the  
25 commitment and dedication necessary to achieve

1 your goals.

2                   Again, congratulations to you,  
3 congratulations to Coach Verbridge and  
4 Assistant Coach Marsh.

5                   To the returning players, I sure  
6 hope to see you again next year. To the  
7 sophomores who are going on, we wish you all the  
8 best with your future endeavors.

9                   Congratulations to all of you.

10                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,  
11 Senator Helming.

12                   To our guests, the winning  
13 Finger Lakes Community College Men's Volleyball  
14 Team, even though you defeated a team from my  
15 district --

16                   (Laughter.)

17                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: -- we  
18 welcome you on behalf of the Senate. We extend  
19 to you cordialities of the house.

20                   Please rise and be recognized.

21                   (Standing ovation.)

22                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
23 resolution was previously adopted on May 7th.

24                   Senator Gianaris.

25                   SENATOR GIANARIS: And now

1 previously adopted Resolution 2301, by  
2 Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, read its title and  
3 recognize Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
5 Secretary will read.

6 THE SECRETARY: Resolution 2301, by  
7 Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, honoring  
8 Sir Dr. David Goldberg upon the occasion of being  
9 knighted by the renowned Parte Guelfa in  
10 Florence, Italy.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
12 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick on the resolution.

13 SENATOR CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK:  
14 Thank you, Madam President.

15 Today it is my honor to recognize  
16 the accomplishments of one of my constituents of  
17 the Ninth Senate District, Dr. David Goldberg, or  
18 I should say Sir Dr. David Goldberg, who is  
19 visiting us from Long Beach, New York.

20 Dr. Goldberg was recently knighted  
21 by Parte Guelfa in Florence, Italy, which is a  
22 knighthood organization with nearly 800 years of  
23 unbroken history dating back to the 13th century,  
24 and which recognizes individuals who are making  
25 significant contributions to humanity.

1                   Dr. Goldberg was knighted in  
2                   recognition of his public service after being  
3                   nominated by a friend who is also a knight,  
4                   Malachi Halliday, of Dubai. He was included this  
5                   past fall in a two-day ceremony with other  
6                   inductees -- including a former prime minister of  
7                   Lebanon, an ambassador, and a spiritual advisor  
8                   to the pope -- in a ceremony that included a  
9                   march through the streets of Florence and being  
10                  recognized in the Palazzo di Parte Guelfa.

11                  In addition to teaching social  
12                  studies at Calhoun High School, Dr. Goldberg  
13                  teaches Voices of the Past, a joint venture  
14                  between the English and Social Studies  
15                  departments, and he is also on the board of  
16                  NGO Sustainability, a nonprofit organization that  
17                  promotes sustainable development and renewable  
18                  energy. And he also consults -- and this group  
19                  also consults with the United Nations.

20                  He is on the President's Leadership  
21                  Council at Search for Common Ground, serves as a  
22                  board vice president of Peace Education  
23                  Initiative Rwanda, and is on the National  
24                  Advisory Council at the Center for  
25                  Civic Education.

1                   Sir Dr. Goldberg, it is my distinct  
2 honor to congratulate you on this distinguished  
3 award and thank you for joining us today, and for  
4 your commitment to your responsibilities as a  
5 knight and to continue your efforts that make a  
6 difference in our society.

7                   Madam President, I ask that you  
8 welcome Dr. David Goldberg and extend to him the  
9 privileges and courtesies of this house.

10                  Thank you.

11                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Thank you,  
12 Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick.

13                  To you, Sir Dr. David Goldberg, we  
14 welcome you to the Senate. We extend to you the  
15 privileges and courtesies of the house.

16                  Please rise and be recognized.

17                  (Standing ovation.)

18                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The  
19 resolution was previously adopted on May 7th.

20                  Senator Gianaris.

21                  SENATOR GIANARIS:    Madam President,  
22 at the request of the sponsors, the resolutions  
23 are open for cosponsorship. And I expect the  
24 Yankee fans to all go to the desk and take their  
25 names off of the David Ortiz resolution.

1 (Laughter.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
3 resolutions are open for cosponsorship. Should  
4 you choose not to be a cosponsor, please notify  
5 the desk.

6 Senator Gianaris.

7 SENATOR GIANARIS: Please take up  
8 the calendar.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
10 Secretary will read.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
12 269, Senate Print 3141A, by Senator Mannion, an  
13 act to amend the Private Housing Finance Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
15 last section.

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

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
22 the results.

23 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
25 is passed.

1                   THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
2     300, Senate Print 509A, by Senator Thomas, an act  
3     to amend the Administrative Code of the City of  
4     New York.

5                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:     Read the  
6     last section.

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

10                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:     Call the  
11     roll.

12                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

13                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:     Announce  
14     the results.

15                  THE SECRETARY:     In relation to  
16     Calendar 300, those Senators voting in the  
17     negative are Senators Felder, Lanza and  
18     Oberacker. Also Senator O'Mara.

19                   Ayes, 57. Nays, 4.

20                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:     The bill  
21     is passed.

22                  THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
23     622, Senate Print 609, by Senator Hoylman-Sigal,  
24     an act to amend the Election Law.

25                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:     Read the

1 last section.

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
5 roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
8 the results.

9 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
13 630, Senate Print 6933A, by Senator Webb, an act  
14 to amend the Election Law.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
16 last section.

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

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
23 the results.

24 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
25 Calendar 630, those Senators voting in the

1 negative are Senators Borrello,  
2 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Martins and Rhoads.

3 Ayes, 57. Nays, 4.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
7 699, Senate Print 99A, by Senator Gounardes, an  
8 act to amend the Labor Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
10 last section.

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

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
15 roll.

16 (The Secretary called the roll.)

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
18 the results.

19 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
20 Calendar 699, those Senators voting in the  
21 negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello,  
22 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Helming, Lanza,  
23 Martins, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,  
24 Palumbo, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Weber and Weik.

25 Ayes, 44. Nays, 17.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill  
2    is passed.

3                   THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
4    761, Senate Print 4187, by Senator Lanza, an act  
5    to amend the Highway Law.

6                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Read the  
7    last section.

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

10                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Call the  
11   roll.

12                  (The Secretary called the roll.)

13                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Announce  
14   the results.

15                  THE SECRETARY:     In relation to  
16   Calendar 761, voting in the negative:  
17   Senator Brisport.

18                  Ayes, 60.  Nays, 1.

19                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill  
20   is passed.

21                  THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
22   826, Senate Print 7353A, by Senator Brisport, an  
23   act to amend the Education Law.

24                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Read the  
25   last section.

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

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

8 SENATOR BRISPORT: Thank you,  
9 Madam President.

10 You know, education is one of the  
11 best tools we have to fight against recidivism of  
12 youth that end up caught up in the system, and  
13 one of the best tools we can give them to  
14 guarantee them a brighter future.

15 This bill makes it easier to make  
16 sure that they are guaranteed the right to  
17 education that they have even when they're when  
18 caught up in the system.

19 So I thank you, and I thank our  
20 Majority Leader for bringing it to the floor  
21 today. I vote aye.

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

24 Announce the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: In relation to

1 Calendar 826, voting in the negative:

2 Senator Martinez.

3 Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
7 898, Senate Print 8708, by Senator Rhoads, an act  
8 in relation to authorizing the John Theissen  
9 Children Foundation, Inc., to receive retroactive  
10 real property tax exempt status.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
12 last section.

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

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
16 roll.

17 (The Secretary called the roll.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
19 the results.

20 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
21 Calendar 898, voting in the negative:  
22 Senator O'Mara.

23 Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
25 is passed.

1                   THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
2     901, Senate Print 136, by Senator Krueger, an act  
3     to amend the Election Law.

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:     Read the  
5     last section.

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

8                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:     Call the  
9     roll.

10                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

11                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:     Announce  
12     the results.

13                   THE SECRETARY:     In relation to  
14     Calendar 901, those Senators voting in the  
15     negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Gallivan,  
16     Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Murray, Oberacker,  
17     O'Mara, Ortt, Stec, Tedisco, Weber and Weik.

18                   Ayes, 47. Nays, 14.

19                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:     The bill  
20     is passed.

21                   THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
22     902, Senate Print 224, by Senator Myrie, an act  
23     to amend the Tax Law.

24                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:     Read the  
25     last section.

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
7 the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
12 903, Senate Print 239E, by Senator May, an act in  
13 relation to enacting the New York Open Water Data  
14 Act.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
16 last section.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
24 the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: In relation to

1 Calendar 903, voting in the negative are  
2 Senators Griffo, Oberacker and O'Mara.

3 Ayes, 58. Nays, 3.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
7 904, Senate Print 543B, by Senator Gianaris, an  
8 act to amend the Tax Law and the Administrative  
9 Code of the City of New York.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
11 last section.

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

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
15 roll.

16 (The Secretary called the roll.)

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
18 the results.

19 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
20 Calendar Number 904, those Senators voting in the  
21 negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello,  
22 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming,  
23 Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker,  
24 O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec,  
25 Tedisco, Weber and Weik.

1                   Ayes, 41. Nays, 20.

2                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill  
3 is passed.

4                   THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
5 905, Senate Print 600, by Senator Salazar, an act  
6 to amend the Executive Law.

7                   SENATOR LANZA:     Lay it aside.

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

10                  THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
11 906, Senate Print 611B, by Senator Mayer, an act  
12 to amend the Election Law.

13                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Read the  
14 last section.

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

17                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Call the  
18 roll.

19                  (The Secretary called the roll.)

20                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Announce  
21 the results.

22                  THE SECRETARY:     In relation to  
23 Calendar Number 906, those Senators voting in the  
24 negative are Senators Borrello,  
25 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming,

1 Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker,  
2 O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec,  
3 Tedisco, Weber and Weik.

4 Ayes, 42. Nays, 19.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
6 is passed.

7 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
8 907, Senate Print 887, by Senator Cleare, an act  
9 to amend the Elder Law.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
11 last section.

12 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This  
13 act shall take effect one year after it shall  
14 have become a law.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
16 roll.

17 (The Secretary called the roll.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
19 Cleare to explain her vote.

20 SENATOR CLEARE: Thank you,  
21 Madam President.

22 There are over 400,000 New Yorkers  
23 living with Alzheimer's, and this number is sadly  
24 on the rise and expected to increase with each  
25 passing year.

1 Alzheimer's is a type of dementia  
2 that does not affect just an individual, but  
3 whole families and caregiver systems. There are  
4 over 540,000 individuals and caregivers who are  
5 actively taking care of those afflicted, many on  
6 a full-time basis.

7 We must do everything within our  
8 power to make sure that family members and  
9 caregivers have positive, proactive and  
10 empowering support to optimally care for their  
11 loved ones. Therefore, this bill requires a  
12 state-level centrally located database of  
13 successful dementia and Alzheimer's disease  
14 programs to be made available on the State Office  
15 for the Aging website.

16 In a state as vast as New York  
17 State, with the number of local  
18 community-centered approaches, it is wise to have  
19 all best practices collected in one place so they  
20 may be replicated. It is also essential to  
21 collect and centralize proven approaches so  
22 family members have a place to turn with  
23 confidence for strategies, ideas and  
24 interventions to improve everyone's collective  
25 quality of life.

1 I proudly vote aye.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator

3 Cleare to be recorded in the affirmative.

4 Announce the results.

5 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

7 is passed.

8 Senator Gianaris, that completes the  
9 reading of the calendar.

10 SENATOR GIANARIS: Let's now take  
11 up the controversial calendar, please.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
13 Secretary will ring the bell.

14 The Secretary will read.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
16 905, Senate Print 600, by Senator Salazar, an act  
17 to amend the Executive Law.

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

20 SENATOR STEC: If the sponsor would  
21 yield for a few questions, please.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Will the  
23 sponsor yield?

24 SENATOR SALAZAR: Yes.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The

1 sponsor yields.

2 SENATOR STEC: All right, thank  
3 you.

4 Madam President, through you. Could  
5 the sponsor describe what kind of organization is  
6 the Correctional Association? Is it a government  
7 organization? Is it nonprofit? What are they?

8 SENATOR SALAZAR: Through you,  
9 Madam President. The Correctional Association is  
10 a not-for-profit organization. It is the only  
11 entity that is specifically in statute in  
12 New York State law, designated as an independent  
13 oversight body over state correctional facilities  
14 in current law.

15 SENATOR STEC: All right, if the  
16 sponsor would continue to yield.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
18 Salazar, do you continue to yield?

19 SENATOR SALAZAR: Yes.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
21 sponsor yields.

22 SENATOR STEC: Thank you. Through  
23 you, Madam President.

24 So you said correctional facilities,  
25 but these are residential juvenile homes.

1 They're not part of DOCCS, they're not  
2 correctional facilities. So would they still  
3 have this in-statute authority to also observe  
4 and oversight there?

5 SENATOR SALAZAR: Through you,  
6 Madam President, that is precisely the purpose of  
7 this bill.

8 Under existing law, the Correctional  
9 Association has this authority regarding  
10 oversight of DOCCS facilities. But what this  
11 bill would do is authorize the Correctional  
12 Association to monitor residential juvenile  
13 detention facilities -- that is, OCFS  
14 facilities -- as well.

15 SENATOR STEC: Thank you.

16 Madam President, will the sponsor  
17 continue to yield?

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you  
19 continue to yield?

20 SENATOR SALAZAR: Yes.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
22 sponsor yields.

23 SENATOR STEC: Thank you.

24 What about the Prisoners' Legal  
25 Services of New York? What kind of organization

1 are they?

2 SENATOR SALAZAR: Through you,  
3 Madam President. Prisoners' Legal Services of  
4 New York has for more than 34 years represented  
5 and advocated for the humane treatment of  
6 individuals in correctional facilities in  
7 New York State.

8 They also have offices right now  
9 that are located in close proximity to OCFS  
10 facilities, and they have the infrastructure in  
11 place and the knowledge that is needed to address  
12 issues that might come up, legal issues that  
13 might come up in OCFS facilities as well.

14 While that is not what they do under  
15 current law, that is what this bill would seek to  
16 allow them to do.

17 SENATOR STEC: Will the sponsor  
18 continue to yield?

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you  
20 continue to yield?

21 SENATOR SALAZAR: Yes.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
23 sponsor yields.

24 SENATOR STEC: Aren't there other  
25 organizations already charged with this sort of

1 oversight, the Office of the Ombudsman, Council  
2 of Children and Families? I mean, there's  
3 already an existing hotline. Why would we create  
4 a second hotline and, you know, a second  
5 mechanism for all this oversight if we already  
6 have oversight in place?

7 SENATOR SALAZAR: Through you,  
8 Madam President. I think that there has been  
9 evidence that the existing oversight of OCFS  
10 facilities has not been adequate.

11 For example, there was a long  
12 investigation by the Department of Justice that  
13 uncovered abuses by staff in these facilities in  
14 which violence was used against young people.  
15 They sustained serious injuries, broken bones,  
16 concussions.

17 We have reason for concern about the  
18 well-being of young people in OCFS facilities,  
19 and I think that it would be beneficial for us to  
20 ensure that there is independent oversight over  
21 these facilities -- not only from within state  
22 government, but from entities that are external  
23 and can truly provide independent oversight.

24 SENATOR STEC: Will the sponsor  
25 continue to yield?

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Do you  
2   continue to yield?

3                   SENATOR SALAZAR:    Yes.

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The  
5   sponsor yields.

6                   SENATOR STEC:    So if we have a  
7   broken system in the Office of Children and  
8   Family Services, the solution isn't to, as  
9   leaders, go in there and clean up our own  
10   organization that we have direct control over?  
11   Rather, the solution is to just create a parallel  
12   universe here with another outside entity coming  
13   in, doubling the work and increasing  
14   confidentiality and abuse and neglect in that  
15   process?

16                   Why don't we just fix our own  
17   existing process?  Isn't that our responsibility?

18                   SENATOR SALAZAR:    Through you,  
19   Madam President.  I would argue that these could  
20   be complementary paths.  It is important for us  
21   to do the work to reform OCFS when and where  
22   necessary to do that.

23                   But I also see value in a truly  
24   independent nongovernment entity providing  
25   oversight as well.

1                   SENATOR STEC:    Will the sponsor  
2 continue to yield?

3                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Do you  
4 continue to yield?

5                   SENATOR SALAZAR:    Yes.

6                   SENATOR STEC:    How will the  
7 Correctional Association's unannounced visits  
8 affect the daily operation of the facilities?

9                   SENATOR SALAZAR:    Through you,  
10 Madam President.    The Correctional Association  
11 has been doing this kind of work for over a  
12 hundred years in New York State, since it was  
13 established in 1844.    And it has managed to do  
14 its work in DOCCS facilities, for example, secure  
15 facilities, without disrupting the operation of  
16 those facilities.

17                   So I feel very confident that  
18 providing this oversight would not in any way  
19 negatively impact the operation of OCFS  
20 facilities.

21                   SENATOR STEC:    Will the sponsor  
22 continue to yield?

23                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Do you  
24 continue to yield?

25                   SENATOR SALAZAR:    Yes.

1                   SENATOR STEC:    How does the bill  
2                   ensure that the rights of facility staff are  
3                   protected during the inspection process conducted  
4                   by the Correctional Association?

5                   SENATOR SALAZAR:   Through you,  
6                   Madam President.  I see no reason to think that  
7                   providing this oversight support for young people  
8                   who are held in these facilities, that that would  
9                   in any way infringe upon the rights of staff in  
10                  these facilities.

11                  SENATOR STEC:    Will the sponsor  
12                  continue to yield?

13                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Do you  
14                  continue to yield?

15                  SENATOR SALAZAR:    Yes.

16                  SENATOR STEC:    Can the sponsor  
17                  provide any examples of similar legislation in  
18                  other states, and their outcome relative to  
19                  what's proposed in this bill?

20                  SENATOR SALAZAR:    Through you,  
21                  Madam President.  I am not aware of very similar  
22                  legislation in other states.

23                  SENATOR STEC:    Will the sponsor  
24                  continue to yield for a couple more questions?

25                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Do you

1 continue to yield to a couple of questions?

2 SENATOR SALAZAR: Yes.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Yes, the  
4 Senator yields.

5 SENATOR STEC: Was DOCCS or the  
6 Office of Children and Family Services consulted  
7 in the development of this legislation? And more  
8 importantly, do they offer an opinion in support  
9 or opposition to it?

10 SENATOR SALAZAR: Through you,  
11 Madam President, we did not receive opposition or  
12 support, an official opinion, from either DOCCS  
13 or OCFS regarding this legislation.

14 SENATOR STEC: But were they  
15 consulted, was the first part of my question.

16 SENATOR SALAZAR: Through you,  
17 Madam President. It wouldn't -- I don't think  
18 that it would be necessary to consult DOCCS  
19 regarding this legislation, as this legislation  
20 doesn't affect DOCCS.

21 But our office did seek to engage  
22 OCFS in conversation about it.

23 SENATOR STEC: Will the sponsor  
24 continue to yield?

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you

1 continue to yield?

2 SENATOR SALAZAR: Yes.

3 SENATOR STEC: Is it true the  
4 Correctional Association has a stated legislative  
5 goal to see juvenile correctional facilities  
6 close? Are you aware of that?

7 SENATOR SALAZAR: Through you,  
8 Madam President. I just want to make sure that I  
9 understand Senator Stec's question that -- the  
10 question is if the Correctional Association has  
11 had any role in the closure of facilities or  
12 seeking to have them closed? Did I understand?

13 SENATOR STEC: A goal that they  
14 would like to see juvenile facilities closed.

15 SENATOR SALAZAR: Through you,  
16 Madam President, I -- as far as I know, that goal  
17 has never been expressed by the Correctional  
18 Association.

19 SENATOR STEC: On the bill.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
21 Stec on the bill.

22 SENATOR STEC: I thank the sponsor  
23 for her time on this.

24 Again, this seems very duplicative  
25 to me. As I stated in my questions, if we as

1 state government have an issue with how one of  
2 our agencies is conducting business or not  
3 conducting business appropriately, it's -- it  
4 would be our role to step in and do that and not  
5 farm it out to a third party, a third party  
6 perhaps with their own view of things and maybe  
7 their own agenda on things beyond just pure  
8 oversight.

9 We have staff that's capable of  
10 doing this. This is an additional cost. I'd be  
11 concerned about the impact to the facility. The  
12 reason why I asked the question if DOCCS was  
13 contacted is because DOCCS has direct experience  
14 with this organization. And again, we just did  
15 the Raise the Age, and supposedly offenders of  
16 21 years or younger are being treated  
17 differently.

18 So why we would want to conform our  
19 Children and Family Service processes to be more  
20 like that of DOCCS, as opposed to what the stated  
21 goal was, which is to treat children very  
22 differently, young offenders -- again, it's a  
23 duplicative effort, it's going to be costly, it's  
24 unnecessary.

25 I'll be opposed.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Are there  
2 any other Senators wishing to be heard?

3                   Seeing and hearing none, debate is  
4 closed.

5                   The Secretary will ring the bell.

6                   Read the last section.

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

10                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Call the  
11 roll.

12                  (The Secretary called the roll.)

13                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Senator  
14 Salazar to explain her vote.

15                  SENATOR SALAZAR:    Thank you,  
16 Madam President.

17                  As we just established, this bill  
18 would authorize the Correctional Association to  
19 monitor residential juvenile detention  
20 facilities.

21                  Today's juvenile justice facilities  
22 have thankfully quite different conditions from  
23 adult prisons, but they continue to face similar  
24 challenges.  As I mentioned, a DOJ investigation  
25 uncovered some shocking abuses that took place in

1 some OCFS facilities. And it really demonstrates  
2 a need for there to be additional oversight in  
3 these facilities.

4 The approach to addressing this  
5 problem through this bill is three-pronged: To  
6 authorize the Correctional Association, as was  
7 mentioned, to provide this oversight. Also for  
8 PLS to establish a juvenile justice unit to  
9 legally represent children in the state's  
10 residential juvenile detention facilities. That  
11 could include interviewing young people about  
12 their experiences, reviewing the records and  
13 investigating their complaints. This really is  
14 to ensure that the best interest of children in  
15 these facilities continues to be served.

16 And I believe that this bill will be  
17 an important step forward to reveal and remedy  
18 any violations of children's constitutional  
19 rights in OCFS facilities and make sure that we  
20 are fulfilling our responsibility to their  
21 safety, their health, and their well-being.

22 I vote aye. Thank you.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
24 Salazar to be recorded in the affirmative.

25 Announce the results.

1                   THE SECRETARY:    In relation to  
2   Calendar 905, those Senators voting in the  
3   negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello,  
4   Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming,  
5   Martinez, Martins, Mattera, Murray, O'Mara, Ortt,  
6   Palumbo, Rhoads, Scarcella-Spanton, Stec, Tedisco  
7   and Weber.  Also Senators Weik and Rolison.

8                   Ayes, 41.  Nays, 20.

9                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:  The bill  
10  is passed.

11                   Senator Gianaris, that completes the  
12  reading of the controversial calendar.

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

15                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:  There is  
16  no further business at the desk.

17                   SENATOR GIANARIS:  I move to  
18  adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 14th, at  
19  3:00 p.m.

20                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:  On motion,  
21  the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday,  
22  May 14th, at 3:00 p.m.

23                   (Whereupon, at 4:06 p.m., the Senate  
24  adjourned.)

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