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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 bow our heads in a  
10 moment of silent reflection or prayer.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Reading of  
14 the Journal.

15 THE SECRETARY: In Senate,  
16 Wednesday, May 22, 2024, the Senate met pursuant  
17 to adjournment. The Journal of Tuesday, May 21,  
18 2024, was read and approved. On motion, the  
19 Senate adjourned.

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

22 Presentation of petitions.

23 Messages from the Assembly.

24 The Secretary will read.

25 THE SECRETARY: Senator Thomas

1 moves to discharge, from the Committee on Codes,  
2 Assembly Bill Number 7495 and substitute it for  
3 the identical Senate Bill 6239, Third Reading  
4 Calendar 550.

5 Senator Gonzalez moves to discharge,  
6 from the Committee on Transportation,  
7 Assembly Bill Number 8029C and substitute it for  
8 the identical Senate Bill 7647B, Third Reading  
9 Calendar 603.

10 Senator Stewart-Cousins moves to  
11 discharge, from the Committee on Cities 2,  
12 Assembly Bill Number 9466 and substitute it for  
13 the identical Senate Bill 8899, Third Reading  
14 Calendar 1027.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: So  
16 ordered.

17 Messages from the Governor.

18 Reports of standing committees.

19 Reports of select committees.

20 Communications and reports from  
21 state officers.

22 Motions and resolutions.

23 Senator Gianaris.

24 SENATOR GIANARIS: Good morning,  
25 Madam President.

1                   On behalf of Senator Gonzalez, on  
2 page 66 I offer the following amendments to  
3 Calendar 969, Senate Print 6803A, and ask that  
4 said bill retain its place on the Third Reading  
5 Calendar.

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

9                   Senator Gianaris.

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

13                         Senate 1001, 643D, and 8708.

14                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The  
15 Secretary will read.

16                  THE SECRETARY:    Calendar Number  
17 898, Senate Print 8708, by Senator Rhoads, an act  
18 in relation to authorizing the John Theissen  
19 Children Foundation, Inc. to receive retroactive  
20 real property tax exempt status.

21                         Calendar Number 164, Senate Print  
22 1001, by Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an act to amend  
23 the Public Health Law.

24                         Calendar Number 533, Senate Print  
25 643D, by Senator Kavanaugh, an act to amend the

1 Environmental Conservation Law.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
6 Secretary will call the roll on reconsideration.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 52.

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

12 SENATOR GIANARIS: I offer the  
13 following amendments.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
15 amendments are received.

16 SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now  
17 recognize Senator Cooney for an introduction.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
19 Cooney for an introduction.

20 SENATOR COONEY: Good morning and  
21 thank you, Madam President.

22 Today I want to take a moment and I  
23 want to honor a legend in New York State and in  
24 my home City of Rochester. Belen Colon devoted  
25 her life to giving a voice to the voiceless.

1 Whether it was civil rights, voting rights or  
2 human rights, Belen was a true community hero.

3 It takes a special kind of  
4 selflessness to commit oneself to the betterment  
5 of their community, and nobody embodies that  
6 selflessness better than Belen. The "Mayor of  
7 North Clinton Avenue," Belen began organizing the  
8 Latino movement in Rochester as soon as she  
9 arrived from Puerto Rico. She was a role model  
10 to so many, and we are truly indebted to her  
11 work.

12 Belen sadly passed away at the age  
13 of 84 just a couple of years ago, leaving behind  
14 so many loving family, friends and community  
15 members. A few of those family and community  
16 members have joined us today here in the Senate,  
17 including the vice president of the Monroe County  
18 Legislature and her daughter, Mercedes  
19 Vazquez-Simmons; Brittany Young; Matilda Cruz;  
20 Ida Burgos; and Luis Sierra.

21 I want to thank those who made the  
22 trip to Albany today to recognize Belen's  
23 commitment to New York State. I'm so proud to  
24 honor her legacy here in the New York State  
25 Senate, and ask that you afford them our

1 privileges.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: To our  
3 guests, the family of Belen Colon and her guests  
4 that are here, we welcome you on behalf of the  
5 Senate. We extend to you the privileges and  
6 courtesies of the house.

7 Please rise and be recognized.

8 (Standing ovation.)

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
10 Gianaris.

11 SENATOR GIANARIS: Next let's take  
12 up previously adopted Resolution 2463, by  
13 Senator May, read that resolution's title and  
14 recognize Senator May.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
16 Secretary will read.

17 THE SECRETARY: Resolution 2463, by  
18 Senator May, memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul  
19 to proclaim May 22, 2024, as International Day  
20 for Biological Diversity in the State of  
21 New York.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
23 May on the resolution.

24 SENATOR MAY: Thank you,  
25 Madam President.

1                   Last year we were honored to have  
2 Tadodaho Sid Hill of the Onondaga Nation share  
3 with us a short version of the Haudenosaunee  
4 Thanksgiving address.

5                   The people of the Six Nations open  
6 their meetings, large and small, with an  
7 expression of gratitude to the multitude of  
8 natural beings and forces without which we cannot  
9 thrive -- the waters, the winds, the sun, moon,  
10 plants, animals, soils and human beings that we  
11 share the earth with.

12                   They don't normally use the word  
13 "biodiversity," but that's what they're talking  
14 about: The idea that every creature and natural  
15 system is interconnected and interdependent.

16                   Biodiversity is under threat on our  
17 beloved planet. As more and more species go  
18 extinct, our ecosystems become less robust, less  
19 resilient, and less healthy, not to mention less  
20 beautiful and less awe-inspiring.

21                   The good news is that humans are  
22 getting the message. We are more aware of the  
23 need to protect pollinators if we want to have  
24 food, to protect wetlands and ocean buffers if we  
25 want to survive storms, and to protect distant

1 rainforests if we want to keep a livable  
2 atmosphere.

3           The lesson of biodiversity is we  
4 shouldn't be picking and choosing. We need to  
5 respect and defend the whole kaleidoscope of  
6 natural diversity, from the spectacular to the  
7 microscopic, for their own sakes and ours.

8           I am proud to carry this resolution  
9 declaring May 22nd Biological Diversity Day in  
10 New York, and I vote aye.

11           Thank you.

12           ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,  
13 Senator May.

14           The resolution was previously  
15 adopted on May 21st.

16           Senator Gianaris.

17           SENATOR GIANARIS: Next let's move  
18 on to previously adopted Resolution 2239, by  
19 Senator Ashby. Let's read that resolution's  
20 title and recognize Senator Ashby.

21           ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
22 Secretary will read.

23           THE SECRETARY: Resolution 2239, by  
24 Senator Ashby, recognizing the Patriot Guard  
25 Riders of New York for their funeral escort

1 services and flag lines for the memorials of  
2 Chief Warrant Officer 2 Casey Frankoski and  
3 Chief Warrant Officer 2 John Grassia III.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
5 Ashby on the resolution.

6 SENATOR ASHBY: Thank you,  
7 Madam President, for allowing me to bring this  
8 resolution to the floor and recognize the  
9 Patriot Guard Riders for their Honor Missions in  
10 March honoring the lives of Chief Warrant  
11 Officer 2 Casey Frankoski and Chief Warrant  
12 Officer 2 John Grassia III.

13 My time -- I mentioned to these  
14 riders earlier my time and experiences being  
15 involved in ceremonies for service members who  
16 lost their lives mainly consisted of fallen  
17 soldiers' ceremonies, downrange and small places  
18 far from here.

19 And this was the first opportunity  
20 that I had to be in a motorcade with the  
21 Patriot Guard Riders and see the overwhelming  
22 support of the Capitol District for these two  
23 heroes.

24 And I want to thank you deeply for  
25 what you continue to do, not only for these two

1 heroes but for servicemen and -women and families  
2 around our country and our state.

3 The Patriot Guard Riders were  
4 founded in 2005 to shield families of fallen  
5 heroes from those that would disrupt the services  
6 of their loved ones. The organization has grown  
7 to include thousands of members across all  
8 50 states in the U.S. New York State, being  
9 organized in 2006, became a nonprofit corporation  
10 in 2010.

11 The mission of the Patriot Guard  
12 Riders is to attend the funeral services and  
13 stand flag lines for military members, veterans,  
14 and first responders, as invited guests of the  
15 family to show respect and gratitude for those  
16 who served, as well as to support their families.

17 The organization's flag lines may be  
18 present at airport arrivals, funeral homes,  
19 churches, dignified transfers, and at burials or  
20 internments.

21 Their countless endeavors also  
22 include raising funds for Reach Across America  
23 and, most importantly, organizing civilian  
24 volunteers to place wreaths in national  
25 cemeteries.

1 Patriot Guard Riders of New York  
2 supports the military veterans' Blue and Gold  
3 Star families through its help on the Home Front  
4 Program. This esteemed organization honors those  
5 forgotten veterans who have no family to claim  
6 their remains by securing a final resting place  
7 and arranging for a full military funeral,  
8 through its Veteran Recovery Program.

9 Madam President, on the floor with  
10 me today is New York State Captain Bill Schaaf,  
11 Assistant State Captain Ray Sestak, as well as  
12 Paul Orzolek, Eugene Spicer and Martin Kaiser.

13 In the gallery we are joined with  
14 Brett Larson, Shirley Gawlak, Barbara Ziarno,  
15 Kathy Orzolek, and John Mercier.

16 Thank you for allowing me to bring  
17 this resolution to the floor. Please recognize  
18 them and afford them all the cordialities of the  
19 house.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,  
21 Senator Ashby.

22 To our distinguished guests from the  
23 Patriot Guard Riders of New York, we thank you  
24 for your service. We thank you for all you have  
25 done. We welcome you on behalf of the Senate.

1 We extend to you the privileges and courtesies of  
2 the house.

3 Please rise and be recognized.

4 (Standing ovation.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
6 resolution was previously adopted on April 16th.

7 Senator Gianaris.

8 SENATOR GIANARIS: Let's stick with  
9 Senator Ashby, and let's take up -- oh, I'm  
10 sorry, Stec. Let's move on to Senator Stec,  
11 previously adopted Resolution 2003, read its  
12 title and recognize Senator Stec.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
14 Secretary will read.

15 THE SECRETARY: Resolution 2003, by  
16 Senator Stec, congratulating the Glens Falls  
17 High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team upon the  
18 occasion of capturing the New York State Public  
19 High School Athletic Association Basketball  
20 Class A Championship on March 16, 2024.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
22 Stec on the resolution.

23 SENATOR STEC: Thank you,  
24 Madam President.

25 And thank you for allowing me to

1 introduce this fantastic state championship  
2 basketball team that's with us here today.

3           Glens Falls has a storied past of a  
4 lot of fantastic basketball teams, and certainly  
5 this year's team will go down among them. They  
6 finished the season with a perfect 27-and-0  
7 record.

8           I had the great privilege and  
9 excitement to be in the Glens Falls Civic Center,  
10 sitting right behind the team bench, for their  
11 semifinal and final games. Outstanding to have  
12 that inside view and listen to the coaches  
13 talking to the boys and keeping them focused and  
14 motivated.

15           And they truly ran up the score a  
16 little bit in the championship game. They  
17 finished strong, just an absolutely impressive  
18 victory.

19           Again, it's a double privilege that  
20 it was a home game for the Black Bears, being in  
21 the Glens Falls Civic Center, the Cool Insuring  
22 Arena that's hosted many of our state  
23 championship basketball games. Unfortunately,  
24 they'll lose that for the next couple of years,  
25 but hopefully the powers that be will realize the

1 second time the error of their ways and return to  
2 Glens Falls.

3 But in the meantime, boys and your  
4 coaches, congratulations on behalf of our  
5 community that we live and love in, the  
6 Glens Falls area. Thank you for an exciting run  
7 for all of us that live locally to be able to  
8 watch this year. You know, a truly, truly  
9 impressive finish.

10 And I want to recognize the members  
11 of the team, if I may just briefly: Jacob  
12 Barber, Jake Burns, Kellen Driscoll,  
13 Brody Holcomb, Oscar Lilac, Raphael Maldonado,  
14 Bryce McClenning, Cooper Nadler, Aiden Prunty,  
15 Collin Woodell; Team Managers Claire Cygan and  
16 Tyrell Gooden; and Head Coach Rob Girard and his  
17 coaching staff Cam Girard, Sonny McTiernan,  
18 Dan Hall, Jr., Stephen Zurlo, and Trent Girard,  
19 and of course Athletic Director Shane Jones.

20 Again, thank you, Glens Falls  
21 Black Bears, for being here today.

22 And, Madam President, if you would  
23 please also join me in congratulating them and  
24 extend to them the cordialities of the house.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,

1 Senator Stec.

2 To our guests from the Glens Falls  
3 High School Boys Basketball Black Bears -- is  
4 that right? What?

5 SENATOR STEC: Formerly the  
6 Glens Falls Indians, and now the Glens Falls  
7 Black Bears.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Okay, I  
9 got it.

10 We welcome you on behalf of the  
11 Senate. We extend to you all the privileges and  
12 courtesies of the house. Congratulations on your  
13 victory.

14 Please rise and be recognized.

15 (Standing ovation.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
17 resolution was previously adopted on March 26th.

18 Senator Gianaris.

19 SENATOR GIANARIS: Let's stick with  
20 Stec.

21 (Laughter.)

22 SENATOR GIANARIS: Previously  
23 adopted Resolution 2031, read its title, and  
24 recognize Senator Stec.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The

1 Secretary will read.

2 THE SECRETARY: Resolution 2031, by  
3 Senator Stec, congratulating Piper Dock upon the  
4 occasion of winning the New York State Public  
5 High School Athletic Association Slalom  
6 Championship on February 26, 2024.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
8 Stec on the resolution.

9 SENATOR STEC: Thank you,  
10 Madam President.

11 And thank you, Deputy Leader  
12 Gianaris. I love hearing you say the phrase  
13 "Stick with Stec" on the floor. I'm waiting to  
14 hear "Stick with Stec" when we're on the active  
15 list.

16 (Laughter.)

17 SENATOR GIANARIS: (Inaudible.)

18 SENATOR STEC: I'd like two  
19 back-to-back, please.

20 But anyways, all kidding aside, more  
21 Black Bears in attendance today. This time we're  
22 celebrating a ski champion. And if you've never  
23 heard the name of a skier -- Piper Dock, if  
24 that's not the name of a skier, I don't know what  
25 is.

1                   But Piper Dock finished the ski  
2                   championship, a state championship, also in the  
3                   45th Senate District -- not quite the home game  
4                   that her brother Black Bears had with the  
5                   basketball championship, but she was just up the  
6                   road, also in the Adirondacks, skiing at  
7                   Whiteface, which of course we all know and love,  
8                   and love to fund.

9                   But she did a fantastic job. She's  
10                  joined today by her parents, Jeff and Alicia  
11                  Dock, and Jeff not only is her dad but Jeff is  
12                  also her coach.

13                 Again, Piper, congratulations to you  
14                 on a fantastic ski season. I don't have an  
15                 appreciation for this number -- I mean, I can get  
16                 my head around 27-and-0 for a basketball team,  
17                 but her combined time in the state championship  
18                 was 1.38.98, which I assume is very fast,  
19                 apparently fast enough to be the state champion.

20                 So, Piper, congratulations to you,  
21                 and thank you and your parents for everything  
22                 that you've done to bring honor to the  
23                 Glens Falls Black Bears. And thanks for coming  
24                 down today.

25                 And Madam President, if you would

1 also please extend the cordialities of the house  
2 to Piper Dock, ski champion, and her mom and dad.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: To  
4 Piper Dock, state champion, your mother and  
5 father, we welcome you on behalf of the Senate.  
6 We extend to you the privileges and courtesies of  
7 the house.

8 Please rise and be recognized.

9 (Standing ovation.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
11 resolution was previously adopted on March 26th.

12 Senator Gianaris.

13 SENATOR GIANARIS: The resolutions'  
14 sponsors would like to open them for  
15 cosponsorship.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
17 resolutions are open for cosponsorship. Should  
18 you choose not to be a cosponsor, please notify  
19 the desk.

20 Senator Gianaris.

21 SENATOR GIANARIS: There is a  
22 report of the Finance Committee at the desk.  
23 Let's take that up, please.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
25 Secretary will read.

1                   THE SECRETARY:    Senator Krueger,  
2                   from the Committee on Finance, reports the  
3                   following nominations:

4                               As commissioner of the Department of  
5                   Corrections and Community Supervision, Daniel F.  
6                   Martuscello III.

7                               As a member of the State Commission  
8                   of Correction, Elizabeth A. Gaynes.

9                               As a member of the Board of Visitors  
10                  of the Finger Lakes Developmental Disabilities  
11                  Services Office, Wendy J. Cheplick.

12                              As members of the Justice Center  
13                  Advisory Council:   Geno DeCondo, Kathleen  
14                  Gaffney-Babb, Michael A. Agovino and Ijaz Ahmad.

15                              As members of the Board of Visitors  
16                  of the Home for Veterans and their Dependents at  
17                  Batavia:   Daniel J. Burling, Laura A. Stradley,  
18                  and Richard G. Oleksyn.

19                              As members of the Board of Visitors  
20                  of the Home for Veterans and their Dependents at  
21                  Montrose:   Albert Zawiski, Susan Branam,  
22                  Daniel Griffin, and Katherine A. Ward-Buckley.

23                              As members of the Board of Visitors  
24                  of the Home for Veterans and their Dependents at  
25                  Oxford:   Cecelia D. Lange and Larry F. Bourque.

1                   As members of the Board of Visitors  
2 of the Home for Veterans and their Dependents at  
3 St. Albans: Ashton Stewart, Gregg Porter, and  
4 Michael P. O'Kane.

5                   As members of the Administrative  
6 Review Board for Professional Medical Conduct:  
7 Heidi B. Miller and Richard Milone.

8                   As members of the Continuing Care  
9 Retirement Community Council: Janet K. Schloat,  
10 Michelle Gramoglia, and J. Brian Nealon.

11                   As members of the Council on Human  
12 Blood and Transfusion Services: Rachel C. Elder  
13 and Philip L. McCarthy.

14                   As members of the Health Equity  
15 Council: Alberto Cardelle, John R. Pamplin,  
16 Mario R. Ortiz, Sara A. Boerenko, Mill Etienne,  
17 and Raul Vazquez.

18                   As members of the Public Health and  
19 Health Planning Council: Lindsay Farrell,  
20 Marcus Friedrich, Michelle T. Mazzacco,  
21 Stanford J. Perry, Wendy C. Wilcox, Jeffrey A.  
22 Kraut, Lawrence E. Eisenstein, Gary E. Kalkut,  
23 Scott P. LaRue, Harvey Lawrence, Ann F. Monroe,  
24 and Mario R. Ortiz.

25                   And as a member of the State Camp

1 Safety Advisory Council, Michael R. Clarke.

2 SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to accept  
3 the report of the Finance Committee, and ask that  
4 you recognize Senator Krueger.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: All those  
6 in favor of accepting the report of the  
7 Finance Committee signify by saying aye.

8 (Response of "Aye.")

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Opposed,  
10 nay.

11 (No response.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The report  
13 of the Finance Committee is accepted.

14 Senator Krueger on the nominations.

15 SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you,  
16 Madam President.

17 So we just heard an extraordinarily  
18 long list of people that have been nominated by  
19 the Governor and confirmed.

20 Just to clarify, the vast  
21 majority -- really, after the first two -- are  
22 people who are being confirmed to various  
23 commissions and councils and planning councils  
24 and review boards that are critically important  
25 to ensure the best agencies and work that can be

1 done for the State of New York. But those are  
2 unpaid positions, primarily volunteer, sometimes  
3 with per diems.

4 We are greatly appreciative that  
5 people like this, very often in professional  
6 positions themselves, are willing to give of  
7 their time and their commitment to their issues,  
8 that they agree to serve in these positions. So  
9 we don't want to give them short shrift, and we  
10 definitely appreciate all the work that they are  
11 willing to do on behalf of the 20 million  
12 New Yorkers.

13 But I am going to highlight the two  
14 nominees that are being confirmed today to  
15 commissioner positions and paid positions. One  
16 is Elizabeth Gaynes, State Commission of  
17 Correction.

18 And she I think will have several  
19 people speaking on her behalf, and so I'm just  
20 very delighted that she is joining this  
21 Commission of Correction.

22 And she is well-known for her work  
23 in reentry programs on behalf of the people of  
24 New York for decades and decades.

25 But also for the nomination and

1 confirmation of Daniel Martuscello III to be the  
2 commissioner of the Department of Corrections and  
3 Community Supervision, what we often call DOCCS.

4 I want to recognize first that he is  
5 joined here today by his mother, Victoria; his  
6 sister Katherine; his brother, Nicholas; and his  
7 sister Victoria. We double-checked; you have two  
8 Victorias in the family. And a baby with one of  
9 the Victorias, very adorable.

10 So I want to just quickly say if  
11 anybody hasn't seen his resume -- and he went  
12 through an in-depth hearing process with multiple  
13 committees. He reached out and met with many of  
14 us individually before. And if you look at his  
15 vitae, you would think he started as a young  
16 child with DOCCS. I didn't think we hired young  
17 children. But in fact he has been with the  
18 agency I believe 27 years, in pretty much every  
19 position you would think such a large agency  
20 could have.

21 And I say that because I think it  
22 reflects on the fact that all of us who did have  
23 the chance to meet with him and interview him  
24 privately or in the hearing process, there wasn't  
25 a question asked that he couldn't answer. And he

1 wasn't looking at notes. And he gave answers to  
2 very difficult questions. And he laid out a  
3 vision for leading the agency, and leading the  
4 agency in some cases in different directions than  
5 it has been led before.

6           And he left everyone, at least in  
7 our conference, after meeting with him and  
8 talking to him, with the belief that there really  
9 couldn't be a better candidate to be the  
10 commissioner of DOCCS.

11           And so I'm very proud to be able to  
12 urge everyone to vote for him, as well as Liz  
13 Gaynes, as well as everyone on the list.

14           But since every Senator understands  
15 how complicated the issues are within the DOCCS  
16 system, both for ensuring the protection and  
17 safety of people in our community and believing  
18 that people who are ending up being incarcerated  
19 are treated humanely and with respect within the  
20 incarceration system and, perhaps most important  
21 for them, see an opportunity upon leaving --  
22 because the vast majority of people who go into  
23 our prisons do in fact get out and come back into  
24 our communities -- understanding what role the  
25 Department of Corrections can play in helping

1 people learn new skills, deal with the perhaps  
2 devils in them that got them there in the first  
3 place, confront new opportunities for themselves  
4 when they leave.

5 And I truly believe that we are  
6 going to see significant improvements in how  
7 DOCCS handles things and how they will work with  
8 our communities and everyone in them.

9 So I'm going to allow others to  
10 speak now, and just close by saying I do hope  
11 everyone will vote yes today.

12 Thank you, Madam President.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,  
14 Senator Krueger.

15 Senator Salazar on the nominations.

16 SENATOR SALAZAR: Thank you,  
17 Madam President.

18 I rise to express my strong support  
19 for the confirmation of Elizabeth -- Liz --  
20 Gaynes as a member of the New York State  
21 Commission of Correction.

22 As chair of the Senate's Committee  
23 on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction, an  
24 important focus among others is to ensure that  
25 individuals incarcerated in New York State are

1 treated with respect and dignity, are safe, and  
2 that the correctional facilities are accountable  
3 and abide by the laws that we pass.

4 The Commission of Correction  
5 has limited oversight responsibilities relating  
6 to state correctional facilities, but the primary  
7 work of the SCOC relates to the oversight of  
8 local jails and police lockups. These are the  
9 entry point for many people in the correctional  
10 system. They house individuals convicted of  
11 misdemeanors, people convicted of felonies who  
12 may be heading to state prison, large populations  
13 of individuals who have not been convicted of any  
14 charge and are being held pending trial.

15 These facilities are run by county  
16 sheriffs in counties outside of New York City, of  
17 course, by local police departments, and in  
18 New York City by NYCDOC.

19 Many observers have concluded that  
20 the SCOC has not fully carried out its mission  
21 over a period of many years, and one result of  
22 that is the ongoing crisis in the jails on  
23 Rikers Island.

24 However, I am proud to support  
25 Liz Gaynes in becoming a member of the

1 commission, as her lifework for more than  
2 50 years has been to make jails and prisons more  
3 humane and safe, to hold those who run such  
4 facilities accountable.

5 I also learned that when Ms. Gaynes  
6 began law school at Syracuse University College  
7 of Law, she was at the time one of only five  
8 women enrolled in the entire law school.

9 She went on to become the leader of  
10 the Osborne Association for close to 40 years.  
11 Liz led that organization into becoming a leading  
12 provider of family-focused services and programs  
13 for New York's correctional facilities.

14 Liz Gaynes is a leading national and  
15 internationally recognized expert on conditions  
16 of confinement, on how to establish programs that  
17 assist incarcerated individuals and their  
18 families, on how to create meaningful and  
19 successful reentry programs, and on how to hold  
20 correctional agencies accountable.

21 Liz recently led the effort to  
22 convince New York State to turn over a closed  
23 prison in the Bronx to create the new  
24 Fulton Community Reentry Center, which recently  
25 opened and provides innovative transitional

1 reentry housing for 140 people after they're  
2 released from New York's prisons.

3 Liz is a leader and a visionary.  
4 She also has shown, through 50-plus years of  
5 work, her dedication and ability to make  
6 meaningful change happen, which is critically  
7 needed in the SCOC.

8 I look forward to working with Liz  
9 in her new capacity and to seeing the positive  
10 impact on our correctional system of having a  
11 person with her knowledge, her experience, her  
12 care and dedication in the role as a member of  
13 the New York State Commission of Correction.

14 I vote in the affirmative on  
15 Ms. Gaynes' nomination as well as the nomination  
16 of Acting Commissioner Martuscello.

17 Thank you.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,  
19 Senator Salazar.

20 Senator Bailey on the nominations.

21 SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you,  
22 Madam President.

23 I want to thank the Governor for  
24 these nominations. And a number of qualified  
25 individuals; I want to make sure I specifically

1 lift up the name of Commissioner -- soon-to-be-  
2 Commissioner Martuscello, acting commissioner  
3 currently.

4 His work has been impressive. And  
5 it's important, you know, when you've done  
6 multiple jobs within an administration, you know  
7 how those jobs can be done, most importantly how  
8 they should be done. And Commissioner  
9 Martuscello has done so many jobs within DOCCS --  
10 as Senator Krueger alluded to, I don't know at  
11 what age he started working there -- but he's  
12 done them incredibly well.

13 And he came down to the district,  
14 spoke about a number of positions, reentry  
15 conversations. But there was something striking  
16 that really came to me, and it's always said  
17 those who are closest to the pain are closest to  
18 the solution. So when my friend Eddie Gibbs, the  
19 first formerly incarcerated member of the  
20 State Legislature, not only said that Dan is a  
21 good guy, but he's that guy, I take that  
22 seriously.

23 And so with that, I look forward to  
24 continuing to work with you. I look forward to  
25 making sure that our correctional system is truly

1 rehabilitative and that we understand that no  
2 human is disposable. And I think that the work  
3 that you've done in terms of creating a pathway,  
4 pilot programs for SNAP, so that individuals that  
5 are being released from incarceration can  
6 actually eat when they leave. A novel concept,  
7 Madam President. And that they no longer suffer  
8 from isolation, making sure that they are able to  
9 have contact with each other.

10 So I appreciate the work that you've  
11 done, and I think that when we get started  
12 we'll as a Legislature, as a State Senate under  
13 the leadership of Andrea Stewart-Cousins, we can  
14 and will and definitely will continue to be in  
15 great contact with you, but we look forward to  
16 the continued work. And I will proudly vote aye  
17 on the nomination.

18 Thank you, Madam President.

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

21 Senator Rivera on the nominations.

22 SENATOR RIVERA: Thank you,  
23 Madam President.

24 I also stand to vote in the  
25 affirmative on both of these nominations.

1                   Briefly, on Commissioner  
2     Martuscello -- acting commissioner, soon to be  
3     commissioner -- as we've had conversations over  
4     the last couple of months, I've definitely come  
5     to learn more about the vision that he has for  
6     the agency. And as much issues as I've had with  
7     the agency over the years, I think it is  
8     incredibly important to have somebody that  
9     obviously recognizes how the agency functions,  
10    because he's been in there for so long, but has a  
11    vision of doing things a little bit differently.

12                   I believe, as I've said many times  
13    on the floor of the Senate, Madam President,  
14    nobody should be judged by the worst thing that  
15    they have ever done. And we should -- and  
16    considering that most of the people who are  
17    incarcerated are going to return to our  
18    communities, then we should make sure to have a  
19    corrections system that actually facilitates that  
20    and makes sure that these folks are ready to come  
21    back.

22                   And I do believe that the  
23    commissioner will do his best to push the agency  
24    in that direction, and I thank him for it.

25                   But I also want to just speak

1 briefly about my good friend Liz Gaynes. When I  
2 was first elected to the Senate in 2010, I was  
3 the ranking member on the Crime Victims, Crime  
4 and Corrections Committee. And as I knew a  
5 little bit about criminal justice, but certainly  
6 not that much as a policy thing, I had started to  
7 meet with a lot of organizations and individuals  
8 that knew a lot more about it than I did. And  
9 one of the first folks that I met was Liz.

10 And during that conversation I  
11 remember just getting a sense that this was  
12 somebody who had a long knowledge of how the  
13 system works, a sense of what we need to do to  
14 make it different, and also a sense of how to,  
15 within the confines of a messed-up system, do the  
16 best that we can to serve the people who are in  
17 it, not only the individuals who are incarcerated  
18 but certainly their families.

19 Since then, and I'm glad that  
20 Senator Salazar mentioned this, there is one  
21 thing that we did very early in our relationship  
22 together, in our career together, was to find the  
23 Fulton Correctional Facility, to then transform  
24 it -- it was her idea, Madam President, back in  
25 2011 or 2012, to transform it into a reentry

1 center.

2                   And just a few months ago -- and  
3 Acting Commissioner Martuscello was there -- we  
4 had the chance to go inside what was once a  
5 depressing work release facility and instead  
6 turned into a reentry center that's the first of  
7 its kind in the country, that will welcome folks  
8 coming back into the community in a place that  
9 they can actually get all services in one place,  
10 and make sure that these folks transition back  
11 into fully productive members of society. And  
12 the vision of how that came to be was from Liz.

13                   And besides that, there are so many  
14 times when I've learned so much from her over the  
15 years. She's somebody who is incredibly  
16 knowledgeable, incredibly kind, but she can be a  
17 pain sometimes when she needs to be. And that's  
18 one of the things that I've really loved about  
19 her.

20                   And the fact that the Governor has  
21 sent us this nomination, I just want to thank the  
22 Governor for doing that. Because she served many  
23 years as the leader of the Osborne Society.  
24 Recognizing that the Osborne Society needed to  
25 have new leadership, she actually stepped down,

1 still with all of her capacities, all of her --  
2 she could still be there, she could still be  
3 running that place, but she decided to step back,  
4 to let a woman of color lead the organization, to  
5 now being led by a man of color.

6 And this is something that now in  
7 her retirement, we needed for her to -- you know,  
8 to find something for her to do. Because I know  
9 that she was just enjoying too many pina  
10 coladas -- no, actually she was still working,  
11 working incredibly hard, and this will just give  
12 her even more purpose.

13 So I just -- I wanted to take all  
14 that time because I have such a great admiration,  
15 love and respect for the Honorable -- now she's  
16 going to be honorable, which is, you know, a  
17 little difficult for her to kind of comprehend.  
18 Now she's going to be a commissioner, she's going  
19 to be the Honorable Liz Gaynes.

20 But for me, she will always be my  
21 friend. I adore you, my friend. Congratulations  
22 on this.

23 And I vote in the affirmative.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,  
25 Senator Rivera.

1                   Senator Harckham on the nominations.

2                   SENATOR HARCKHAM:     Thank you very  
3 much, Madam President.

4                   First, a point of personal  
5 privilege, if I may. I want to congratulate  
6 Justin Kirby, who is the young man who is  
7 standing next to you as you are furiously  
8 signing. Just two weeks ago he was a session  
9 assistant doing an amazing job in our office, and  
10 now he's doing an amazing job on the Senate desk.  
11 So congratulations, great to see you there.

12                   I too join my colleagues to first  
13 thank the Governor for this great set of  
14 nominees, and I too rise to speak on  
15 Commissioner Martuscello. Soon to be  
16 Commissioner Martuscello. Momentarily to be  
17 Commissioner Martuscello.

18                   I have worked with him about some --  
19 a number of issues back to when we first began  
20 integrating medication-assisted treatment into  
21 our correctional facilities, dealing with a few  
22 issues of constituents. And I consider  
23 incarcerated individuals in my district to be  
24 constituents.

25                   He has been very responsive, very

1 helpful. And as you mentioned earlier today,  
2 Madam President, the Town of Bedford Prison  
3 Advisory Committee and the work that he's done on  
4 that -- and that's just but one community  
5 throughout the state -- and he's certainly been  
6 to more of those meetings than I have.

7           So just his responsiveness is really  
8 impressive. And we as Senators, both publicly  
9 and privately, acknowledge there are very  
10 responsive agencies, very responsive  
11 commissioners, and some who are not so. And this  
12 commissioner will fall to the front of the former  
13 category.

14           And I believe the challenges we face  
15 as we go forward working with DOCCS, this is a  
16 very, very positive sign, to have somebody who's  
17 responsive and willing to engage on a regular  
18 basis.

19           So I am fully on board. I will be  
20 voting aye. And congratulations to all the  
21 nominees.

22           Thank you.

23           ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Senator  
24 May on the nominations.

25           SENATOR MAY:    Thank you,

1 Madam President.

2 I want to join my colleagues in  
3 congratulating Commissioner Martuscello and  
4 welcoming him.

5 As the Senator from Auburn, also  
6 known as Prison City, I look forward to working  
7 together with you on behalf of both the employees  
8 and the incarcerated individuals who are my  
9 constituents.

10 It is a remarkable facility, a  
11 historic building, but desperately in need of  
12 modernization. And I hope we can work together  
13 to get better working conditions and living  
14 conditions for the people of my district.

15 Thank you.

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

18 The question is on the nominations.

19 Call the roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
22 the results.

23 THE SECRETARY: In relation to the  
24 nominations, those Senators voting in the  
25 negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello,

1 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffio, Helming,  
2 Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,  
3 Palumbo, Ramos, Rhoads, Rolison, Tedisco, Weber  
4 and Weik.

5 Ayes, 37. Nays, 19.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
7 nominees are confirmed.

8 Let me congratulate Commissioner  
9 Daniel Martuscello, commissioner of DOCCS, and  
10 Elizabeth Gaynes, member of the State Commission  
11 of Correction.

12 (Standing ovation.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
14 Gianaris.

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

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The  
18 Secretary will read.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
20 244, Senate Print 5865, by Senator Murray, an act  
21 in relation to authorizing the assessor of the  
22 Town of Brookhaven to accept from the Post-Morrow  
23 Foundation, Inc. an application for exemption  
24 from real property taxes.

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, 56.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
13 410, Senate Print 4321, by Senator Lanza, an act  
14 to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
16 last section.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
24 the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56.

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill  
2    is passed.

3                   THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
4    442, Senate Print 8323, by Senator Ramos, an act  
5    to amend the Workers' Compensation Law.

6                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Read the  
7    last section.

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

10                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:   Call the  
11   roll.

12                  (The Secretary called the roll.)

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

15                  SENATOR RAMOS:     Thank you,  
16   Madam President.

17                  Last wednesday the Labor Committee  
18   held its first-ever Workers' Comp oversight  
19   hearing.  And I want to thank Senators Fernandez,  
20   Jackson, Rhoads and Martins for participating in  
21   that hearing with me.  I'm hoping that this  
22   becomes an annual occurrence.

23                  You know, for five hours my  
24   colleagues and I heard from stakeholders in this  
25   complicated and opaque industry.  In addition to

1 NYSIF and the Workers' Comp commissioner, we  
2 heard from attorneys, labor, pharmacists, doctors  
3 and, most importantly, injured workers and their  
4 loved ones.

5 Today I want to point to the  
6 testimony of Mrs. Barbara Miller, who spoke to  
7 exactly why we need this legislation.

8 Mrs. Miller is the caretaker for her husband, who  
9 was a self-employed electrician. Mr. Miller  
10 suffered a traumatic brain injury at work that  
11 completely changed his and his family's life.

12 The experience of trying to navigate  
13 workers' comp, finding doctors, fighting with  
14 insurance providers, and trying to get answers  
15 from workers' comp left them feeling frustrated,  
16 hopeless and like their rights and dignity had  
17 been violated.

18 With this bill, we are making a  
19 simple and obvious fix that will make a world of  
20 difference. Because believe it or not, attorneys  
21 for injured workers are not currently allowed to  
22 communicate directly with their client's doctors.  
23 This creates delays and opportunities for  
24 miscommunication that can have devastating  
25 consequences.

1 I dedicate this bill to Mr. and  
2 Mrs. Miller and all the injured workers who  
3 bravely shared their stories with the  
4 Labor Committee.

5 I vote aye.

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

8 Announce the results.

9 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
10 Calendar 442, those Senators voting in the  
11 negative are Senators Borrello,  
12 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Griffo, Helming, Murray,  
13 O'Mara and Weik.

14 Ayes, 49. Nays, 7.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
16 is passed.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
18 496, Senate Print 5262, by Senator Sanders, an  
19 act to amend the Administrative Code of the City  
20 of New York.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
22 last section.

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

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the

1 roll.

2 (The Secretary called the roll.)

3 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
4 the results.

5 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
7 is passed.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
9 550, Assembly Bill Number 7495, by  
10 Assemblymember Lavine, an act to amend the  
11 Criminal Procedure Law.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
13 last section.

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

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
17 roll.

18 (The Secretary called the roll.)

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
20 the results.

21 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
22 Calendar 550, voting in the negative:  
23 Senator Stec.

24 Ayes, 55. Nays, 1.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
3 573, Senate Print 2731A, by Senator Sanders, an  
4 act to amend the Insurance Law and the  
5 Vehicle and Traffic Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
7 last section.

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

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
11 roll.

12 (The Secretary called the roll.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
14 the results.

15 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
17 is passed.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
19 603, Assembly Bill Number 8029C, by  
20 Assemblymember Epstein, an act directing the  
21 Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the  
22 New York City Transit Authority to rename the  
23 23rd Street subway station.

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: In relation to  
9 Calendar 603, voting in the negative:  
10 Senator Krueger.

11 Ayes, 55. Nays, 1.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
13 is passed.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
15 653, Senate Print 1050B, by Senator Cooney, an  
16 act to amend the Education Law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
18 last section.

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

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
22 roll.

23 (The Secretary called the roll.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
25 the results.

1 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
5 656, Senate Print 5635A, by Senator Webb, an act  
6 to amend the Education Law and the Public Health  
7 Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
9 last section.

10 THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This  
11 act shall take effect one year after it shall  
12 have become a law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
17 Webb to explain her vote.

18 SENATOR WEBB: Thank you,  
19 Madam President.

20 This legislation lifts up our  
21 continued efforts to address challenges around  
22 getting access to care. And in this case, this  
23 legislation is specifically dealing with  
24 contraceptive care.

25 Over 25,000 women throughout

1 New York live in what's called contraceptive  
2 deserts, which means they lack access to single  
3 clinics offering the full range of  
4 contraceptives. As a result, some women must  
5 cross county lines to receive the contraceptive  
6 of their choice.

7           These barriers to access place  
8 additional burdens on women and families  
9 struggling to make ends meet. Sixty percent of  
10 women who are of reproductive age currently are  
11 using a contraceptive method. It is clear that  
12 access to contraception is a public health  
13 concern.

14           The Depo-Provera shot is a hormonal  
15 contraceptive injection that must be  
16 administered -- or received every three months.  
17 In New York it must be given by your healthcare  
18 provider. This is an unnecessary barrier keeping  
19 women from the contraceptive of their choice.

20           This bill will allow pharmacists to  
21 carry out scripts given by physicians allowing  
22 women to receive their hormonal injections from  
23 either their local pharmacist or their doctor's  
24 office every three months.

25           Pharmacies are convenient locations

1 for accessing birth control, given their  
2 prevalence in communities and their flexible  
3 hours. Pharmacists must comply with training  
4 requirements. They also, as part of this  
5 legislation, will have to provide and assess  
6 self-screening risk-assessment questionnaires to  
7 patients and also provide other relevant  
8 information.

9 This legislation will help to remove  
10 barriers to access for marginalized communities  
11 of young people, rural communities, and other  
12 individuals who have historically experienced  
13 barriers to reproductive and contraceptive care.

14 I want to thank the Majority Leader  
15 for bringing this legislation to the floor. I  
16 vote aye and encourage my colleagues to do the  
17 same.

18 Thank you, Madam President.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
20 Webb to be recorded in the affirmative.

21 Announce the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
23 Calendar 656, those Senators voting in the  
24 negative are Senators Borrello,  
25 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Lanza,

1       Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt and  
2       Stec. Also Senator Tedisco.

3                   Ayes, 44. Nays, 12.

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill  
5       is passed.

6                   THE SECRETARY:    Calendar Number  
7       684, Senate Print 7937, by Senator Harckham,  
8       an act to amend the Correction Law.

9                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Read the  
10      last section.

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

14                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Call the  
15      roll.

16                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

17                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Senator  
18      Harckham to explain his vote.

19                   SENATOR HARCKHAM:    Thank you very  
20      much, Madam President.

21                   First I want to thank the  
22      Majority Leader for bringing this legislation  
23      forward.

24                   I want to thank Senator Salazar for  
25      her care in shepherding this through her

1 committee and her amazing job that she does as  
2 chair of that committee.

3 It's appropriate that the  
4 commissioner of Corrections and Community  
5 Supervision was just here, because this bill  
6 would require him to make water-testing results  
7 known of correctional facilities to both the  
8 incarcerated individuals and the staff who work  
9 there.

10 And the reason this is so important,  
11 there's a study that was done: More than a  
12 million incarcerated individuals are at risk for  
13 exposure to PFAS in their water. That doesn't  
14 include the staff who work there, uniform and  
15 civilian, as well as those in the surrounding  
16 community. So this is also a bellwether for  
17 surrounding communities.

18 So I appreciate all involved for  
19 getting this bill to the floor. This will  
20 protect public health. It will protect the  
21 health of the staff and of incarcerated  
22 individuals.

23 And I vote aye. Thank you very  
24 much.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator

1 Harckham to be recorded in the affirmative.

2 Announce the results.

3 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
4 Calendar 684, voting in the negative:  
5 Senator Ortt.

6 Ayes, 55. Nays, 1.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
10 800, Senate Print 5896, by Senator Breslin, an  
11 act to amend the Insurance Law.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
13 last section.

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

16 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
17 roll.

18 (The Secretary called the roll.)

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
20 the results.

21 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
23 is passed.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
25 950, Senate Print 6424C, by Senator Persaud, an

1 act to amend the Social Services Law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
3 last section.

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

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
7 roll.

8 (The Secretary called the roll.)

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
10 the results.

11 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
13 is passed.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
15 966, Senate Print 1316A, by Senator Parker, an  
16 act to amend the Public Service Law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
18 last section.

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

21 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
22 roll.

23 (The Secretary called the roll.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
25 the results.

1           THE SECRETARY:    In relation to  
2   Calendar 966, voting in the negative are  
3   Senators Borrello, Oberacker, Ortt and Stec.

4           Ayes, 52.   Nays, 4.

5           ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill  
6   is passed.

7           THE SECRETARY:    Calendar Number  
8   1027, Assembly Bill Number 9466, by  
9   Assemblymember Pretlow, an act to amend the  
10   Local Finance Law.

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

13          Read the last section.

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

16          ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Call the  
17   roll.

18          (The Secretary called the roll.)

19          ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Announce  
20   the results.

21          THE SECRETARY:    Ayes, 56.

22          ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill  
23   is passed.

24          THE SECRETARY:    Calendar Number  
25   1057, Senate Print 8602, by Senator Ramos, an act

1 to amend the Labor Law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
3 last section.

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

6 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
7 roll.

8 (The Secretary called the roll.)

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator  
10 Ramos to explain her vote.

11 SENATOR RAMOS: Thank you.

12 In 2021, minor league players came  
13 to me to share their stories. These players,  
14 many of them immigrants, were working two to  
15 three jobs, sleeping on airport floors, and  
16 earning less than minimum wage, hoping the  
17 struggle would one day pay off.

18 I helped broker a meeting between  
19 these players and the owner of my hometown team,  
20 the Mets. And in September 2022, the minor  
21 leaguers officially joined the Major League  
22 Baseball Players Association and started  
23 negotiating their very first contract.

24 I'm proud to say that this  
25 legislation is the final checkmark in that

1 contract negotiation. These minor league players  
2 lifted 5,500 players out of extreme poverty. And  
3 I'm so proud to say that they courageously  
4 stepped up, and now we're seeing the results.

5           Ninety-nine percent of the players  
6 voted to ratify a tentative contract that nearly  
7 doubled base pay, earned them pay for spring  
8 training -- which they had previously been doing  
9 for free -- and grants the players just-cause  
10 provisions. These workers now have a collective  
11 voice that allows them to focus on the game we  
12 love.

13           I vote aye.

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

16           Announce the results.

17           THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56.

18           ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
19 is passed.

20           THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
21 1089, Senate Print 4340, by Senator Sepúlveda, an  
22 act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

23           ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
24 last section.

25           THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

1 act shall take effect immediately.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
6 the results.

7 THE SECRETARY: In relation to  
8 Calendar Number 1089, those Senators voting in  
9 the negative are Senators Borrello,  
10 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Griffo, Lanza, Murray,  
11 Oberacker, O'Mara, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco and  
12 Weik.

13 Ayes, 45. Nays, 11.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
17 1095, Senate Print 7517, by Senator Sepúlveda, an  
18 act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
20 last section.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Announce  
2   the results.

3                   THE SECRETARY:     Ayes, 56.

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill  
5   is passed.

6                   THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
7   1115, Senate Print 6584C, by Senator Gianaris, an  
8   act to amend the Executive Law.

9                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Read the  
10  last section.

11                  THE SECRETARY:     Section 2.  This  
12  act shall take effect on the 120th 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:     Ayes, 56.

20                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill  
21  is passed.

22                  THE SECRETARY:     Calendar Number  
23  1125, Senate Print 1156, by Senator Skoufis,  
24  an act to amend the General Municipal Law.

25                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Read the

1 last section.

2 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. 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, 56.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
13 1139, Senate Print 9250, by Senator Serrano, an  
14 act to amend Chapter 138 of the Laws of 1998.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
16 last section.

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

19 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
23 the results.

24 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
3 1145, Senate Print 8781A, by Senator Cooney, an  
4 act to amend the General Municipal Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
6 last section.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the  
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce  
13 the results.

14 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 56.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill  
16 is passed.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number  
18 1222, Senate Print 9163A, by Senator Breslin, an  
19 act authorizing the Praise Tabernacle Church of  
20 God to receive retroactive real property tax  
21 exempt status.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the  
23 last section.

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

1                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Call the  
2    roll.

3                   (The Secretary called the roll.)

4                   ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Announce  
5    the results.

6                   THE SECRETARY:    In relation to  
7    Calendar 1222, voting in the negative:  
8    Senator O'Mara.

9                   Ayes, 55.   Nays, 1.

10                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill  
11    is passed.

12                  THE SECRETARY:    Calendar Number  
13    1224, Senate Print 9486, by Senator Thomas, an  
14    act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

15                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Read the  
16    last section.

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

19                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Call the  
20    roll.

21                  (The Secretary called the roll.)

22                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    Announce  
23    the results.

24                  THE SECRETARY:    Ayes, 56.

25                  ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER:    The bill

1 is passed.

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

4 SENATOR GIANARIS: Returning to  
5 motions, on behalf of Senator Kavanagh, on  
6 page 77 I offer the following amendments to  
7 Calendar 1105, Senate 2960, and ask that said  
8 bill retain its place on Third Reading Calendar.

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

12 Senator Gianaris.

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

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

17 SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to adjourn  
18 until Tuesday, May 28th, at 3:00 p.m., with the  
19 intervening days being legislative days.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: On motion,  
21 the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday,  
22 May 28th, at 3:00 p.m., with the intervening days  
23 being legislative days.

24 (Whereupon, at 12:41 p.m., the  
25 Senate adjourned.)