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SENATOR JAMAAL T. BAILEY, Acting President

ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Senate will come to order.

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

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Pujari Shyam Patel, of the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Flushing, Queens, will deliver today's invocation.

PUJARI SHYAM PATEL: (Chanting in Sanskrit.)

May peace radiate there in the whole sky, as well as in the vast eternal space everywhere. May peace reign all over this earth, in water, in all herbs and trees.

May peace flow over the whole universe. May peace be in the Supreme Being, God. And may there always exist, in all, peace, and peace alone.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday,

June 3, 2024, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Sunday, June 2, 2024, was read and approved. On motion, the Senate adjourned.

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

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Myrie moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 7555A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7392A, Third Reading Calendar 552.

Senator Stavisky moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 8346A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill Number 7808A, Third Reading Calendar 721.

Senator Cleare moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 6854 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6810, Third Reading Calendar 857.

Senator Breslin moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill

Number 7862A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7577A, Third Reading Calendar 882.

Senator Scarcella-Spanton moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 7717B and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8589A, Third Reading Calendar 947.

Senator Persaud moves to discharge, from the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications, Assembly Bill Number 7091 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill Number 8979, Third Reading Calendar 972.

Senator Hoylman-Sigal moves to discharge, from the Committee on Health, Assembly Bill Number 7872A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8632A, Third Reading Calendar 997.

Senator Krueger moves to discharge, from the Committee on Health, Assembly Bill Number 9718B and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9067A, Third Reading Calendar 1000.

Senator Mannion moves to discharge, from the Committee on Education, Assembly Bill Number 9777B and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9147B, Third Reading Calendar 1069.

Senator Parker moves to discharge, from the Committee on Social Services, Assembly Bill Number 9522 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9100, Third Reading Calendar 1070.

Senator Persaud moves to discharge, from the Committee on Consumer Protection, Assembly Bill Number 6957A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 2464B, Third Reading Calendar 1073.

Senator Addabbo moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9458B and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8776A, Third Reading Calendar 1128.

Senator Hinchey moves to discharge, from the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation, Assembly Bill Number 8978A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7296A, Third Reading Calendar 1133.

Senator Jackson moves to discharge, from the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions, Assembly Bill Number 9935 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8948, Third Reading Calendar 1142.

Senator Comrie moves to discharge,

from the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, Assembly Bill Number 4403 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9052, Third Reading Calendar 1184.

Senator Martinez moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 4201B and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7501, Third Reading Calendar 1204.

Senator Mayer moves to discharge, from the Committee on Local Government, Assembly Bill Number 7532B and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 4040B, Third Reading Calendar 1226.

Senator Breslin moves to discharge, from the Committee on Insurance, Assembly Bill Number 8834B and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8144C, Third Reading Calendar 1257.

Senator Kavanagh moves to discharge, from the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Assembly Bill Number 7396B and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7195B, Third Reading Calendar 1310.

Senator Hinchey moves to discharge, from the Committee on Agriculture, Assembly Bill

Number 7020A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9248, Third Reading Calendar 1460.

Senator Ramos moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 1204A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9462A, Third Reading Calendar 1204.

Senator Thomas moves to discharge, from the Committee on Finance, Assembly Bill Number 1200 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 413, Third Reading Calendar 1551.

Senator Palumbo moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 1353A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 2158A, Third Reading Calendar 1560.

Senator Palumbo moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 1640A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 2159A, Third Reading Calendar 1561.

Senator Martins moves to discharge, from the Committee on Local Government, Assembly Bill Number 5265A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 5019B, Third Reading Calendar 1567.

Senator Gallivan moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill

Number 9218 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8668, Third Reading Calendar 1585.

Senator Gallivan moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9888C and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7731A, Third Reading Calendar 1019.

Senator Sanders moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9678 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9056, Third Reading Calendar 1273.

Senator Tedisco moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9785A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9068A, Third Reading Calendar 1588.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: So ordered.

Messages from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

Reports of select committees.

Communications and reports from state officers.

Motions and resolutions.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Good afternoon, Mr. President.

On behalf of Senator Sepúlveda, I wish to call up Senate Print 4909A, recalled from the Assembly, which is now at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 833, Senate Print 4909A, by Senator Sepúlveda, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll on reconsideration.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

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

SENATOR GIANARIS: I offer the following amendments.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The amendments are received.

SENATOR GIANARIS: I move to adopt the Resolution Calendar, with the exception of Resolution 2618.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: All those

in favor of adopting the Resolution Calendar, with the exception of Resolution 2618, please signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Opposed, nay.

(Response of "Nay.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Resolution Calendar is adopted.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Let's now take up Resolution 2618, by Senator Ryan, read its title and recognize Senator Ryan.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Resolution 2618, by Senator Ryan, honoring Jillian Hanesworth and Augustus Clarke upon the occasion of winning the 2024 Sports Emmy Award.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Ryan on the resolution.

SENATOR RYAN: Thank you, Madam President.

So I'm happy today to welcome Jillian Hanesworth and Augustus "Slim Gus" Clarke

to the New York State Senate.

Jillian is a community activist, she's a poet, and she's everything in between. And Gus lives in LA now, but he's a Buffalo guy and he does producing and directing.

I know watching sports is a pastime for many people. In this chamber we like to cheer on our sports teams. But at the best, sports are something bigger than a three-hour diversion. They have an incredible power to bring people together.

And what people might not appreciate is just how interwoven the Buffalo Bills are into Buffalo, into how we think about things. I may be biased, but I think there isn't a city in America whose collective identity, for the good or bad, is so interwoven into their football team.

So every football season we come together to cheer the Bills. Even without a Super Bowl, even during the long playoff drought that preceded our current era, passion never, ever wavers. So it's not uncommon to have three-quarters of all Buffalo TVs tuned into the game.

So if you wear Bills apparel in another city, you'll certainly get somebody walking by you saying "Go Bills!" It never fails. Buy yourself a hat and go to another town, you can join the Bills Club.

But it's the connection to the city that goes deeper than the shared fandom. So Jillian and Gus collaborated on a short video called "Still Here: The Bond Between the Heartbroken City and its Beloved Football Team."

So we've had a lot of bad stuff happen in Buffalo the last two years, and this short video really commemorated how sports helped us come back together, how our mutuality of love of the Buffalo Bills came together. And it opens with a great line: "You know, we're a Rust Belt city of overcomers -- survivors, believers and fighters."

And I rose on the floor just a few weeks ago, on 5/14, to commemorate the 5/14 massacre, and I read a poem that day. And the poem was Jillian's poem. Many of you heard it that day, but it just shows how wonderfully talented she is.

But the video, it's a nod to our

resiliency, our decades of economic depression. But it's also a direct reflection of what happened on 5/14, the tragic winter storm, the loss of a Buffalo firefighter -- it all happened lightning fast.

So Jillian's narration throughout the video gets to the heart of why Buffalo is still standing after all we've been through. She says: "Individually we may stumble, but together we never fall."

Truthfully I can't do the words the justice that they deserve. You need to hear them from the source. So she has an incredible way with words, and that's why she was the city's first poet laureate.

So it's clear that "Still Here" was directed by somebody who's truly proud to be a Buffalonian. You see how it weaves it all together -- East Side, West Side, all around the town.

So the pair won an Emmy in Lincoln Center a few weeks ago for the best sports video. So it's my honor to have you today. Thank you for being so generous. I know you were in the hallway and in the chambers

before, showing off your Emmy.

So we're proud of what you've done. We're Buffalo-proud of what you've done.

Thank you very much.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: To our Emmy-winning, Buffalo-proud guests, I welcome you on behalf of the Senate. We extend to you all of the privileges and courtesies of this house.

Please rise and be recognized.

(Standing ovation.)

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

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The resolution is adopted.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, as we continue to take up resolutions, we're going to call a simultaneous meeting of the Finance Committee in Room 124. So please call that committee meeting.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: There will be an immediate meeting of the Finance Committee in Room 124.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Now let's move on to previously adopted Resolution 2413, by Senator Ramos, read that resolution's title, and recognize Senator Ramos.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Resolution 2413, by Senator Ramos, commemorating the 60th Anniversary of Fania Records.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Ramos on the resolution.

SENATOR RAMOS: Thank you, Mr. President.

You know, last year you led our legislative body in celebrating 50 years of hip-hop, a profound legacy in New York State. But at the same time there were some other musics, other sounds, really taking by storm the streets of New York. And yes, there was a punk scene, but today I am here to talk about salsa.

And I am honored to recognize the incredible legacy of Fania Records, a

New York-based record label that has made significant contributions to the Latino music industry for the past 60 years. Fania Records has played a pivotal role in bringing the vibrant sounds of Latino music from the streets of New York City to the global stage.

But of course it always begs the question, what is salsa?

And the brand -- the brain, the master behind the branding of Fania Records, a man by the name of Izzy Sanabria, would say that salsa is flavor and spice. Salsa is Latin soul. Salsa is rhythm that started in Africa with the conga, skin on wood. Then the rhythm traveled from Africa to the Caribbean, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Mexico and even South America, where it mixed with the Native American sound of instruments like el güiro. And then European instruments were incorporated, like the piano.

And then their sons and daughters came to the U.S.; with the influence of jazz, they incorporated the brass instruments, and with it created a true sauce of flavor that has really transformed the world and has helped many of us

create a Latino identity that has really taken root here in New York City.

Founded in 1964 by Dominican bandleader Johnny Pacheco and his attorney, an Italian by the name of Jerry Masucci, Fania Records was a label that started from their mutual passion for this Latino music. The label's roster of artists includes numerous legendary figures that I think even our friends across the aisle might recognize: Johnny Pacheco, Willie Colón, Héctor Lavoe, Celia Cruz, Tito Puente, Ray Barretto, Cheo Feliciano, and Rubén Blades, among so many artists.

These artists are the soundtrack of so many Latino summers growing up in New York City, and admittedly also the soundtrack of a lot of cleaning our houses and our apartments on Saturday morning as well.

I have to say one of my favorite albums and songs from Rubén Blades, I want to share a few lyrics in Spanish, because I feel it really does speak to who Latinos in New York City are. In the song "Plástico," Rubén Blades sang:

"Se ven las caras de trabajo y de sudor.

"De gente de carne y hueso que no se venden.

"De gente trabajando buscando el nuevo camino.

"Orgullosa de su herencia y de ser latino.

"De una raza unida la que Bolivar soñaría.

"Siembra..."

Those lyrics, like so many others, really have helped inspire those of us who identify as Latinos in New York to do better, to never sell out, and to ensure that we are fighting day in and day out for our communities.

And today Fania Records continues to serve as a cultural beacon for the Latino community, spotlighting the influential immigrant narrative of New York and the power of Latinos in this state.

And today we are joined by Mr. Bruce McIntosh, a representative from Fania Records, as we celebrate these amazing 60 years of Latino influence in the music industry. He has been leading his team on an amazing journey to digitize the label's repertoire and really help

build a sustainable legacy of our music and therefore our culture.

And with that, Mr. President, I only ask that you recognize Mr. McIntosh and Fania Records and help us offer them all of the courtesies and privileges of our house.

Thank you. Graçias.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Ramos.

Senator Rivera on the resolution.

SENATOR RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. President.

So I didn't grow up in New York, I grew up in Puerto Rico. But I remember there too how -- you know, when I was a kid, there were so many records that my father -- one in particular that I'll get back to, because it's actually -- you reminded me of that record.

For my money, the best salsa record ever made, Siembra, in 1977 -- when I was just two years old, Mr. President -- included that song, "Plástico," along with a lot of other ones that were just immediate classics.

I had a short period during my high school days when I was like rebellious, so I just

listened to rock and roll and didn't listen to salsa, and then came back in college to rediscover not only some records that my dad had, but then I went deep into the rabbit hole, and I just fell absolutely in love with this amazing music and particularly Rubén Blades, who is the gentleman that Senator Ramos quoted.

But overall, then I came to New York many years later and have had the opportunity even to meet some folks who played in those bands back in those days. And it just -- and I've gotten a little bit more of the context of how important this music was not only in the culture of Puerto Rico but all of Latin America, and certainly in New York City.

And so I'm proud to stand and celebrate the 60th anniversary. And when you think about that 60 years -- as we said, Mr. President, last year was the 50th birthday of hip-hop, and just 10 years before that this amazing amalgam of African music with Latin roots just was born and has since, you know, gone around the world so many times.

That song that she -- that my colleague quoted is called "Plástico," which

means "plastic," and it's the -- and the song is from that record, Siembra. And the song is really about the fact that he describes different types of people. He says, you know, the -- you know, there's that plastic-looking guy, there's that plastic-looking girl, that plastic family. Fake families. Fake men, fake women. And he describes them, these are people that want to look down on others and want to be better than other people.

As opposed to that, we have to be true to ourselves. We can't be plastic, we have to be true to ourselves.

And that last line, as it gets to the end there (singing):

"Oye latino, oye hermano, oye amigo

"Nunca vendas tu destino por el oro ni la comodidad

"Nunca descanses, pues nos falta andar bastante

"Vamos todos adelante para juntos terminar

"Con la ignorancia que nos trae sugestionados

"Con modelos importados que no son

la solución" -- and this is the one, this is the important one (singing) --

"No te dejes confundir" -- do not get confused --

"Busca el fondo y su razón" -- look for the reason and the depth --

"Recuerda: Se ven las caras" -- remember, you can always see their faces --

"Pero nunca el corazón" -- but never their heart --

"Recuerda: Se ven las caras

"Pero nunca el corazón."

And that's just one of the many songs that have made an incredible difference in so many people's lives.

So I'm very proud to stand and say that this -- that I've been looking for 14 years, Mr. President, for a resolution which would allow me to, on the record, sing on the floor of the Senate, and I just found it.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. President. I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Rivera.

Senator Serrano on the resolution.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you very much, Mr. President.

It gives me great honor to stand here and -- in support of Senator Ramos's resolution celebrating 60 years of Fania Records.

And I'd like to thank her and all who support this resolution, because it is so critically important when we think about the cultural legacy of our community and why it is so important that we do not forget. Sixty years is a long time. But it really shows you the enduring legacy of salsa music and what Fania meant to that movement.

I have the good fortune of representing East Harlem and the South Bronx, two areas that have been rich in culture. Indeed, the birthplace of hip-hop, as was mentioned earlier, but also this groundswell of understanding a cultural phenomenon known as salsa and what that has meant for the Latino community but indeed all communities that call New York home, because everyone enjoys it.

And I think that's what's so special about New York, New York City in particular.

It's a place where you come and you can experience all that is great about the diversity of New York City.

This music in particular tells a story. It tells a story of the culture, of a day in the life. And it is really such a fascinating way of really indicating the everyday lives of a community.

So I'm old enough to -- well, I don't remember it, but within my lifetime Yankee Stadium was sold out by the Fania All-Stars for a huge concert that -- again, it's a very big stadium, so to sell it out is pretty amazing. And that is something that is known throughout history as a really, really turning point in the music industry. And that particular concert is one that is spoken about with great admiration and respect all these decades later.

So again, so grateful to Senator Ramos for bringing this resolution, to Fania Records, to all of those who are involved in helping to maintain the cultural legacy of our community.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Serrano.

Para la gente Latino.

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

Please rise and be recognized.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The resolution was adopted on May 14th.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, I want to clarify the Finance Committee meeting we called a little while ago was a joint meeting of the Finance and Civil Service committees. So if someone is on the Civil Service Committee as well, they should head down to Room 124.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Finance Committee meeting that was called earlier is a joint meeting of the Finance and Civil Service committees, so members of both committees should go to Room 124.

SENATOR GIANARIS: And now we are also going to call, simultaneous to all this activity, a meeting of the Rules Committee in

Room 330 -- you know, where we usually have it, the Majority Conference Room.

(Laughter.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: There will be a -- simultaneously call a meeting of the Rules Committee in Room 332.

SENATOR GIANARIS: And please call up previously adopted Resolution 2225, by Senator Liu, read its title, and recognize Senator Liu.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: the Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Resolution 2225, by Senator Liu, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Flushing, New York, on August 4, 2024.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Liu on the resolution.

SENATOR LIU: Thank you, Mr. President.

And thank you for excusing me from the simultaneous meetings of the Rules and the Finance committees currently so that I may speak about this important resolution before our body today.

Over 360 years ago, people in New York had a governor who decided that Quakers should be abolished from the State of New York and that they should be forbidden to even meet.

Well, a guy in Flushing -- his name was John Baum -- decided that he did not agree with the then-governor's edict and invited the Quakers to his house to have their meetings, have their discussions, and have their worship. For that, he was then arrested and imprisoned.

And many believe, especially all of us in Flushing, that the document that came in the aftermath of that act of civil disobedience, the Flushing Remonstrance, became the basis of freedom of religion here in the United States.

And today Flushing, a community that I proudly represent in the New York State Senate, boasts the home of many religious denominations and institutions. Within a relatively small area we have many, many institutions of religious worship, and among those -- very prominently -- is the Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha, also known as BAPS.

And we heard from our priest in Flushing, Priest Pujari Shyam Patel, who gave

us -- who blessed us with the invocation today. BAPS was actually -- landed in the United States right there in Flushing, under the vision and leadership of the late beloved and revered Guru Pramukh Swami Maharaj, an individual that I had the immense honor and privilege of meeting when he came to New York back in 2005, and whose visit with I still remember moment by moment because of the incredible brilliance and wisdom that I experienced firsthand from Pramukh Swami Maharaj.

BAPS is now today led by Mahant Swami Maharash, who is the current spiritual leader of this worldwide denomination of the Hindu faith. And BAPS is now 100 mandirs, or temples, all across the United States of America -- but it began right here in Flushing. And today we commemorate the 50-year anniversary of BAPS in the United States and certainly in my hometown of Flushing.

BAPS is an organization that provides so much to not only its members but the surrounding community in Greater New York and far beyond. Whenever illness or disaster or suffering has affected any community in New York or actually worldwide, BAPS and its members have

stepped up, risen to the occasion to help human beings, fellow human beings in need.

And that, I think, is the true mark of what BAPS has offered to us for 50 years in Flushing and the United States, and for hundreds of years in this internationally renowned religious denomination.

So, Mr. President, I ask you to please welcome our guests from BAPS, including not only our priest, Pujari Shyam Patel, but my friend Dr. Vipul Patel of the Flushing BAPS, who are also accompanied by Approva Khatri, of the Melville BAPS, and a delegation from BAPS Albany composed -- comprised of Pradhyuman Kansara, Hardi Patel, Vidhi Patel, and Anuj Patel.

Mr. President, thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Liu.

Senator Thomas on the resolution.

SENATOR THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. President.

And thank you to Senator Liu for introducing this resolution to our chamber. And congratulations to BAPS Flushing for their 50th anniversary.

I have been fortunate enough to go to different BAPS temples on Long Island, in Queens, and of course to now the largest Hindu temple in North America, out in Robbinsville.

I know of how hard the BAPS community throughout this country, you know, went forward with building that temple -- volunteers, hundreds of hours, specialized field. I was so proud to have been able to visit it twice.

I am so happy that Senator Liu introduced this resolution to honor this community. We have come a long way since what Senator Liu told us where, you know, individuals prevented us from practicing our religion. And I am so glad that we are honoring the BAPS community here in this chamber.

Thank you. And Jai Swaminarayan.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Thomas.

To our guests from BAPS, I welcome you on behalf of the Senate. We extend to you all of the privileges and courtesies of this house.

Please remain standing and be recognized.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The resolution was adopted on April 16th.

Senator Serrano.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 221, Senate Print 8188, by Senator Parker, an act directing the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to study feasibility and efficiency of a microgrid.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 242, Senate Print 5656, by Senator Martinez, an act to amend the Local Finance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 249, Senate Print 130, by Senator Krueger, an act to amend the Emergency Tenant Protection Act.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 445, Senate Print 8402A, by Senator Parker, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

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

SENATOR CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK: Thank you, Mr. President.

I just want to say that this is a bill that I'm voting in favor of. I believe that we should be doing more of the studies that this bill is promoting to figure out the financial impact and the feasibility before we implement

things.

So I think that this is an example of what we should be doing throughout our state before we implement different projects regarding sustainable energy.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 503, Senate Print 7836A, by Senator Mannion, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 552, Assembly Bill Number 7555A, by Assemblymember Fahy, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 552, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Felder, Murray, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison and Tedisco.

Ayes, 50. Nays, 10.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

586, Senate Print 7936, by Senator Harckham, an act directing the commissioner of corrections and community supervision to study gender disparity.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 586, voting in the negative:

Senator Ortt.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 642, Senate Print 7933, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 670, Senate Print 7932, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

717, Senate Print 6417, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Judiciary Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 717, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Murray, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Tedisco and Weber.

Ayes, 52. Nays, 8.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 721, Assembly Bill Number 8346A, by Assemblymember Fahy, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 730, Senate Print 1892, by Senator Stavisky, an act to amend the Penal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 730, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Ortt and Tedisco.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 3.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 733, Senate Print 4818, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This act shall take effect on the first of January.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 733, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Harckham, Helming, Murray, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec and Tedisco.

Ayes, 49. Nays, 11.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 756, Senate Print 2284, by Senator Cleare, an act

to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 756, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Helming, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco and Senator Weber. Also Senator Murray.

Ayes, 49. Nays, 11.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 762, Senate Print 4352A, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This

act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 762, voting in the negative:

Senator Martinez.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 795, Senate Print 5936A, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect on the 120th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Rivera to explain his vote.

SENATOR RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. President.

This bill is a product, Mr. President, of a concern that while certainly all along the City of New York is particularly -- it was brought to my attention by members of Community Board 6 in the Bronx. Jerome Avenue, which I'm sure you're aware of, rides right underneath the 4 train north and south in the Bronx, in the West Bronx. And along that road there are stretches that are one business after another after another after another, they're all auto body shops and other, you know, places where cars get repaired, tire repair, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

Now, I certainly don't have any issue with these small businesses. But when they're all together like that, as has been brought to my attention because of Community Board 6's experience, it means that they are sometimes covering up sidewalks -- entire parts of that, blocks on end, are cars parked that are being repaired or that sit there for weeks on end because they're missing a part, et cetera, et cetera.

Well, we wanted to make sure that the process by which these are placed in the future actually corresponds to a process that we already know. For example, when a new business wants to get a liquor license, they have to go before their community board. This bill would make it so that such body shops and auto shops in the future would have to do the same thing.

And it was brought to me, again, by Community Board 6. So it certainly doesn't stand in the way of those small businesses, it just says that we have to make sure that if they're coming to a community that there's at least input that that community provides.

So I thank my neighbors in Community Board 6 for bringing this to my attention, and I'm hoping that it can pass in the Assembly as well.

I vote in the affirmative, Mr. President.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 795, those Senators voting in the

negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Griffo, Oberacker, Ortt, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco and Weber. Also Senator O'Mara.

Ayes, 50. Nays, 10.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 818, Senate Print 8431, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 818, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Helming, Martinez, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Tedisco, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 49. Nays, 11.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 837, Senate Print 8843A, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Gonzalez to explain her vote.

SENATOR GONZALEZ: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise before you today to speak in strong support of this bill. New York's healthcare system is in crisis. Hospitals are closing across our state. Critical services are migrating towards wealthier neighborhoods. And hospitals that serve the publicly ensured, the uninsured, and the working class are in financial crisis.

Now more than ever, we must protect outward hospitals and healthcare access. To do that, we must put communities first. The people who use these hospitals every day know what our communities need most, yet too often the most critical decisions about our communities are made without our input.

I've seen what happens when communities are left out of the conversation. I've seen the effects of this broken system in my own district with the proposed closure of Mount Sinai Beth Israel and the continued shutting down of services without the permission of the Department of Health.

Our constituents deserve better. They deserve transparency and accountability and a seat at the table. This bill is about ensuring that when decisions are made regarding the closure of hospitals or vital units within them, units that provide maternity, mental health or substance abuse services, that those most impacted have a voice.

By requiring hospitals to involve the community in these decisions, we ensure that the voices of patients, families, healthcare

workers and local leaders are heard and considered.

Community input saves lives. Whether you have access to an emergency room in your community is a life-or-death issue. We cannot afford to overlook the human cost of these closures. And that is why I want to thank Senator Rivera for this bill, as well as Senator Kavanagh, who also helped introduce the original version of this bill.

I want to thank my colleagues for voting -- who will vote in favor of this bill. And I certainly want to thank the staff for all of their hard work into getting a version of this bill that really reflects what our communities know and deserve, which is a seat at the table.

So again, thank you. And with that, I vote aye.

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

Senator Rivera to explain his vote.

SENATOR RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. President.

This bill is a bill that has been voted on and the Assembly has passed for the last

few years, a version of it has. And we're passing it here in the Senate for the first time. And the issue is that communities deserve to have a say when hospitals are closing in their neighborhood.

Community notification and stakeholder engagement -- those are the two bases of this particular piece of legislation. And I understand that there are sometimes institutions that need to change the way they deliver care. Sometimes they even have to close, unfortunately. But what we've seen at times, sometimes, is that we have institutions which don't really involve the folks who are going to be impacted by the changes that happen in that institution. And this would change that.

It is curious that some of my colleagues who have voted against this bill on the floor today might have at times, in the last couple of years, come to me to tell me about issues in hospitals in their neck of the woods and how they were just, you know, perplexed or scared that there would be communities that will be left without care in their particular districts. Because this is an issue,

Mr. President, that is not just in the City of New York -- as Senator Gonzalez represents, or I do -- but also all across the state, Long Island, the North Country, Western New York, et cetera, et cetera.

So there is a hope here that we will establish a process that will be standard across the state that again will center community notification and stakeholder engagement at the core of it. That is what this is about; communities should have a role in determining what happens in the hospitals that are going to serve them.

So I vote in the affirmative, Mr. President. Thank you.

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

Senator Kavanagh to explain his vote.

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Thank you, Mr. President.

I'll be brief, because my colleagues Senator Gonzalez and Senator Rivera have spoken so eloquently about this.

But just to say we in many of our

communities have been fighting hospital closures and particularly fighting to ensure that the process by which the Health Department makes decisions about services that are available in our communities, whether they be closures or downsizing of critical facilities, that those processes be transparent and, you know, participatory.

As was noted, we've had a bill on this for a few years. I want to thank Senator Rivera in his capacity as the Health chair for, you know, getting us all together, working through this, and getting a bill that we can get to the floor today and get passed. The Assembly has also passed a bill -- this bill and a bill like this for a number of years.

So I think this is a very big step forward, and I vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 837, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Gallivan, Griffo, Oberacker, Stec and Weber.

Ayes, 55. Nays, 5.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 857, Assembly Bill Number 6854, by Assemblymember Gibbs, an act to amend the Correction Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 858, Senate Print 7646, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Correction Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This

act shall take effect on the 60th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 859, Senate Print 7938, by Senator Harckham, an act directing the commissioner of the Division of Criminal Justice Services to study gender disparity.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to

Calendar 859, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Martins, Murray, Ortt and Weik. Ayes, 55. Nays, 5.

Also -- excuse me -- Senator O'Mara.

Ayes, 54. Nays, 6.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 866, Senate Print 1712, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for the day.

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

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 876, Senate Print 1470, by Senator Breslin, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 877, Senate Print 2063A, by Senator Stavisky, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Stavisky to explain her vote.

SENATOR STAVISKY: Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

Thank you to the leader, Senator Stewart-Cousins, and to Senator Breslin, the chair of the Insurance Committee.

This legislation would have insurance companies -- and many of them already do -- provide cold scalp treatment for

chemotherapy patients so that they -- 80 percent of the time it prevents hair loss.

And these are important issues for patients undergoing various treats for cancer. And hopefully it will improve their self-esteem. And as one said to me previously, she was known as a sick person, and through this legislation she's back to feeling like a real person.

So I thank you, Mr. President. I thank you -- I thank my colleagues for supporting this measure.

I vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 882, Assembly Bill Number 7862A, by Assemblymember Weprin, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This

act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 882, voting in the negative:

Senator Griffo.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 885, Senate Print 8143, by Senator Breslin, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 888, Senate Print 8889, by Senator Breslin, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 918, Senate Print 4880C, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Lay it aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

935, Senate Print 7096, by Senator Ramos, an act to amend the Labor Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Ramos to explain her vote.

SENATOR RAMOS: Madam President, I've made no secret of my disdain for wage theft on this floor. I see how hard my constituents work, day in and day out, menial jobs, dangerous jobs, only to have some of their pay be taken away from a boss or a manager or, worse, a quote-unquote labor broker.

And that's why I'm so happy that this body is taking yet another firm stance in guaranteeing relief to workers who fall victim to kickback schemes. For any workers listening, I want to make it abundantly clear: Once this bill is signed into law, your boss may not ask you to kick back any portion of your pay to any person

in order for you to keep your job. That is a form of wage theft.

And with this bill, the courts may now grant you liquidated damages, interest on the money stolen from you, and compensation to cover attorney's fees.

For low-wage workers, this guarantee of real relief is often the only thing that will make pursuing justice in our court system possible. To deter wage theft in all its forms, we need the penalty to hit greedy bad actors in a language they understand.

I would like to thank Attorney General Letitia James and her team on the Labor Bureau for taking on kickback cases and defending workers' paychecks. We appreciate them bringing this issue to the Labor Committee and being a constant partner in the fight against wage theft.

To the workers of New York, your paycheck is yours and yours alone.

I vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 947, Assembly Bill Number 7717B, by Assemblymember Wallace, an act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 947, voting in the negative are Senators Lanza, Oberacker, O'Mara and Stec.

Ayes, 56. Nays, 4.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 971, Senate Print 7982A, by Senator Cleare, an act to amend the Public Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 971, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Oberacker, Stec and Weik.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 3.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 972, Assembly Bill Number 7091, by Assemblymember Simon, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 997, Assembly Bill Number 7872A, by Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1000, Assembly Bill Number 9718B, by

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1003, Senate Print 8717, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1014, Senate Print 9246, by Senator Mannion, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1016, Senate Print 2078B, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the Multiple Dwelling Law.

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Lay it

aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1019, Assembly Bill Number 9888C, by Assemblymember McDonald, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. this act shall take effect December 31, 2025.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1022, Senate Print 8647A, by Senator Martins, an act to amend the Private Housing Finance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1033, Senate Print 6817, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the Public Officers Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect July 8, 2024.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1063, Senate Print 9138, by Senator Cleare, an act to amend the Elder Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1069, Assembly Bill Number 9777B, by Assemblymember Benedetto, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect 18 months after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1070, Assembly Bill Number 9522, by Assemblymember Solages, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1073, Assembly Bill Number 6957A, by Assemblymember Dinowitz, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1088, Senate Print Number 2744A, by Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an act to amend the Judiciary Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: We are on Calendar 1088. For those taking votes,

Calendar 1088.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1088, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Gallivan, Griffo, Oberacker and Rhoads. Senator Rhoads in the affirmative. And Senator Griffo in the affirmative.

Senators Gallivan and Oberacker in the negative.

Ayes, 58. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1093, Senate Print Number 7054B, by Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an act to amend the Family Court Act.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1093, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Griffo, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 46. Nays, 14.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1099, Senate Print 9070, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Real Property Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1099, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Gallivan,

Palumbo and Rhoads.

Ayes, 55. Nays, 5.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1118, Senate Print 7297C, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the Real Property Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1128, Assembly Bill Number 9458B, by Assemblymember Pretlow, an act to amend the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1133, Assembly Bill Number 8978A, by Assemblymember Woerner, an act to amend the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1142, Assembly Bill Number 9935, by Assemblymember Pheffer Amato, an act to amend the Civil Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1164, Senate Print 7079A, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1179, Senate Print 7294, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Public Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1179, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming,

Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Stec, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 42. Nays, 18.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1183, Senate Print 9005A, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1184, Assembly Bill Number 4403, by Assemblymember Zebrowski, an act to amend the Public Service Law.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for the day.

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

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1188, Senate Print 2067, by Senator Stavisky, an act to amend the Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1201, Senate Print 6696, by Senator Parker, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

act shall take effect on the 120th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1201, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Stec and Weik.

Ayes 54. Nays, 6.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1204, Assembly Bill Number 4201B, by Assemblymember Stern, an act to amend the Veterans' Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1205, Senate Print 7600, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1206, Senate Print 7684, by Senator Chu, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1207, Senate Print 7713B, by Senator Stavisky, an act in relation to recovery for certain overpayments.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to

Calendar 1207, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Griffo, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

Ayes, 45. Nays, 15.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1209, Senate Print 8118, by Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the Education Law.

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Lay it aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1210, Senate Print 8374A, by Senator Persaud, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1210, voting in the negative are Senators Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Oberacker and Stec.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 3.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1212, Senate Print 8535, by Senator Gonzalez, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1212, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Griffo, Lanza, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Stec, Tedisco, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 49. Nays, 11.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1214, Senate Print 8640, by Senator Ryan, an act to amend subpart H of Part C of Chapter 20 of the Laws of 2015.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1216, Senate Print Number 8783A, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to amend the Labor Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1220, Senate Print 9104, by Senator Gonzalez, an act to amend the State Technology Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Gonzalez to explain her vote.

SENATOR GONZALEZ: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise before you today to speak on behalf of the chief AI officer bill and the role of our government in advancing AI for the benefit of all New Yorkers.

AI is advancing rapidly, and if New York is to truly lead the way to an equitable and ethical future for AI, we need to first address how we use this technology at home, in our state government.

What this bill does is extremely straightforward. The chief AI officer will spearhead the development of consistent statewide policies and enforceable governance frameworks to ensure that AI systems are designed and deployed in an ethical, equitable and accountable manner.

Critically, the chief AI officer will be empowered to conduct risk assessments, audit AI systems for compliance, intervene to deactivate any AI application that infringes on data security or people's right to privacy, and work collaboratively with the Legislature to put the needs of everyday New Yorkers first.

We have an obligation to be proactive stewards of artificial intelligence. We must lead the way in governance to ensure that

the fervor for this new technology is balanced by necessary guardrails to protect our government agencies and the public from the massive risks of this technology -- including worker displacement, cybersecurity vulnerabilities, data privacy violations, discriminatory bias, and an erosion of public trust.

That is why, on top of establishing a chief artificial intelligence officer for our state, I'm also advancing a broader framework for government use of AI-powered automated decision-making systems, including the LOADinG Act as well as legislation to provide warnings on the end-user of generative AI in chatbot disclosures.

With that, I vote in the affirmative and thank the staff and everyone for their support.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1226, Assembly Bill Number 7532B, by Assemblymember Solages, an act to amend the General Municipal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1226, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Stec and Weik.

Ayes, 50. Nays, 10.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1234, Senate Print 9298, by Senator Martinez, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1251, Senate Print 9270, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the Election Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1251, voting in the negative: Senator Martins.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1257, Assembly Bill Number 8834B, by Assemblymember Weprin, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1264, Senate Print 19, by Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

act shall take effect on the 120th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1273, Assembly Bill Number 9678, by Assemblymember Dilan, an act to amend the Correction Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1279, Senate Print 4598D, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1282, Senate Print 7229A, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1282, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

Ayes, 48. Nays, 12.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1287, Senate Print 2086A, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1287, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

Ayes, 45. Nays, 15.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1307, Senate Print Number 7506A, by Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an act to amend the Family Court Act.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 1307, those Senators voting in

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

Ayes, 42. Nays, 18.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1310, Assembly Bill Number 7396B, by Assemblymember Lee, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This act shall take effect on the first of February.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1317, Senate Print 9235, by Senator Martinez, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1352, Senate Print 7769A, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1355, Senate Print 9344, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1355, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 43. Nays, 17.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1397, Senate Print 7815A, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1410, Senate Print Number 7098A, by Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an act to amend the Public Builders Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Borrello to explain his vote.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you, Mr. President.

There is no structure in the world that slaughters birds more than industrial wind turbines. These overpriced, expensive and worthless items kill thousands upon thousands of birds every day. They behead eagles -- you can find these pictures on the internet of beheaded American bald eagles -- for no reason whatsoever. Bats by the thousands, to the point where scientists are concerned about the spread of insect-borne diseases as a result of the amount of insects that will not be eaten by bats that have been killed by industrial wind turbines.

So I find this bill to be just a bit hypocritical, and I'll be voting no.

Thank you.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1410, those Senators voting in the

negative are Senators Borrello, Lanza, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Stec and Weber.

Ayes, 53. Nays, 7.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1449, Senate Print 9137A, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the Penal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1449, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

Ayes, 47. Nays, 13.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1453, Senate Print 7036A, by Senator Ramos, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Ramos to explain her vote.

SENATOR RAMOS: Thank you, Mr. President.

Today I rise to vote aye on this consumer protection bill that is near and dear to my district's heart.

The neighborhoods in the 13th Senate District are famous for our amazing food. You can taste incredible and affordable cuisine from every corner of the world. And it should be no surprise that my neighbors love their spices. Turmeric, cumin, garam masala, asafran, paprika -- we have rich flavors that attract

tourists and keep many small businesses beating.

But New York State and the United States as a whole have not kept pace with more aggressive action taken by the European Union as it relates to food safety. In order to ensure that the sale of spices -- the vast majority of which are imported -- can continue in a safe manner, this legislation aligns New York with the existing restrictions on lead imposed by the European Union and helps standardize their production.

We want to be able to enjoy our delicious food and share it with our loved ones with peace of mind.

I vote aye, Mr. President.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1453, voting in the negative: Senator Martins.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, as we're moving through the agenda we have moved quickly, and on Calendar 1397, Senator Rivera missed his chance to explain his vote. So by consent, if we can allow him to do that.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Rivera to explain his vote on Calendar Number 1397.

SENATOR RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Gianaris.

This is an important bill. Back on September 15th of 2023 we lost a young man -- a baby by the name of Nicholas Feliz-Dominici. He was being taken care of in a daycare facility housed in someone's apartment in my district, where he was exposed to fentanyl, and he died from an overdose. A child, Mr. President.

It was something that's still tragic to this day. And working along with his parents, along with also Councilmember Pierina Sanchez, who represents that part of the Bronx, we wanted to make sure that this is something that does not happen in the future. We wanted to put a piece of legislation together that could actually try to avoid this type of situation, and we came up

with the piece of legislation that we're passing today.

We are -- what this bill does, it does a couple of things. We're talking about, first of all, it develops a training, Mr. President, for childcare facility inspectors, to make sure these facilities have to be inspected already by representatives from the state agency. And we want to make sure that they're trained to know what they're looking for, so that when we're talking about illegal drugs or paraphernalia, that it can be found.

Number two, we want to make sure that we educate and train childcare providers so that they're prepared just in the situation where there might be someone, a child that is exposed, they understand how to respond.

And also we want to make sure that we empower parents. That is the most important part. So this bill would make it so that not only they would have the right to inspect anywhere that their children are being taken care of, but also that they would be provided the information of not only the fact that they have that right, but also where they would report any

type of situation that they see that might lead them to think that their children are not safe.

The bottom line, Mr. President, is that I want to certainly thank Nicholas's parents, both of whom were instrumental in having a conversation with us about what are some of the things that they think need to be done to make sure that this doesn't happen to any other child.

And I am hopeful that this is something that can pass in the Assembly so that we can put it into effect. Because again, this type of tragedy cannot, should never happen again in the future. And I'm hopeful that we can pass this piece of legislation, put it into effect, and make sure that it does not happen ever again.

Thank you, Mr. President. I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY:

Senator Rivera to be recorded in the affirmative.

The bill that Senator Rivera spoke on previously passed, Calendar 1397.

The Secretary will read, beginning with Calendar Number 1456.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1456, Senate Print 9002, by Senator Hinchey, an

act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1460, Assembly Bill Number 7020A, by Assemblymember Lupardo, an act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1535, Assembly Bill Number 1204A, by Assemblymember Zebrowski, an act to amend the Workers' Compensation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Ramos to explain her vote.

SENATOR RAMOS: Thank you, Mr. President.

You know, this year the Labor Committee has been really focused on delivering on workers' compensation reform. We've already passed a series of bills that strive to ease the experience for injured workers and expand

essential coverage.

Well, today we're adding another improvement to the list. During our hearing, we heard testimony from workers and providers alike that there's a severe care shortage. For New Yorkers who live in rural regions of the state, their closest care provider who accepts workers' comp may be hours away.

With that shortage in mind, this bill aims to cover treatment services by occupational therapy and physical therapy assistants under workers' compensation insurance.

Currently occupational therapists and physical therapists are covered, but their assistants are prohibited from stepping in and offering care. These assistants are fully licensed by the State of New York, and they work under supervision. This arbitrary exclusion creates a bottleneck that is easily remedied.

I want to dedicate this bill to former State Senator, now Congressman Tim Kennedy, who originally used his own expertise as an occupational therapist to craft this bill. I'm glad we could shepherd it across the finish line and continue his good work.

I vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1551, Assembly Bill Number 1200, by Assemblymember Epstein, an act to establish the people with disabilities access to programs commission.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1553, Senate Print 758, by Senator Liu, an act to amend the Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1560, Assembly Bill Number 1353A, by Assemblymember Thiele, an act in relation to the eligibility of enrolled members of Southampton Village Ocean Rescue for a tax exemption on real property.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1561, Assembly Bill Number 1640A, by Assemblymember Thiele, an act in relation to the eligibility of enrolled members of the East Hampton Volunteer Ocean Rescue and Auxiliary Squad.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1565, Senate Print 4289A, by Senator Oberacker, an act to amend the Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1565, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chu, Felder, Harckham, Helming, Hinchey, Lanza, Mannion, Martinez, O'Mara, Palumbo, Rhoads, Scarcella-Spanton, Skoufis, Tedisco, Webb, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 42. Nays, 18.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1567, Assembly Bill Number 5265A, by

Assemblymember Lavine, an act authorizing the County of Nassau assessor to accept an application for a real property tax exemption.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1567, voting in the negative: Senator O'Mara.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1570, Senate Print 5780A, by Senator Oberacker, an act to amend the Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1570, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chu, Felder, Harckham, Helming, Hinchey, Lanza, Mannion, Martinez, O'Mara, Palumbo, Rhoads, Scarcella-Spanton, Skoufis, Tedisco, Webb, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 42. Nays, 18.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1576, Senate Print Number 7586A, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to permit accidental death benefits to be awarded to the beneficiary of Anthony Varvaro.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

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

SENATOR SCARCELLA-SPANTON: Thank you, Mr. President.

First and foremost, I would like to take an opportunity to thank all of my colleagues who helped to get this bill here today. It wasn't easy, but I genuinely appreciate all your support. And I'm so honored that I was able to share the story of Anthony Varvaro with each of you in this room.

Anthony Varvaro was a former Major League Baseball player who retired in 2016, voluntarily, to become a Port Authority cop. He loved his family. He wanted to spend all the time that he could with his family.

He was tragically killed on the way to work during a 9/11 event. He was only 37 years old.

Due to these unique circumstances, he was not able to get his death benefit, leaving behind his wife, Kerry, his four children --

Anthony Jr., Jonathan, Christian and Savannah -- his loving parents, Paulette and Torrence, his brother Torrence and his sister-in-law Diana, and his in-laws, Jim and Barbara.

His family is quite remarkable, making sure that his legacy is never forgotten.

He was the president of the Snug Harbor Little League. And something that always really sticks out to me is that despite his amazing career, both in law enforcement and as a Major League Baseball player, he never forgot his Staten Island roots. We have gone to street renamings for him. We have had galas for him in his honor. But I know that passing this legislation today was incredibly, incredibly important to his family, incredibly important to his legacy. We will make sure that he will never be forgotten. And I thank you for all your support today.

I proudly vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1585, Assembly Bill Number 9218, by Assemblymember Norris, an act to amend the General Municipal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1588, Assembly Bill Number 9785A, by Assemblymember Woerner, an act authorizing the Village of Round Lake to extend the lease of certain parklands in such village.

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

Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2028.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1591, Senate Print 9160, by Senator Walczyk, an act to authorize the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District to transfer certain state lands.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1595, Senate Print 9300, by Senator Walczyk, an act to authorize the Village of Clayton to offer an optional 20-year retirement plan to a certain police officer.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1630, Senate Print 2355A, by Senator Felder, an act to amend the Family Court Act.

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Lay it aside.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for the day.

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

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

SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you.

Can we now take up the report of the Rules Committee that's at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

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

Senate Print 502, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law;

Senate Print 885C, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Real Property Law;

Senate Print 2094A, by Senator Palumbo, an act authorizing the Town of Southampton, County of Suffolk, to enact by a local law a homestead exemption;

Senate Print 2708A, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Transportation Law;

Senate Print 2727B, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law;

Senate Print 2754A, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law;

Senate Print 4249, by Senator Borrello, an act to authorize the towns of Harmony and North Harmony in Chautauqua County to elect a single town justice;

Senate Print 4400C, by Senator Webb, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 5868B, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law;

Senate Print 6044B, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

Senate Print 6523A, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to amend the Veterans' Services Law;

Senate Print 6678B, by

Senator Rolison, an act to amend the General Municipal Law;

Senate Print 6748B, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the General Business Law;

Senate Print 6936, by Senator Stavisky, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 7000B, by Senator Mannion, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 7071A, by Senator O'Mara, an act to authorize the County of Steuben to offer an optional 25-year retirement plan to Erica M. McCoy;

Senate Print 7105, by Senator Mattera, an act to establish the power plant tax assessment challenge reserve fund;

Senate Print 7288B, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the Insurance Law;

Senate Print 7379, by Senator Webb, an act to amend the General Construction Law;

Senate Print 7447, by Senator Persaud, an act to amend the

Family Court Act;

Senate Print 7449, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law;

Senate Print 7462B, by Senator Ryan, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 7472A, by Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, an act in relation to authorizing the County of Nassau assessor to accept an application for a real property tax exemption;

Senate Print 7777A, by Senator Serrano, an act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law;

Senate Print 7806B, by Senator Serrano, an act to amend the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law;

Senate Print 7823B, by Senator Serrano, an act to amend the Social Services Law;

Senate Print 8197, by Senator Thomas, an act to amend the Financial Services Law;

Senate Print 8408, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the

Retirement and Social Security Law;

Senate Print 8479A, by Senator Myrie, an act to amend the General Business Law;

Senate Print 8515, by Senator Jackson, an act to repeal paragraph (g) of subdivision 4 of Section 209 of the Civil Service Law;

Senate Print 8777A, by Senator Addabbo, an act to amend the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law;

Senate Print 8849A, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

Senate Print 8873A, by Senator Webb, an act to amend the Tax Law;

Senate Print 8917A, by Senator Sepúlveda, an act to amend the Social Services Law;

Senate Print 8933A, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Social Services Law;

Senate Print 8951A, by Senator Chu, an act to amend the Highway Law;

Senate Print 8960, by

Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Civil Service Law;

Senate Print 9043A, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law;

Senate Print 9061A, by Senator Martins, an act in relation to authorizing the County of Nassau assessor to accept an application for a real property tax exemption;

Senate Print 9171, by Senator Cooney, an act to amend the State Finance Law;

Senate Print 9184A, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Public Buildings Law;

Senate Print 9410, by Senator Sepúlveda, an act to amend the Abandoned Property Law;

Senate Print 9422, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law;

Senate Print 9481, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the Insurance Law;

Senate Print 9569A, by

Senator Breslin, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law;

Senate Print 9634, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law;

Senate Print 9695, by Senator Brisport, an act to amend the Family Court Act;

Senate Print 9696, by Senator Brisport, an act to amend the Family Court Act;

Senate Print 9699A, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the Private Housing Finance Law;

Senate Print 9700, by Senator Stavisky, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 9711, by Senator Krueger, an act to amend the Tax Law;

Senate Print 9712, by Senator Persaud, an act to amend the Family Court Act;

Senate Print 9723, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the Abandoned Property Law;

Senate Print 9730, by Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an act to amend Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2023;

Senate Print 9743, by Senator Serrano, an act to amend the State Finance Law;

Senate Print 9745, by Senator Brisport, an act to amend the Family Court Act;

Senate Print 9763, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the Village Law;

Senate Print 9785, by Senator Cleare, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law;

Senate Print 9787, by Senator Brouk, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law;

Senate Print 9790, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to amend the Veterans' Services Law;

Senate Print 9791, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to amend the General Business Law;

Senate Print 9806, by Senator Addabbo, an act to amend the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law;

Senate Print 9807, by Senator Stewart-Cousins, an act in relation to authorizing the state to exchange parcels of land located in the City of Yonkers;

Senate Print 9812, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law;

Senate Print 9818, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Civil Service Law;

Senate Print 9819, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Civil Service Law;

Senate Print 9820, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Civil Service Law;

Senate Print 9821, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Civil Service Law;

Senate Print 9822, by Senator Sepúlveda, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law;

Senate Print 9824, by Senator Brisport, an act to amend the Social Services Law;

Senate Print 9825, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend Chapter 550 of the Laws of 2013.

All bills reported direct to third reading.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to accept the report of the Rules Committee.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: All those in favor of accepting the report of the Rules Committee signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The report of the Rules Committee is accepted.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Let's take up the supplemental calendar, please.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read -- excuse me. (Pause.)

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Before we take up the supplemental calendar, I understand there's some messages from the Assembly we want

to get through.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Scarcella-Spanton moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 7701A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6523A, Third Reading Calendar 1692.

Senator Mattera moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 6310A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7105, Third Reading Calendar 1698.

Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 5802 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7472A, Third Reading Calendar 1704.

Senator Thomas moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 8913 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8197, Third Reading Calendar 1708.

Senator Jackson moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 9084 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8408, Third Reading Calendar 1709.

Senator Jackson moves to discharge, from the Committee on Finance, Assembly Bill Number 9932 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8960, Third Reading Calendar 1719.

Senator Martins moves to discharge, from the Committee on Local Government, Assembly Bill Number 9839A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9061A, Third Reading Calendar 1721.

Senator Sepúlveda moves to discharge, from the Committee on Finance, Assembly Bill Number 10219 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9410, Third Reading Calendar 1724.

Senator Brisport moves to discharge, from the Committee on Codes, Assembly Bill Number 7348 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9745, Third Reading Calendar 1737.

Senator Brouk moves to discharge, from the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Assembly Bill Number 7395 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9787, Third Reading Calendar 1740.

Senator Cooney moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill

Number 10281 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9171, Third Reading Calendar 1722.

Senator Mayer moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 10342 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9481, Third Reading Calendar 1726.

Senator Comrie moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 10221 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9723, Third Reading Calendar 1734.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: So ordered.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Now let's take up the supplemental calendar, please.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1668, Senate Print 502, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1668, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Martinez, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 41. Nays, 19.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1683, Senate Print 885C, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Lay it aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1684, Senate Print 2094A, by Senator Palumbo, an act authorizing the Town of Southampton to enact, by a local law, a homestead exemption.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1685, Senate Print 2708A, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Transportation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Harckham to explain his vote.

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Thank you very much, Mr. President.

The Bridge Authority of New York operates five bridges in the Lower Hudson Valley across the Hudson River, provides venues for commerce, commuting, interstate commerce. But sadly, they have also become magnets for people who would harm themselves.

Since records have been kept, since 2007 there have been over 100 completed suicides that we know on the Bridge Authority bridges. There have been over -- close to 50 attempts, which means survival pulled from the water or on the bridge, in the act. In the past five years, there have been 35 known fatalities and 23 attempts. And just in May, there were four attempts on one bridge on one weekend. Two were successful, sadly, and the two others, the bodies have not been recovered, so right now they don't count as statistics.

So when we proposed this bill two years ago to force the Bridge Authority to put up means-restricted fencing -- and I say "me;" it's been a bunch of colleagues, from Senator Skoufis, Senator Hinchey, Senator Rolison and others --

the Bridge Authority, to their credit, did a study. They said they were looking at it.

It was too expensive to do all, but we said start with one. And they had agreed to do that, we were going to do the Bear Mountain Bridge. The RFP was about to go out, and there's no means-restriction fencing in there.

So that's why we're pulling this legislation out and pushing it forward today, to show the Bridge Authority that we will stand united to protect our constituents and do what needs to be done if they are not willing to do it.

There are over a hundred empty seats at family tables. These are all preventable deaths. Every single time someone goes over the side of a bridge, these are preventable deaths. And we know the statistics are 80 to 90 percent of people reconsider their suicide attempt if they are stopped the first time. This legislation is vital.

I thank colleagues for their support, and I vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1686, Senate Print 2727B, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for the day.

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

Calendar Number 1687 is high and will be laid aside for the day.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1688, Senate Print 4249, by Senator Borrello, an act to authorize the towns of Harmony and North Harmony in Chautauqua County to elect a single town justice.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1689, Senate Print 4400C, by Senator Webb, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect April 1, 2025.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Webb to explain her vote.

SENATOR WEBB: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to explain my vote.

Last month Binghamton University installed a 24/7-accessible vending machine in the Glenn G. Bartle Library that sells $10 emergency contraceptives to ensure that students have access to this safe, effective and important contraceptive medicine when they need

it most.

A generic form of Plan B has been available on their campus for purchase also through the Decker Student Health Services Center as well.

However, with the installation of the vending machine, it means that even more students -- and I would also add faculty and staff -- will have access to this important medication during weekends and extended hours during the week.

As we've talked about on this chamber floor -- and that we know is well-documented -- access to reproductive healthcare continues to be a challenge for us here in New York State and most certainly on our college campuses. It is at our college campuses where a number of students are solely reliant upon the healthcare they receive on campus. And so this can make a significant difference to be able to get access to this medication in a timely fashion.

Just some quick data points. In 2011, 76 percent of pregnancies among 18-to-19-year-olds were unintended, and

59 percent were unintended among 20-to-24-year-olds. This came from the Institute for Women's Policy Research.

A beginning postsecondary student survey report displayed that one-third of all student parents earned either a degree or a certificate within six years of them enrolling at a four-year institution as well.

This legislation will require each institution within the State University of New York and the City University of New York offering in-person student instruction to have at least up one vending machine that allows for this emergency contraceptive medicine to be available for purchase at a low cost.

I want to thank the Majority Leader for allowing this legislation to come forward.

Also, I want to thank my sponsor in the Assembly, Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas, for her advocacy, and all the advocates for this particular legislation.

I proudly vote aye and encourage my colleagues to do the same and help to join the other 30-plus colleges across this country that are also doing the same effort as well.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1689, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Felder, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Weber and Weik. Also Senator Borrello. Also Senator Lanza.

Ayes, 42. Nays, 18.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1690, Senate Print 5868B, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This act shall take effect on the first of January.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator

Harckham to explain his vote.

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Thank you very much, Mr. President.

Just very quickly, when this body and the former Governor negotiated the prevailing wage bills of two thousand -- I believe it was '19 or '20, one of the areas that was left out was brownfield work. And we have been trying to address that with our partners from labor.

This bill will add brownfields to prevailing wage. We have exempted affordable housing from that because we know how important the need for that is.

But mostly I rise just to thank our partners who worked so hard, Marina O'Donnell from the Operating Engineers, Amanda Jensen from the Laborers, who really toiled on this legislation as our partners for the last two years. And I want to thank and congratulate them that we've got to this point.

I'll be voting aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1691, Senate Print 6044B, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. this act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1692, Assembly Bill Number 7701A, by Assemblymember Jean-Pierre, an act to amend the Veterans' Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1693, Senate Print 6678B, by Senator Rolison, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: I understand we're waiting for a home rule still on this legislation, so can we lay it aside for the day?

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

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1694, Senate Print 6748B, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 10. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1694, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 42. Nays, 18.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1695, Senate Print 6936, by Senator Stavisky, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1696, Senate Print 7000B, by Senator Mannion, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1697, Senate Print 7071A, by Senator O'Mara, an

act to authorize the County of Steuben to offer an optional 25-year retirement plan to Erica M. McCoy.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1698, Assembly Bill Number 6310A, by Assemblymember Brown, an act relating to establishing the power plant tax assessment challenge reserve fund.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1699, Senate Print 7288B, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Fernandez to explain her vote.

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr. President.

For anyone that is struggling with addiction and takes the big step to seek services, many times there are barriers,

financial barriers, that prevent them from continuing those services. And many times there is a jump from mental health services to substance use disorder services.

So this bill is a big step in helping to reduce many of those barriers and to allow someone to continue getting their treatment and needs without financial burden.

Thank you. I vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1699, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Gallivan, Martins and Ortt.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 3.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1700, Senate Print 7379, by Senator Webb, an act to amend the General Construction Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the

same manner as Section 60 of Part PP of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Webb to explain her vote.

SENATOR WEBB: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise to explain my vote for the Justice for Heroes Act, which will ensure that members of certain branches of our U.S. armed forces who participated in the World Trade Center rescue, recovery or cleanup efforts during and in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, attacks, are honored for their service and afforded veteran status under the New York State law, which would also allow them to be able to receive benefits as veterans, as part of being New York State residents.

A total of 6,716 members of the New York Air National Guard, New York Army National Guard, New York Naval Militia, and New York Guard provided security and logistic support to recovery workers and the people of the

City of New York as part of Operation Trade Center.

With this bill, this covers members and it includes those who participated not only at the World Trade Center site, but also worked at the Fresh Kills Landfill, also worked at the New York City morgue or temporary morgue on the West Side of Manhattan, also those who manned barges between Manhattan and the Fresh Kills Landfill or repaired or cleaned or rehabilitated vehicles or equipment.

Mr. President, this legislation really is a way for us to pay our debt of gratitude and so much more to the members of these esteemed entities who risked their lives for weeks and months and most certainly years following the attacks on the World Trade Center over two decades ago.

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

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1701, Senate Print 7447, by Senator Persaud, an act to amend the Family Court Act.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1702, Senate Print 7449, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1703, Senate Print --

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Sorry, excuse me. Calendar Number 1703 is high and will be laid aside for the day.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1704, Assembly Bill Number 5802A, by Assemblymember Solages, an act in relation to authorizing the County of Nassau to accept an application for a real property tax exemption.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1704, voting in the negative: Senator O'Mara.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1705, Senate Print 7777A, by Senator Serrano, an act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1706, Senate Print 7806B, by Senator Serrano, an act to amend the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1706, voting in the negative:

Senator Ortt.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1707, Senate Print 7823B, by Senator Serrano, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1708, Assembly Bill Number 8913, by Assemblymember Epstein, an act to amend the Financial Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1708, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Gallivan, Griffo,

Helming, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 46. Nays, 14.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1709, Assembly Bill Number 9084, by Assemblymember Jones, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1710, Senate Print 8479A, by Senator Myrie, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator May to explain her vote.

SENATOR MAY: Thank you, Mr. President.

Back in April we had a tragic event in Syracuse where two law enforcement officers were pursuing a speeding vehicle and they ended up at a house where they were ambushed by a shooter who used an AR-15 weapon that was illegally modified with a pistol grip and a banana clip that enabled him to just spray bullets at the officers, and two of them were killed.

The modifications that he made to his gun were not legal in New York State, and he had obtained these attachments by ordering them online from out of state. If this law had been in effect, it would have been much harder for him to do that because they would have been

identified by a code and the credit card companies could have flagged them as suspicious activity.

I am so grateful to Senator Myrie for this bill, to my colleagues for voting for it. And I hope that this change in the law can help us here in New York to prevent these kinds of tragedies in the future.

I vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1710, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

Ayes, 46. Nays, 15.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1711, Senate Print 8515, by Senator Jackson, an act to repeal paragraph (g) of subdivision 4 of Section 209 of the Civil Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take --

SENATOR LIU: (Loudly.) Lay it aside for the day.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill will be laid aside for the day. Thank you, Senator Liu.

Senator Liu, we understand. We'll wake up.

(Laughter.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1713, Senate Print 8777A, by Senator Addabbo, an act to amend the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1713, voting in the negative: Senator Krueger.

Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1714, Senate Print 8849A, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1714, voting in the negative are Senators Griffo and Weber.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1715, Senate Print 8873A, by Senator Webb, an act to amend the Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Webb to explain her vote.

SENATOR WEBB: Thank you, Mr. President.

We know that food insecurity continues to be an issue that we're trying to address here in our chamber, and this is no different on our college campuses. This is something that is impacting college students across the country, and in fact many campuses in New York now have food pantries on their campus to help students have access to nutritious foods.

Another initiative that's available on many campuses is the Swipe Out Hunger program. This program enables college students to donate any extra meal swipes from their meal plans to be given to other students on campus who are food insecure.

Here in New York State there are over 60 public and private institutions that already work with Swipe Out Hunger. Currently many students choose not to donate their unused meal swipes because New York State sales tax law only excludes meal swipes that are used on the students that the meals were purchased for.

Effectively, this means that the majority of a student's meal plan is not eligible for donation without first paying additional sales tax. The only meal swipes that are eligible for donation without getting an additional tax are guest swipes.

This legislation will address student hunger by closing this loophole so that more students who do not use all of their meal swipes are able to donate them without needing to pay.

Swipe Out Hunger has over 750

partnerships throughout the country, and over 60 institutions, as I mentioned earlier, here in New York. Let's ensure that our students have access to nutritious meals that will help them in order to learn and be successful in their educational pursuits.

I proudly vote aye, and I encourage my colleagues to do the same. I also want to thank the Assembly sponsor of this bill, Assemblymember Cunningham, for lifting this up as well.

Thank you, Mr. President. I proudly vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1716, Senate Print 8917A, by Senator Sepúlveda, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

act shall take effect on the 30th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1716, voting in the negative: Senator Ortt.

Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1717, Senate Print 8933A, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1718, Senate Print 8951A, by Senator Chu, an act to amend the Highway Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is high and will be laid aside for the day.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1719, Assembly Bill Number 9932, by Assemblymember Pheffer Amato, an act to amend the Civil Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1720, Senate Print 9043A, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1721, Assembly Bill Number 9839A, by Assemblymember Sillitti, an act in relation to authorizing the County of Nassau assessor to accept an application for a real property tax exemption.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1722, Assembly Bill Number 10281, by Assemblymember Solages, an act to amend the State Finance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1724, Assembly Bill Number 10219, by Assemblymember McDonald, an act to amend the Abandoned Property Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1725, Senate Print 9422, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1726, Assembly Bill Number 10342, by Assemblymember Burgos, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This act shall take effect on the 30th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1727, Senate Print 9634, by Senator Jackson, an

act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for the day.

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

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1728, Senate Print 9695, by Senator Brisport, an act to amend the Family Court Act.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1728, voting in the negative: Senator Oberacker.

Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1729, Senate Print 9696, by Senator Brisport, an act to amend the Family Court Act.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 7. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1729, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Griffo, Rhoads and Stec. Also Senator Oberacker.

Ayes, 56. Nays, 5.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1730, Senate Print 9699A, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the Private Housing Finance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1731, Senate Print 9700, by Senator Stavisky, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1732, Senate Print 9711, by Senator Krueger, an act to amend the Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1732, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, Ortt, Stec, Tedisco, Weber and Weik. Also Senator Rhoads.

Ayes, 46. Nays, 15.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1733, Senate Print 9712, by Senator Persaud, an act to amend the Family Court Act.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1734, Assembly Bill Number 10221, by Assemblymember Woerner, an act to amend the Abandoned Property Law.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for the day.

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

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1735, Senate Print Number 9730, by Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an act to amend Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2023.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1736, Senate Print 9743, by Senator Serrano, an act to amend the State Finance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1737, Assembly Bill Number 7348, by Assemblymember Dickens, an act to amend the Family Court Act.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1737, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Helming, Lanza, Palumbo, Rhoads and Weber.

Ayes, 55. Nays, 6.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1738, Senate Print 9763, by Senator Mayer, an act

to amend the Village Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1739, Senate Print 9785, by Senator Cleare, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1740, Assembly Bill Number 7395, by Assemblymember Darling, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1741, Senate Print Number 9790, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to amend the Veterans' Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1742, Senate Print Number 9791, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1743, Senate Print 9806, by Senator Addabbo, an act to amend the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1744, Senate Print Number 9807, by Senator Stewart-Cousins, an act in relation to authorizing the state to exchange parcels of land located in the City of Yonkers.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1745, Senate Print 9812A, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is high and will be laid aside for the day.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1746, Senate Print 9818, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Civil Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1747, Senate Print 9819, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Civil Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1748, Senate Print 9820, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Civil Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1749, Senate Print 9821, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Civil Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1750, Senate Print 9822, by Senator Sepúlveda, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is high and will be laid aside for the day.

Calendar 1751 and Calendar 1752 are also high, and both will be laid aside for the day.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1753, Senate Print 9569A, by Senator Breslin, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1753, those Senators voting in the

negative are Senators Ashby, Martins, Murray, O'Mara, Rhoads, Skoufis, Stec and Weik. Also Senator Tedisco.

Ayes, 52. Nays, 9.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

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

SENATOR GIANARIS: There is a report of the Finance Committee at the desk.

Let's take that up.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Krueger, from the Committee on Finance, reports the following nominations.

As commissioner of the Tax Appeals Tribunal: Jonathan S. Kaiman.

As chair and commissioner of the State Liquor Authority: Lily Fan.

As a member of the New York Job Development Authority: Paul Quintero.

As a member of the Dormitory Authority: Kent D. Syverud.

As a member of the New York State

Olympic Regional Development Authority: Jennifer Holderied.

As members of the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority: Diane Para, Jennifer Quirk-Pickman, and Megan J.M. Whitton.

As members of the Citizens' Policy and Complaint Review Council: Kenneth A. Rosenblum and Signe Nelson.

As members of the Lake George Park Commission: C. Walter Lender, H. Thomas Jarrett, Jeffrey D. Zappieri, and Michelle Jebb.

As a member of the Long Island State Park, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commission: Keith M. Corbett.

As a member of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission: Jeanette C. Redden.

As a member of the Saratoga-Capital District State Park, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commission: Barbara L. Glaser.

As members of the Taconic State Park, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commission: Frederick H. Osborn III and Randall J. Fleischer.

As a member of the Justice Center Advisory Council: Winifred Schiff.

As members of the New York State Financial Control Board: Dean Fuleihan and Marjorie E. Henning.

As a member of the New York State Housing Finance Agency: Steven J. Weiss.

And as a member of the Thruway Authority: Joan McDonald.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: All those in favor of accepting the report of the Finance Committee, signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The report of the Finance Committee is accepted.

Senator Krueger on the nominations.

SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you very much, Mr. President.

So as everyone knows, it is the end of session, hence confirmations are coming through the Governor to us at all of our different committees, and our committees have been meeting either in conjunction with the Finance Committee or separately.

The list that was just read to you is another list from the Governor that we have interviewed and accepted all of the nominations.

The first two, Jonathan Kaiman and Lily Fan, are actually paid commissioners for the State of New York. And the remaining members that were just read off, or people, are all members of various councils and authorities and commissions and control boards that are often overlooked on a daily basis but play important roles to make sure the State of New York is operating appropriately, is responding to our communities.

We are very grateful for all of those people to be willing to serve in these positions because, truthfully, they're a lot of work. You get paid a per diem. And you just go about your lives trying to do right by the 20 million New Yorkers you'll probably never meet.

So I want to encourage all of my colleagues to vote yes. And in their absence, because obviously they're not all here with us, thank them all for being willing to serve in these positions.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, I move to accept the report of the Finance Committee that Senator Krueger was just speaking on.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The question is on the nominations -- excuse me.

All those in favor of accepting the report of the Finance Committee, signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The report of the Finance Committee is accepted.

Senator Gianaris.

The question is on the nominations. Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to the

nominations, voting in the negative:
Senator Murray.
Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.
ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The nominees are confirmed.
Senator Gianaris.
SENATOR GIANARIS: Let's move on to the controversial calendar.
ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will ring the bell.
The Secretary will read.
For clarity, we're going to the controversial calendar on the original calendar.
The Secretary will read.
THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 918, Senate Print 4880C, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the Public Health Law.
ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Murray, why do you rise?
SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you, Mr. President. Would the sponsor yield for a few questions?
ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?
The sponsor yields.

SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you.

Through you, Mr. President. How many local governments have requested these testing -- these testing sites? And what is the estimated cost involved?

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Well, this past year I did a statewide tour, probably visited more than 30 to -- 30 facilities all over the state, and almost all of them have requested this type of program.

SENATOR MURRAY: Through you, Mr. President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR MURRAY: We also have state-run testing sites already, those were approved. How many do we have across the state?

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Right now we have five upstate and five in New York City.

SENATOR MURRAY: Will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you.

And what specific contaminants are we testing for at these sites?

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Anything that is in there. Right now the machines can test for up to six -- six contaminants.

SENATOR MURRAY: Mr. President, will the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR MURRAY: Would that include fentanyl and xylazine and others?

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Yes, we found fentanyl and xylazine currently in the drug supply. And actually, just this weekend, one of these machines did find a new drug that is out there, medetomidine, if I'm pronouncing it

correctly. Medetomidine. Yes.

SENATOR MURRAY: Mr. President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR MURRAY: So -- now the state, as we've already established, we have the testing sites. But we also, the state also has the syringe exchange programs. And we also provide drug testing strips that specifically focus on fentanyl and xylazine. In fact, according to OASAS, in 2022 they distributed over 9 million fentanyl test strips and over 6.8 million xylazine test strips.

Are they not working? Is that the reason why we need these additional test sites, is this not working?

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: It is working. But it's not just telling you if it's there or not, it's showing how much of the supply is contaminated with fentanyl or xylazine or, again, new drugs.

And that is a big part of this bill, that it is adding a data collecting component to our system that we don't have right now. This bill is important because as the drug supply and the illicit market continues to grow and to honestly change with, you know, the restrictions that we do put, this will help us track what is out there, how much is out there, and where it's coming from.

SENATOR MURRAY: Mr. President, will the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you.

Now -- so we do the testing and it comes up positive for fentanyl or for xylazine or something. What happens next? Do we confiscate those drugs?

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: The bill doesn't say if you have to.

SENATOR MURRAY: Would the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR MURRAY: So to clarify, we're -- we're not -- in fact, the bill -- what the bill does say here is -- let's see. It says disposing of or arranging for the disposal of any sample of drug or substance used in testing and any drug or substance surrendered by any individual.

So they would have to voluntarily surrender the drugs, even after it tested and said it was positive. Is that correct?

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Yes. And in these places where we are testing, it's not just test your drugs, choose what you want. We have professionals there that are constantly guiding and suggesting what to do next, whether to use it, whether to dispose it. And thus giving that person more education on the spot of what is the best decision for themselves.

SENATOR MURRAY: Would the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you.

And if they, again, get a positive test result -- again, I'll stick with fentanyl. Say, for example, fentanyl -- are the results given to law enforcement to allow them to use that to go after the dealer that's pushing this poison?

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: No.

SENATOR MURRAY: No, okay.

Mr. President, on the bill.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Murray on the bill.

SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Fernandez.

So again, as you said, the testing, the educating, that's all great. That's -- that's wonderful. We should be doing much of that. But we are doing much of that, with the test strips and otherwise.

But the main difference is it seems

to be the approach, and that's the concern I have right now. See, our conference wants to focus on preventative measures. Nowhere in this bill -- so someone could come in, bring their drugs they just got from the dealer, say I want to get it tested. They test it, they find yes, this has fentanyl or xylazine or some deadly drug, and they don't even give it up. They'll then -- they're perfectly welcome to go ahead and continue to use the drug.

So they could use the drug that already has been shown to have these deadly other drugs or substances in them. In fact, in speaking to some in the drug counseling and in the rehabilitation community, they've told me that some people are actually going out, using some of the test strips to find out if they do have fentanyl or xylazine, because it's a bigger high for them. They're actually looking for it. They're using this as a tool to find the drugs that have the deadly additives in there.

So it's kind of working against us. And that's why, rather than putting this focus on finding out whether the drug is here, we should be stopping the use. We should be putting more

of a focus on helping these people to stop using the drugs. In fact, we talk about xylazine. Xylazine in the bill -- we're testing for xylazine because it's so deadly, it's so terrible. We want to let people know if it's in those -- in the marijuana or whatever other drug they're using. We want to let them know because it's so deadly.

And yet -- in the budget this year we had, in the budget, legislation and language to make xylazine a controlled substance, and yet the majorities in both houses took that language out. We took a step backwards. Now we're testing for it, because it's so deadly and so bad, and yet we wouldn't even make it a controlled substance.

This is what I mean by our approach just isn't right. We've got the testing in place, but why can't we focus more on helping these people to stop using these substances, to help them? We introduced a package of four bills, including Chelsea's Law, which would allow law enforcement to go after the dealers who are pushing this poison. It's gone nowhere.

So I think we are taking the wrong

approach here. Rather than adding on to what we're already doing as far as testing, maybe we shift gears, spend the money we're going to spend here, put the effort in that we're putting here into helping these people get off of these substances, to stop using. We want to save lives? That's how we save lives.

And for that reason, Mr. President, I'll be voting no.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Are there any other Senators wishing to be heard?

Seeing and hearing none, debate is closed.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to restore this bill to the noncontroversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill will be restored to the noncontroversial calendar.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Fernandez to explain her vote.

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr. President.

This bill actually would help reduce usage. In San Francisco, for people whose substances tested positive for fentanyl, 30.1 percent reduced their use, and 26.5 disposed of the substance altogether. This is encouraging safer practice, not using.

And to say that it's -- that the solution is criminal -- is -- I'm sorry. To say that the solution is to further criminalize and make controlled substances, we have proof that it doesn't work. We've been trying to do that. The war on drugs showed that it hasn't worked.

And I've said it on this floor before, that when we controlled fentanyl, it has only increased. Doing that tells the dealers how to change the formula so then it's not on the controlled list.

But this bill that I bring before you today is a critical measure aimed at combating the devastating opioid epidemic that's

gripping our state. This legislation aims to establish a drug checking services program, in collaboration with the Department of Health and the Office of Addiction Services. New York finds itself at the epicenter of an opioid crisis, with staggering rates of overdose deaths surpassing national averages.

Shockingly, over 30 individuals per 100,000 succumb to drug overdoses annually in our state. These tragic deaths are not merely statistics; they represent our friends, neighbors, loved ones -- and they're entirely preventable.

The severity of the opioid crisis has been exacerbated in recent years by the proliferation of substances like fentanyl, xylazine, now medetomidine, which are often mixed, synthesized with other drugs and sold to unsuspecting consumers. Again, just this weekend OASAS released an advisory on a new sedative alternative, medetomidine, which has started to appear in the illicit drug supply.

Compounding the issue is that some of these substances do not respond to lifesaving opioid antagonists like naloxone. To confront

the crisis head-on and save lives, it is imperative that we equip individuals with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about drug use.

As we continue to find solutions to this crisis, we will continue to collect data in a great level to stay updated on new adulterants and how we can stay prepared to combat them. The proposed drug checking services program will provide individuals with a safe and confidential means to test their drugs for contaminants, toxic substances, or hazardous compounds. Importantly, this service will be offered without fear of retribution or involvement with the criminal justice system.

By empowering individuals to understand the composition of the substances they are consuming, we enable them to take proactive steps to protect their health and well-being. The overarching goal of this bill is simple yet profound, to prevent needless loss of life and alleviate the devastating impact of the opioid crisis on our communities.

Through the establishment of a drug checking services program, we signal our

commitment to harm reduction, public health, and compassionate support for those struggling with substance use disorders.

In conclusion, I urge my Senate colleagues to support this vital legislation. Every moment lost is a life hanging in the balance, a family torn apart by grief, and a community left to mourn. Let us stand united in our efforts to confront the opioid epidemic with evidence-based solutions that provide health and safety for all New Yorkers.

I vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 918, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Felder, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martinez, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Skoufis, Tedisco, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 43. Nays, 18.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Getting back to the controversial calendar, can we take up Calendar 1016, please.

SENATOR MURRAY: The Secretary will ring the bell.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1016, Senate Print 2078B, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the Multiple Dwelling Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Helming, why do you rise?

SENATOR HELMING: Thank you, Mr. President. If the sponsor will yield for a few questions.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR HELMING: Through you, Mr. President.

Senator Kavanagh, good evening.

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you,

Mr. President, good evening.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR HELMING: Through you, Mr. President.

Senator Kavanagh, can you tell me, does this legislation -- does this bill cover New York City or the entire state?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you, Mr. President, this bill covers both New York City -- covers the entire state through two separate sets of amendments. One is to the Multiple Dwelling Law, which applies to New York City, and one is to the Multiple Residence Law, which basically applies to every other part of the state -- every village, town, or city in the state.

SENATOR HELMING: Through you, Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR HELMING: Senator Kavanagh, so the portion of the bill that relates to providing -- that requires the property owner to provide free keys to all lawful tenants and lawful occupants at no cost, does that apply for the entire state?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you, Mr. President, yes.

The bill has basically a series of precisely parallel provisions. There's a -- the first half of the bill covers -- is changes to the Multiple Dwelling Law, and the second half of the bill is identical changes to the Multiple Residence Law. So any provision in this bill -- as far as I know, there's no difference whatsoever. Any bill -- any provision of this bill that applies to New York City also applies in the rest of the state. And vice versa.

SENATOR HELMING: Through you, Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: And good evening. I forgot to say that.

SENATOR HELMING: Thank you.

Senator Kavanagh, so it's my understanding -- and I'm wondering if you can confirm if this is accurate -- that a property owner is required to provide a key, key fob, digital key or keycard at no cost to all lawful tenants and lawful occupants. Is that correct?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you, Mr. President, just a little clarification.

This bill applies to landlords of multiple dwellings who choose to implement these systems, these smart-card digital systems. It's -- the bill calls them smart access systems, but these are systems that use electronic or computerized technology, radio frequency identification cards, mobile phone applications, biometric identifiers, or other digital technology in order to grant access.

So the bill does not require landlords who don't choose to implement those systems to do anything. But if they choose to implement those systems, they have to provide the necessary mechanism to access the unit to any

lawful occupant and up to four guests of that occupant at no charge.

SENATOR HELMING: Thank you.

Through you, Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR HELMING: So Senator Kavanagh, just trying to drill down on that, up to four keys for every lawful occupant. Can you tell me, does lawful occupant include children under the age of 18?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you, Mr. President. The lawful occupants does include -- the term does include people -- lawful occupants of the apartment under 18. The bill says that those -- that people under 18 who are lawful occupants are entitled to a key if their parent or guardian who is the tenant requests that they have their own key.

SENATOR HELMING: Through you,

Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR HELMING: And so if the parent also agrees, each child under the age of 18 -- and I'm assuming over 18, anyone who's residing in there -- can request up to four additional keys per person.

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you, Mr. President, it's per -- the tenant or lawful occupant may have -- I'm sorry, there's a -- the bill requires that each lawful occupant have the means to get into the unit, plus four additional guests.

I don't read it to mean that each resident of the unit -- if there are five people in a household, I don't read it to mean that each of them gets four guests. I think that the unit -- up to four guest keys per unit would be permitted.

SENATOR HELMING: Through you, Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor does yield.

SENATOR HELMING: So, Senator Kavanagh, can you point out in the bill where it limits the number of keys that a property owner is required to provide for free, where it's limited to four?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you, Mr. President, it's going to take a -- you know, it's a long bill. Let me find the precise provision here.

Through you, Mr. President, again, this provision appears twice identically. But the first instance of this is on page 2, line 45. It's subdivision (d). It says: All lawful tenants and lawful occupants shall be provided with a key or key fob, all the various options for accessing.

The term "lawful occupants" includes

children, et cetera, under the age of 18 -- again, if their parent or guardian requests it.

And then it says tenants and lawful occupants may also receive up to four additional keys or digital -- you know, again, the list of various options.

And then it says the term "guests" shall include family members and friends who can reasonably be expected to visit on a regular basis or visit as needed to care for the tenant, lawful occupant, or dwelling unit if the tenant or lawful occupant is away.

SENATOR HELMING: Thank you.

Through you, Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR HELMING: So the way I read that, Senator Kavanagh, is that each and every tenant, each and every lawful occupant -- which also includes every child under the age of 18 --

is issued a free key and may request up to four additional keys each.

In addition, and you touched on this a bit, that also the landlord or property owner is required to provide, at no cost to the tenant or legal occupant, keys or keycards or fobs, whatever, for employees or guests.

"Guests" are defined here; it says "shall include family members and friends who can reasonably be expected to visit on a regular basis or will need to care for the tenant."

But talking about employees, can you answer for me, if a tenant is operating a business out of the unit, could they then request from the property owner free keys for all their employees?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you, Mr. President. Again, just to go back, there are two separate issues there.

The first one is I don't believe that it would be a -- I will say for the record, as the sponsor. It is not the intent that, say, my five-year-old gets four keys for their friends who might be visiting. I believe that the four -- the four key limit would be applied to

the whole housing unit. There are up to four guests per tenant, not four guests times the number of lawful occupants.

That's -- that's -- I don't think that's an interpretation -- I will also note that a similar provision has been on the books in New York City, and that's not -- for several years, and hasn't been interpreted that way.

In terms of employees, it -- the bill makes it clear that in -- I -- the provision about -- excuse me one second. (Pause.)

The provision -- the additional provision that specifies that some of those recipients of additional keys could be caregivers or employers -- employees, rather -- I think it's clear in the language and from the context that what we're talking about is potential household employees, not somebody who is running a business out of their apartment.

So, you know, again -- and again, that -- that is a -- the provision that you're referring to there is specific to -- is -- is specifying that those particular recipients of keys may have an expiration date placed on their -- on their keycard or other device.

So again, I don't think -- I also -- I don't read the employee or caregiver provision as additional to the four guest cards that would be permitted.

SENATOR HELMING: Thank you.

Through you, Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR HELMING: So in the bill language -- you know, a lot of times we talk about the intent of a bill, but what I'm charged with here is reading the actual language that's in the bill. And actual language does describe guests, but it does not limit employees. It could include any employee that the tenant or any occupant could hire, even if they're running a business. They could put a request in writing to the property owner, and the property owner would be required, according to this bill, to provide keys at no cost.

Senator Kavanagh, is there anything in this legislation that limits, that says once you reach a certain threshold of free keys, you can't go beyond that point?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you, Mr. President. I'm not talking about some hypothetical intent here, although I did think it was worth clarifying that, you know, small children don't get four guests of their own, because my colleague raised that.

But the bill -- the provisions we're talking about are I think quite clear in black and white -- or in green, on my paper. The provision with respect to employees says "Employees, including contractors, professional caregivers or other services providers, may have an expiration date placed on their key, keycard, digital key or key fob, which may be extended upon the tenant's or lawful occupant's request."

That sentence does not add additional keys for employees. There is a clear -- there is a clear limit in the bill. The bill says if you're a lawful occupant, every lawful occupant is entitled to a key, and in addition, you're entitled to four guest keys. A

guest is not -- is someone other than a lawful occupant who might be expected to visit, and that would include employees like caregivers.

SENATOR HELMING: Through you, Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR HELMING: Actually, Mr. President, on the bill first.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Helming on the bill.

SENATOR HELMING: So if the sponsor had continued to read, it's very clear. It says: "The owner shall not set limits on the number of keys, key fobs, digital keys or key cards a tenant or lawful occupant may request."

So, Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to yield for questions.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Kavanagh, do you yield?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes, Mr. President.

I would respond to my colleague's comment.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: You may.

SENATOR KAVANAGH: The bill -- the bill is clear that four lawful occupants are entitled -- that, sorry, lawful occupants are entitled, plus four. And that one is entitled to a replacement key if one loses a key. And if one needs additional keys after that -- say, because you lose an additional key -- that the tenant can be charged the cost of that key.

The provision that says that they can't set a limit is about -- it doesn't eliminate the provisions I just mentioned, which restrict the number of keys that the household is entitled to. But it's intended to -- on its own terms it means you can't have an artificial limit saying: Sorry, you lost your key twice, you're no longer entitled to a key to your apartment.

But again, the bill is unambiguous --

SENATOR HELMING: -- continue to yield?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: -- unambiguously states that --

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Excuse me. Excuse me, excuse me. Senator Helming, Senator Kavanagh is speaking.

SENATOR KAVANAGH: I said the bill unambiguously states that the number of keys -- again, if you as a landlord choose to implement this system, you have to provide keys for each household member, especially if the parents request them for -- parents or guardians request them for younger residents, plus four. That's -- and that's the only requirement of keys that are -- those are the only people who are required to have keys.

SENATOR HELMING: Through you, Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR HELMING: So Senator

Kavanagh, I will set aside at this point that that is not what the bill actually says, that it allows like an unlimited number of keys.

But let's just say that the bill did stipulate that four additional keys must be provided and that a landlord must supply a tenant with any additional keys that are requested. If the point of the access system is to present -- prevent unauthorized entry into the building and provide security for tenants, why -- why are we allowing so many or why are we promoting so many extra keys to be given out?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you, Mr. President, because sometimes people have a need for people to visit their apartment other than their immediate family members and occupant residents.

You might, for example, have someone whose job it is to come in and walk your dog while you're at work. Or you might have someone who comes in to water your plants. Or you might have someone who is a caregiver for a member of your family. And if there are -- if a physical key is what's necessary to enter the unit, a physical key is not usually specific to a person.

It can be lent to somebody. But because these systems are typical -- often specific to a person, we're saying if you choose to implement these systems that electronically identify who is coming and going, you have to allow some flexibility so members -- people other than the members of the household can have access, at the request and with the approval of the resident of the apartment.

SENATOR HELMING: Through you, Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR HELMING: Senator Kavanagh, if the rental unit is being used in a manner that's causing concerns for the other tenants who live in the building -- maybe they've witnessed drugs being sold, illegal human trafficking, illegal firearms being sold or just firearms being sold -- does this legislation allow the

landlord to use the information that's caught on the web-based entry system to evict the tenant?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you, Mr. President, this bill does not prevent prosecutions, which would be the appropriate remedy for most of the conditions that my colleague just mentioned, nor does it prevent evictions.

It does limit the duration by which somebody can keep the data from these systems; specifically, the data that is used to determine whether somebody has entered. So for example, if somebody has a security camera, there's nothing in this bill that changes the use of the security camera -- although, generally speaking, security cameras don't keep footage indefinitely. What this bill says is you have to eliminate the data that you've used -- you have to either eliminate or anonymize the data that you've used to track entry and exit of lawful occupants or their guests after 90 days.

So it might limit the use of that. It's unclear how you would use that data to prove human trafficking or some of the other things that my colleague mentioned. But it's not a

limit -- there's nothing in this bill that would prevent prosecutions or evictions in those circumstances.

SENATOR HELMING: Through you, Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR HELMING: Senator Kavanagh, just real quick on the keys. After the initial keys are issued -- say a tenant is into their second year or third year of occupancy in the building and they hire a whole slew of new employees, or the kids have new friends that the parents say it's okay to give keys to -- can the landlord charge for the keys?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you, Mr. President. The tenant would be entitled to a key for each lawful occupant plus four additional keys at any given time for four other people.

Presumably if an employee -- if

somebody is taking care of a member of my family and that person ceases to take care of a member of my family, that key would be returned and perhaps a new person who's hired to take care of that person in my family might get a key.

But the bill is -- the bill allows for four keys. It allows -- if those keys are lost, it requires a free replacement. If they are lost again, it allows the landlord to -- the property owner to charge for the replacement, to charge up to $25 or the value of the cost of providing the key, whichever is less.

SENATOR HELMING: Thank you.

If the sponsor will continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR HELMING: Senator Kavanagh, this bill would prohibit the installation of certain entry systems for a three-year period. Yet many tenants of these buildings view these

systems as a feature, not as a bug. Why are we trying to deprive tenants of security that they clearly value?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you, Mr. President. I have not met a tenant -- the provision my colleague is referring to is a provision that specifically has a three-year moratorium on systems that use biometric identifiers to determine access -- facial recognition, fingerprints, voice recognition, your gait when you walk, those things.

The bill -- if those systems exist as of the effective date of this bill, they would be allowed to continue to use them in the normal way. But there is some skepticism, I think growing skepticism of the use of biometric identifiers, biometric facial recognition being the most common.

I think it's been fairly well established that facial recognition works in a variable way depending on race and ethnicity and other factors, so -- and I have personally had experience with complexes in my district where they installed biometric systems as the only way in or out of a building, and people could not get

into their own complex because the camera that was supposed to recognize their face failed to do so.

So this bill expressly allows a wide range of smart-access devices through fobs, codes, you know, the kind of thing where you can wave your phone over the thing, but it expresses limit -- it limits biometric systems that use biometric identifiers for three years.

SENATOR HELMING: Through you, Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR HELMING: Is the landlord allowed to use -- I know they can collect information, according to the bill, when a person enters a building. Does the bill allow the collection of when they exit the building, that data?

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you,

Mr. President, no, it does not.

SENATOR HELMING: Okay.

Mr. President, Senator Kavanagh, thank you for your time.

Thank you.

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Helming.

Are there any other Senators wishing to be heard?

Seeing and hearing none, debate is closed.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: By unanimous consent, we've agreed to restore this bill to the noncontroversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill will be restored to the noncontroversial calendar.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1016, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Felder, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Skoufis, Stec, Tedisco, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 40. Nays, 21.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Let's go back again to the controversial calendar and take up Calendar 1209, please.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will ring the bell.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1209, Senate Print 8118, by Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Oberacker, why do you rise?

SENATOR OBERACKER: Mr. President, I was wondering if the bill's sponsor would yield for just a couple of short questions.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR GOUNARDES: Mr. President, absolutely.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR OBERACKER: Thank you. Through you, Mr. President. Senator Gounardes, thank you.

So have you spoken with the institutions for higher education about the requirements of this bill?

SENATOR GOUNARDES: Through you, Mr. President, if my colleague would just explain his question. I'm not sure I fully understand what you mean.

SENATOR OBERACKER: So through you, Mr. President, have you reached out to what I would call the stakeholders that this bill will affect, to kind of gain their insight as to what we're proposing with this bill?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Just to

correct, Senator Gounardes, do you yield?

SENATOR GOUNARDES: Yeah, I do yield, yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR GOUNARDES: Yes, I do.

Through you, Mr. President, as part of the process of drafting this legislation and working on this issue, we've spoken to a number of institutions of higher education as well as stakeholders who study the higher education space. I've had direct conversations with several admissions officers or admissions officials at different schools about this legislation.

And what is also important to note is that much of the data that we are asking for to be reported as part of this bill is already currently required to be reported by institutions of higher education to the federal government, in slightly different forms. And so none of -- most of what we are asking for here is not a new disclosure requirement, it just asks it to also be reported to the state.

And one of the reasons why that's

important is because when we looked at some of the data reports that were submitted by colleges here in New York, some of them left out this data that we are asking for specifically as it relates to early-decision applications and admissions rates, which calls to attention the need to have a more robust reporting scheme.

SENATOR OBERACKER: Through you, Mr. President, would the bill's sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR GOUNARDES: Absolutely.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR OBERACKER: Thank you, Senator.

So speaking to the data part of what you just talked about, the memo references the importance of the Common Data Set survey implemented by the College Board, Peterson's and the U.S. News and World Report, who use and commercialize that data in their college rankings.

So if this data is already available

through the Common Data Set survey, why is this bill then necessary?

SENATOR GOUNARDES: Through you, Mr. President. As I just said, the data is reported through the Common Data Set. But a number of institutions here in New York, if you look at their application or look at their reports, as we have, there are -- for at least 10 institutions here in New York, they will submit their entire data set but leave blank the specific question as to how they use early-decision data in their institutions.

So -- and this goes back, if not -- I would think or I hope not inadvertent, because there are multiple successive years where that single question is left blank. Now, that's of deep concern to me, which is why I proposed this legislation, because I am deeply dubious of how some of our institutions of higher education here in New York are using early-decision admissions policies. Because the data that is available, both in New York and nationwide, suggest that it is, as the former Undersecretary for Education at the federal level said, "It is priority boarding for first-class passengers."

And so I think it is important that we actually get a full picture of how colleges in New York, which receive significant public support, whether public or private, are using admissions policies to -- and not properly sharing how they're using some of those policies and not providing the data that they're otherwise being asked to provide.

And it's not just through the Common Data Set. It's also through the -- let me get the exact word here of the other report -- the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, which is a federal requirement.

SENATOR OBERACKER: Thank you for that.

Through you, Mr. President, would the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the sponsor yield?

SENATOR GOUNARDES: Absolutely.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR OBERACKER: So, Senator, in taking away the student aid -- or is, I should say -- let me put it that way. So is taking away

the student aid and hurting students an appropriate penalty for a college who fails or is failing to file those reports for a controversial private entity that the State Education Department isn't seeking?

Is that -- is that -- in other words, does the end justify the means when it comes to the penalty?

SENATOR GOUNARDES: Through you, Mr. President, I believe my colleague is referring to the penalty that we have in the bill for a willful violation or willful failure to disclose the early decision admissions data, which I think is really important. It's not an inadvertent omission like, oh, we forgot, or we didn't get to it. It's a willful failure to comply.

And it's also important to note, Mr. President, that that penalty is -- can be assessed at the discretion of the State Education Department. And so there would be an opportunity for an institution to say, actually, no, sorry, we didn't mean to, we didn't realize, we forgot, here is the data. And the Education Department would have the discretion, which we think is

important.

But I understand my colleague's concern as to is this the appropriate level of a stick, or size of a stick to be using. And I would argue that for institutions that for multiple successive years are answering every question about their admissions policies except for one, year after year after year after year after year after year, that suggests to me that they're trying to hide something.

And if you're trying to hide something about how you're using exclusionary admissions policies, I think we need to know that.

Which is why I think we're trying to strike the right balance, you know, looking for the willful violation while also providing an escape valve for the Education Department to use its discretion in assessing that penalty, should it come to that point. And I wish for it never to come to that point.

SENATOR OBERACKER: Thank you for that.

On the bill, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator

Oberacker on the bill.

SENATOR OBERACKER: Thank you.

And thank you, Senator, for the clarifications for those questions.

You know, I think -- I think the bill is laudable in certain areas. Where I tend to I think kind of veer off a little bit as far as the bill is concerned --for me, it is the penalty. It is kind of what I view as a unfunded mandate coming down, the negative reinforcement, the negative reinforcement of this.

I would much rather see us do a positive reinforcement so that if these questions are answered and if the colleges supply this information that we're looking for, that they would -- it would open up maybe a gate to some more or potentially more revenue, as opposed to the negative side of things.

We're talking about a huge amount of data that will need to be collected, putting stresses on that part of the equation.

Again, I think it was laudable, but for these reasons, Mr. President, I will be voting in the negative. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Are there

any other Senators wishing to be heard?

Seeing and hearing none, debate is closed.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, we've agreed to restore this bill to the noncontroversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill will be restored to the noncontroversial calendar.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Gounardes to explain his vote.

SENATOR GOUNARDES: Thank you, Mr. President.

I thank my colleague for his comments and his -- you know, for being able to clarify this.

I think, you know, in the wake of

the Students for Fair Admissions cases that came down from the Supreme Court last year, I think it is really appropriate for us to look at how institutions of higher education are admitting students and providing them a pathway towards a higher education. And I think it's incredibly important for us to look at practices that in particular serve to favor or give preference to students who come from immense privilege.

And the data on early decision that we have shows that private school students are more than 3.5 times more likely to get admitted via early decision than public school students, and that applicants from the wealthiest zip codes are twice as likely to apply and get admitted than students otherwise through early decision.

As I mentioned earlier, the former Undersecretary for Education in D.C. said that early decision is priority boarding for first-class passengers. And I think what we are doing is we have created this system that gives special treatment to those who have access to sophisticated college counseling, that have the wherewithal to make financial decisions about college through early decision before they even

know or even have to know what financial aid package they might receive.

And don't forget, early decision we're talking about is when you have to commit to a school before you apply anywhere else, and you commit to it before you know if you're going to be able to afford to pay for it or not.

And so automatically that means that only a small subset of students who will have the financial means to be able to afford that education are going to be applying in the first place.

And unfortunately, we have some of the most exclusive schools here in the country in New York. Some of our schools here admit more than 50 percent of their incoming class via early decision. And some of them are not reporting this data that we're asking for, which is why we think this bill is important. It does not ban the practice, it just asks for more data so we have a more complete picture as to how these colleges are admitting their incoming classes.

And so for those reasons I drafted this bill, and for those reasons I will be voting in the affirmative. Thank you.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1209, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Griffo, Martins, Oberacker, O'Mara, Persaud, Rhoads, Stavisky, Stec, Webb and Weik. Also Senators Gallivan and Tedisco.

Ayes, 49. Nays, 12.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Okay, back to the controversial again for our final bill on the controversial calendar, Calendar 1683.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will ring the bell.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1683, Senate Print 885C, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Real Property Law.

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

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, I believe there's an amendment at the desk. I

waive the reading of that amendment and ask that you recognize Senator Palumbo.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Lanza.

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

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, accordingly, I appeal the ruling of the chair and ask that Senator Palumbo be heard on that appeal.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The appeal has been made and recognized, and Senator Palumbo may be heard.

SENATOR PALUMBO: Thank you, Mr. President.

And I rise to explain not only the germaneness of this bill to this bill-in-chief, but more importantly to the calendar that we've seen today. We've had a few bills on the calendar today -- we had one on the supplemental calendar passing an elder justice task force bill, an excellent bill, another excellent bill that was on the calendar originally by Senator Felder regarding expanding the hours of the Family Court.

What my bill would do is it would be an access to justice for people when it comes to guardianship cases. Now, it's a very simple bill. With limited effort, someone in a guardianship case can ultimately file an order to show cause and the court shall set the date in which the order to show cause is to be heard, for which a temporary order will be issued no more than 10 days from the date of the order to show cause, of the signing of it.

Upon an application -- if such application for visitation, there shall be a rebuttal presumption in favor of visitation. And visitation shall only be denied upon clear and convincing evidence that it's not in the best interests of the ward in a guardianship case, and that shall be on the record.

Now, the reason why this is absolutely necessary, Mr. President, is because we have seen multiple instances in guardianship cases where there has been tremendous abuse by appointed lawyers, guardians, simply denying visits with the ward, with the senior, with the senior who is the alleged incapacitated person.

And now we've seen this oftentimes,

and there are many famous cases in this regard. For example, everyone knows the Brittney Spears case. In 2008 she was hospitalized. Her father petitioned and was granted conservatorship, allowing him the ability to make decisions about her finances, medical well-being, and career, a conservatorship -- this would also apply to that as well.

In 2010 she completed rehab, was getting her career back on track, and over the years there were a series of abuses and manipulations against her. It was not until 2021 that that terminated.

Casey Kasem, the famous radio personality, suffered from advanced Parkinson's disease and was isolated from the outside world by his second wife. She removed him from the hospital, would not allow visitation even for his biological daughters. The daughters unsuccessfully filed for conservatorship, and unfortunately Mr. Kasem passed away before the issue was resolved.

And what's important to note is that there was nothing untoward, there was no financial dishonesty, there were no issues other

than they did not get along with the person who was in charge of the alleged incapacitated person.

Now, this bill is named Karilyn's Law on behalf of Karilyn Montanti. And fortuitously, we do have Karilyn's daughter, Christine Montanti, in the gallery today. This woman has spent over half a million dollars to visit her mom, to just get access to her. And the courts denied, required new petitions, paid the lawyers from the ward's money -- hundreds and hundreds of thousands of dollars.

We've seen the instances of Wendy Williams. And we do have just a few quick comments from people that are -- an assistant professor at Brooklyn Law School, Sarah Lorr, indicated that clearly, and this is -- I'm sorry, this is Margo Lindauer, professor at Northeastern University School of Law, indicating that of course if the guardian's paid, then it's in their interests for the conservatorship to continue.

Nina Kohn, from Syracuse University Law School, was talking about how former NFL player Michael Oher had to file a court petition alleging he'd been duped into agreeing

to a conservatorship.

So the bottom line is -- and I've seen with Wendy Williams you have people selling her property at a loss, you have individuals who are just simply taking advantage of the financial situation. And this bill, at really no cost, is simply allowing them to visit. Very simple stuff. You're not asking about any financial obligation to be held -- to be absorbed. They simply can get into court to see grandma.

So, Mr. President, it's really a very straightforward bill. There were unfortunately some objections by OCA because they thought it may clog up the courts to some extent. But quite frankly, it's a simple hearing with a judge.

And these stories of abuse and liquidation of family assets exist throughout this country. Senator Borrello and I had a roundtable event with a number of these victims. And it's really quite -- it's quite awful, because this would simply just prevent the arbitrary termination of visitation and isolating the ward.

So with that in mind, Mr. President,

and the fact that we just want access to justice -- and you know how important it is for family members to see family members, especially in their dying days when they're not doing well. Remember the stories from the pandemic where individuals were just heartbroken because they couldn't see loved ones and say goodbye.

That's what this bill would do. So as such, I ask that your appeal be overruled, Mr. President. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Palumbo.

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

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

(Response of "Aye.")

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

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: We've agreed to restore this to the noncontroversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill

will be restored to the noncontroversial calendar.

Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 11. This act shall take effect on the 120th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Krueger to explain her vote.

SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just to clarify, this is Senator Hinchey's bill? Okay. Because -- okay.

So I'm very proud to stand here and support Senator Hinchey's bill. It has taken many years to get to the point where we're going to have a statewide system of protections for apartments and homes that frankly should be available to New Yorkers, particularly at this time of housing crises, and oftentimes are taken off the market almost on a permanent basis for what's called short-term rentals.

I passed a bill for New York City in 2010, and here it is 2024 and we're finally

getting to a place where we're moving to a statewide system.

And granted, different parts of the state have different needs. So while I completely support this bill, while there's been some misinformation traveling around about it, I want to go on record to highlight that this legislation will not interfere in any way with New York City's policy, policing powers over short-term rentals within the boundaries of the five boroughs.

That there is nothing in this bill that preempts the authority of the City of New York to change its existing short-term rental registration system through local law or regulations in the future.

And finally, this bill does not limit any other authority currently held by the City of New York to enact future local laws and regulations governing short-term rentals, including laws and regulations unrelated to its registration system.

I think it's important to go on record with this because in fact the City of New York now has a system that we have

established that is a combination of local city law and state law that has been litigated and successfully defended. And I don't think there's anyone in the State of New York who actually wants to make changes in the system the City of New York has finally got running successfully.

So I did think it was important, when supporting this important piece of legislation, that I thank so much Senator Hinchey for finally getting this across the finish line, to just reemphasize that it doesn't do anything to try to change or supersede what the City of New York has already established.

I vote yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

Senator Hinchey to explain her vote.

SENATOR HINCHEY: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise in happy support of this bill passing through our chamber today.

I want to take a moment, though, first and thank the team of people who have worked with us on this bill, including Nayram and Jess and Gabe, Senator Krueger and her team, of

course my whole team in our office, and so many more.

Earlier this year in the budget we had a deep conversation about the housing crisis, and everyone was committed to really working towards a solution that worked for New York State. However, glaringly missing from that conversation was the topic of short-term rentals, and you cannot solve the housing crisis in our state without talking about short-term rentals. If you believe that short-term rentals have nothing to do with the housing crisis, then you have not set foot into the communities across much of our state, including the entire Hudson Valley.

This bill is supported by all 62 counties. It's a top priority of NYSAC and NYCOM and the Association of Towns and tourism associations across the state, because it's the right thing to do.

What this bill does will give us real data and real insight into the landscape of short-term rentals -- short-term rentals, houses that have been pulled off the market and turned into vacation homes. It will give us true data

and it will provide parity as it pertains to taxes and occupancy tax and sales tax, providing much needed revenue both for the state and for municipalities that are hosting these short-term rentals.

I'm incredibly proud that this bill is passing through this chamber again, and I want to give a huge shout-out to our Assembly sponsor, Assemblymember Fahy, who has been working on this bill for a number of years. And I am excited to now hopefully this year get it across the finish line. And I thank the leader, too, for bringing this to the floor.

It's an incredibly important bill, and for that I vote aye.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1683, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Palumbo, Rhoads, Skoufis, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

Ayes, 44. Nays, 17.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

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

SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you, Mr. President.

We're just going to clean up the resolutions that we didn't take up earlier. Let's go back to previously adopted Resolution 2306, by Senator Webb, read its title and recognize Senator Webb.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: the Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Resolution 2306, by Senator Webb, congratulating the Binghamton University Debate Team upon the occasion of capturing the Cross-Examination Debate Association's National Tournament Championship.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Webb on the resolution.

SENATOR WEBB: Thank you, Mr. President.

I am filled with immense pride that my alma mater has accomplished yet another great

thing, and this time it's through our University Debate Team. They have distinguished themselves by winning the Cross-Examination Debate Association's National Tournament Championship. This team's victory at one of the most prestigious collegiate debate competitions demonstrates their exceptional skills and highlights the high academic standards and intellectual rigor fostered at Binghamton University.

Throughout the season these young scholars prepared meticulously, leading to significant victories including a decisive win against Wake Forest University in the final round. Their journey through the tournament was marked by strategic brilliance and unwavering commitment, culminating in an impressive overall record and showcasing their skills against top programs nationwide.

This achievement marks only the second time a New York team has won the CEDA Nationals, underscoring our state's commitment to fostering young intellectuals who excel in advanced academic debate.

The Binghamton University Debate

Team, their success is supported by their coaches, who are dedicated as well, along with professors and the enthusiastic backing of our community.

I want to thank you, Mr. President. I am really proud to recognize the Binghamton University Debate Team for their outstanding achievement and for bringing honor to our state.

I will be voting aye on this resolution, and I encourage my colleagues to do the same. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The resolution was previously adopted on May 7th.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: And now previously adopted Resolution 2582, by Senator Thomas. Read that resolution's title and recognize Senator Thomas.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Resolution 2582, by Senator Thomas, commending the International Cricket Council upon the occasion of hosting the India versus Pakistan Match during the historic

ICC Men's T20 World Cup on June 9, 2024.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Thomas on the resolution.

SENATOR THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise tonight to speak about the elephant in the room -- and I'm not talking about that Republicans here in the chamber. I'm talking about cricket.

I'm incredibly proud of the fact that the T20 Cricket World Cup is in Nassau County this year. It officially launched over the weekend, and cricket fans are beyond excited.

I want to thank the ICC, the International Cricket Committee; Brett Jones for his leadership as CEO, and Stuart Goldfarb, the counsel; Nassau County government; and especially the Building and Construction Trades, Matty Aracich, for building the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium in a record amount of time for our fans.

Cricket is not new to North America, dating back to the 17th century. It was introduced to North America through the English

colonies. And the sport spread globally throughout the centuries and continues to spread. Cricket holds a cherished place in the hearts of millions worldwide, and the ICC choosing Nassau County as their World Cup host is the culmination of cricket's longstanding presence in the United States and its recent evolution into a modern, dynamic sport.

I grew up watching and playing cricket, although I'm better at watching cricket now. And to say the hype surrounding these games is anything less than monumental would be an understatement, especially the India versus Pakistan match. In New Yorker terms, think of it like the rivalry between the Yankees and the Boston Red Sox in Game 7 of the World Series -- a match that embodies two teams' fierce rivalry, with deep tradition and history behind both of them.

The T20 Cricket World Cup is more than just a game, it's a cultural extravaganza, a meeting of traditions and a celebration of diversity. It's also a platform for fostering understanding and promoting inclusivity and strengthening bonds.

I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the ICC for their dedication to making cricket larger on a global scale, to the players who give it their all, and to the millions of fans around the world who, like me, are waiting anxiously to see which team wins.

May the T20 World Cup games in Nassau County serve as a testament to the transformative power of sports in fostering understanding, respect and friendship among fans and nations alike. So please, come enjoy cricket out on Long Island.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Thomas.

Senator Martins on the resolution.

SENATOR MARTINS: Thank you, Mr. President.

I want to thank Senator Thomas for recognizing this wonderful achievement, cricket in Nassau County, Mr. President, understanding that multiculturalism -- it's not just about football, it's not just about basketball, it's not just about baseball, it's about cricket.

And the understanding that we have

literally hundreds of thousands and millions of South Asians in our communities right now that are celebrating the idea that the County of Nassau, the communities in Nassau County were able to host an ICC tournament, a worldwide tournament, is something we should all understand. It's not happening in Manhattan or in the five boroughs, it's happening in Nassau County, because the communities in Nassau County made it a priority, the government in Nassau County made it a priority and prioritized the communities that we have there.

Yes, I agree with Senator Thomas, the building trades stepped up -- and you have to see a 30,000-person stadium built in literally a couple of weeks. So government working with the local communities, working with the building trades to make something happen.

Mr. President, I'm proud to vote aye. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Martins.

The resolution was previously adopted on May 29th.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, all the resolutions' sponsors from today would like their resolutions open for cosponsorship.

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

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: On behalf of Senator Harckham, I wish to call up Senate Print 9301, recalled from the Assembly, which is now at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1662, Senate Print 9301, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Highway Law.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll on reconsideration.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is restored to its place on the Third Reading

Calendar.

SENATOR GIANARIS: I offer the following amendments.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The amendments are received.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Please recognize Senator Lanza.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Lanza.

SENATOR LANZA: Thank you, Senator Gianaris.

Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Weber, on page 64 I offer the following amendments to Calendar 1599, Senate Print 9425, and ask that said bill retain its place on Third Reading Calendar.

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

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: For my Majority colleagues, immediately upon adjournment of session we will have a brief conference in the Majority Conference Room.

And with that, is there any further

business at the desk?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Upon adjournment, there will be an immediate meeting of the Majority Conference in the Majority Conference Room.

There is no further business at the desk.

SENATOR GIANARIS: I move to adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 5th, at 12:00 p.m.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Wednesday, June 5th, at 12:00 p.m.

(Whereupon, the Senate adjourned at 7:44 p.m.)