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SENATOR JAMAAL T. BAILEY, Acting President

ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

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

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

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

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

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

12 PUJARI SHYAM PATEL: (Chanting in
13 Sanskrit.)

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

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

22 Thank you.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Reading
24 of the Journal.

25 THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday,

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

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

7 Presentation of petitions.

8 Messages from the Assembly.

9 The Secretary will read.

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

15 Senator Stavisky moves to discharge,
16 from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill
17 Number 8346A and substitute it for the identical
18 Senate Bill Number 7808A, Third Reading Calendar
19 721.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 Senator Hinchey moves to discharge,
16 from the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism,
17 Parks and Recreation, Assembly Bill Number 8978A
18 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill
19 7296A, Third Reading Calendar 1133.

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

25 Senator Comrie moves to discharge,

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

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

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

14 Senator Breslin moves to discharge,
15 from the Committee on Insurance, Assembly Bill
16 Number 8834B and substitute it for the identical
17 Senate Bill 8144C, Third Reading Calendar
18 1257.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: So
16 ordered.

17 Messages from the Governor.

18 Reports of standing committees.

19 Reports of select committees.

20 Communications and reports from
21 state officers.

22 Motions and resolutions.

23 Senator Gianaris.

24 SENATOR GIANARIS: Good afternoon,
25 Mr. President.

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
5 Secretary will read.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 833, Senate Print 4909A, by Senator Sepúlveda, an
8 act to amend the Public Health Law.

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

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
12 roll on reconsideration.

13 (The Secretary called the roll.)

14 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 59.

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

18 SENATOR GIANARIS: I offer the
19 following amendments.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
21 amendments are received.

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

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: All those

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

4 (Response of "Aye.")

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Opposed,
6 nay.

7 (Response of "Nay.")

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
9 Resolution Calendar is adopted.
10 Senator Gianaris.

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

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
15 Secretary will read.

16 THE SECRETARY: Resolution 2618, by
17 Senator Ryan, honoring Jillian Hanesworth and
18 Augustus Clarke upon the occasion of winning the
19 2024 Sports Emmy Award.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
21 Ryan on the resolution.

22 SENATOR RYAN: Thank you,
23 Madam President.

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

1 to the New York State Senate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 But the video, it's a nod to our

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

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

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

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

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

1 before, showing off your Emmy.

2 So we're proud of what you've done.

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

4 Thank you very much.

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

9 Please rise and be recognized.

10 (Standing ovation.)

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

14 (Response of "Aye.")

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Opposed,
16 nay.

17 (No response.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
19 resolution is adopted.

20 Senator Gianaris.

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

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

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
9 Secretary will read.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
14 Ramos on the resolution.

15 SENATOR RAMOS: Thank you,
16 Mr. President.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 "Se ven las caras de trabajo y de
25 sudor.

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

3 "De gente trabajando buscando el
4 nuevo camino.

5 "Orgullosa de su herencia y de ser
6 latino.

7 "De una raza unida la que Bolivar
8 soñaría.

9 "Siembra..."

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

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

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

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

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

7 Thank you. Graças.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank
9 you, Senator Ramos.

10 Senator Rivera on the resolution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 "Oye latino, oye hermano, oye amigo

17 "Nunca vendas tu destino por el oro
18 ni la comodidad

19 "Nunca descanses, pues nos falta
20 andar bastante

21 "Vamos todos adelante para juntos
22 terminar

23 "Con la ignorancia que nos trae
24 sugestionados

25 "Con modelos importados que no son

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

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

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

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

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

11 "Recuerda: Se ven las caras

12 "Pero nunca el corazón."

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

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

21 (Laughter.)

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

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

1 Senator Serrano on the resolution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 Thank you.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank
2 you, Senator Serrano.

3 Para la gente Latino.

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

7 Please rise and be recognized.

8 (Standing ovation.)

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

11 Senator Gianaris.

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

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

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

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

3 (Laughter.)

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

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

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: the
12 Secretary will read.

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

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
18 Liu on the resolution.

19 SENATOR LIU: Thank you,
20 Mr. President.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 Mr. President, thank you.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank
18 you, Senator Liu.

19 Senator Thomas on the resolution.

20 SENATOR THOMAS: Thank you,
21 Mr. President.

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

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

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

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

17 Thank you. And Jai Swaminarayan.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank
19 you, Senator Thomas.

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

24 Please remain standing and be
25 recognized.

1 (Standing ovation.)

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

4 Senator Serrano.

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

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
8 Secretary will read.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 221, Senate Print 8188, by Senator Parker, an act
11 directing the New York State Energy Research and
12 Development Authority to study feasibility and
13 efficiency of a microgrid.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
15 last section.

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

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
22 the results.

23 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 242, Senate Print 5656, by Senator Martinez, an
3 act to amend the Local Finance Law.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
5 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 249, Senate Print 130, by Senator Krueger, an act
18 to amend the Emergency Tenant Protection Act.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
20 last section.

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

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
25 roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
3 the results.

4 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
6 is passed.

7 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
8 445, Senate Print 8402A, by Senator Parker, an
9 act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
11 last section.

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

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
15 roll.

16 (The Secretary called the roll.)

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

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

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

1 things.

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

6 Thank you.

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

10 Announce the results.

11 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
13 is passed.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
15 503, Senate Print 7836A, by Senator Mannion, an
16 act to amend the Executive Law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
18 last section.

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

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
22 roll.

23 (The Secretary called the roll.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
25 the results.

1 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
5 552, Assembly Bill Number 7555A, by
6 Assemblymember Fahy, an act to amend the
7 General Business Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
9 last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
16 the results.

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

22 Ayes, 50. Nays, 10.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 586, Senate Print 7936, by Senator Harckham, an
2 act directing the commissioner of corrections and
3 community supervision to study gender disparity.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
5 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
14 Calendar 586, voting in the negative:
15 Senator Ortt.

16 Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 642, Senate Print 7933, by Senator Harckham, an
21 act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
23 last section.

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

1 shall have become a law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
6 the results.

7 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
11 670, Senate Print 7932, by Senator Harckham, an
12 act to amend the Executive Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
14 last section.

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

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
21 the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 717, Senate Print 6417, by Senator Bailey, an act
2 to amend the Judiciary Law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
4 last section.

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

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
8 roll.

9 (The Secretary called the roll.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: announce
11 the results.

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

17 Ayes, 52. Nays, 8.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 721, Assembly Bill Number 8346A, by
22 Assemblymember Fahy, an act to amend the
23 Education Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
25 last section.

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
7 the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 730, Senate Print 1892, by Senator Stavisky, an
13 act to amend the Penal Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
15 last section.

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

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
22 the results.

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

1 Ayes, 57. Nays, 3.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
5 733, Senate Print 4818, by Senator Gianaris, an
6 act to amend the General Business Law.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
8 last section.

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

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
12 roll.

13 (The Secretary called the roll.)

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
15 the results.

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

21 Ayes, 49. Nays, 11.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
23 is passed.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 756, Senate Print 2284, by Senator Cleare, an act

1 to amend the General Business Law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
3 last section.

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

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
7 roll.

8 (The Secretary called the roll.)

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
10 the results.

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

17 Ayes, 49. Nays, 11.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 762, Senate Print 4352A, by Senator Skoufis, an
22 act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This

1 act shall take effect immediately.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
6 the results.

7 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
8 Calendar 762, voting in the negative:
9 Senator Martinez.

10 Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 795, Senate Print 5936A, by Senator Rivera, an
15 act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
17 last section.

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

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
22 roll.

23 (The Secretary called the roll.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
25 Rivera to explain his vote.

1 SENATOR RIVERA: Thank you,
2 Mr. President.

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

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

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

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

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

19 I vote in the affirmative,
20 Mr. President.

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

23 Announce the results.

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

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

4 Ayes, 50. Nays, 10.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
6 is passed.

7 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
8 818, Senate Print 8431, by Senator Skoufis, an
9 act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
11 last section.

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

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
16 roll.

17 (The Secretary called the roll.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
19 the results.

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

25 Ayes, 49. Nays, 11.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 837, Senate Print 8843A, by Senator Rivera, an
5 act to amend the Public Health Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
7 last section.

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

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
12 roll.

13 (The Secretary called the roll.)

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
15 Gonzalez to explain her vote.

16 SENATOR GONZALEZ: Thank you,
17 Mr. President.

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

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

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

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

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

1 workers and local leaders are heard and
2 considered.

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

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

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

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

21 Senator Rivera to explain his vote.

22 SENATOR RIVERA: Thank you,
23 Mr. President.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 Senator Kavanagh to explain his
19 vote.

20 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Thank you,
21 Mr. President.

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

25 But just to say we in many of our

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

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

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

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

21 Announce the results.

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

1 Ayes, 55. Nays, 5.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
5 857, Assembly Bill Number 6854, by
6 Assemblymember Gibbs, an act to amend the
7 Correction Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
9 last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
16 the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 858, Senate Print 7646, by Senator Skoufis, an
22 act to amend the Correction Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
7 the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 859, Senate Print 7938, by Senator Harckham, an
13 act directing the commissioner of the Division of
14 Criminal Justice Services to study gender
15 disparity.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
17 last section.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
24 the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: In relation to

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

4 Also -- excuse me -- Senator O'Mara.
5 Ayes, 54. Nays, 6.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
7 is passed.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 866, Senate Print 1712, by Senator Comrie, an act
10 to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

11 SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for
12 the day.

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

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 876, Senate Print 1470, by Senator Breslin, an
17 act to amend the Insurance Law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
19 last section.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
2 the results.

3 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 877, Senate Print 2063A, by Senator Stavisky, an
8 act to amend the Insurance Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
10 last section.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
17 Stavisky to explain her vote.

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 I vote aye.

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

15 Announce the results.

16 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 882, Assembly Bill Number 7862A, by
21 Assemblymember Weprin, an act to amend the
22 Insurance Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This

1 act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
6 the results.

7 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
8 Calendar 882, voting in the negative:
9 Senator Griffo.

10 Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 885, Senate Print 8143, by Senator Breslin, an
15 act to amend the Insurance Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
17 last section.

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

21 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
22 roll.

23 (The Secretary called the roll.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
25 the results.

1 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
5 888, Senate Print 8889, by Senator Breslin,
6 an act to amend the Insurance Law.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
8 last section.

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

11 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
12 roll.

13 (The Secretary called the roll.)

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
15 the results.

16 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 918, Senate Print 4880C, by Senator Fernandez, an
21 act to amend the Public Health Law.

22 SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Lay it
24 aside.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 935, Senate Print 7096, by Senator Ramos, an act
2 to amend the Labor Law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
4 last section.

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

7 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
8 roll.

9 (The Secretary called the roll.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator
11 Ramos to explain her vote.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 I vote aye.

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

25 Announce the results.

1 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
5 947, Assembly Bill Number 7717B, by
6 Assemblymember Wallace, an act to amend the
7 Civil Practice Law and Rules.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
9 last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
16 the results.

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

20 Ayes, 56. Nays, 4.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
22 is passed.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
24 971, Senate Print 7982A, by Senator Cleare, an
25 act to amend the Public Service Law.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
2 last section.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
9 the results.

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

13 Ayes, 57. Nays, 3.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 972, Assembly Bill Number 7091, by
18 Assemblymember Simon, an act to amend the
19 Public Authorities Law.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
21 last section.

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

25 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the

1 roll.

2 (The Secretary called the roll.)

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
4 the results.

5 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
7 is passed.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 997, Assembly Bill Number 7872A, by
10 Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the
11 Public Health Law.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
13 last section.

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

16 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
17 roll.

18 (The Secretary called the roll.)

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
20 the results.

21 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
23 is passed.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 1000, Assembly Bill Number 9718B, by

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
4 last section.

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

7 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
8 roll.

9 (The Secretary called the roll.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
11 the results.

12 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
14 is passed.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 1003, Senate Print 8717, by Senator Fernandez, an
17 act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
19 last section.

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce

1 the results.

2 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 1014, Senate Print 9246, by Senator Mannion, an
7 act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the
9 last section.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce
17 the results.

18 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill
20 is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 1016, Senate Print 2078B, by Senator Kavanaugh, an
23 act to amend the Multiple Dwelling Law.

24 SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Lay it

1 aside.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 1019, Assembly Bill Number 9888C, by
4 Assemblymember McDonald, an act to amend the
5 Executive Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
7 last section.

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

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
11 roll.

12 (The Secretary called the roll.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
14 the results.

15 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
17 is passed.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
19 1022, Senate Print 8647A, by Senator Martins, an
20 act to amend the Private Housing Finance Law.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
22 last section.

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

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the

1 roll.

2 (The Secretary called the roll.)

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
4 the results.

5 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
7 is passed.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 1033, Senate Print 6817, by Senator Fernandez, an
10 act to amend the Public Officers Law.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
12 last section.

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

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
16 roll.

17 (The Secretary called the roll.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
19 the results.

20 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
22 is passed.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
24 1063, Senate Print 9138, by Senator Cleare, an
25 act to amend the Elder Law.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
2 last section.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
9 the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 1069, Assembly Bill Number 9777B, by
15 Assemblymember Benedetto, an act to amend the
16 Education Law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
18 last section.

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce

1 the results.

2 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 1070, Assembly Bill Number 9522, by
7 Assemblymember Solages, an act to amend the
8 Social Services Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
10 last section.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
17 the results.

18 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
20 is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 1073, Assembly Bill Number 6957A, by
23 Assemblymember Dinowitz, an act to amend the
24 General Business Law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the

1 last section.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
9 the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 1088, Senate Print Number 2744A, by
15 Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an act to amend the
16 Judiciary Law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
18 last section.

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

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
22 roll.

23 (The Secretary called the roll.)

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

1 Calendar 1088.

2 Announce the results.

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

8 Senators Gallivan and Oberacker in
9 the negative.

10 Ayes, 58. Nays, 2.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 1093, Senate Print Number 7054B, by
15 Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an act to amend the
16 Family Court Act.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
18 last section.

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce

1 the results.

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

8 Ayes, 46. Nays, 14.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 1099, Senate Print 9070, by Senator Jackson, an
13 act to amend the Real Property Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
15 last section.

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

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
22 the results.

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

1 Palumbo and Rhoads.

2 Ayes, 55. Nays, 5.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 1118, Senate Print 7297C, by Senator Kavanaugh, an
7 act to amend the Real Property Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
9 last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
16 the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 1128, Assembly Bill Number 9458B, by
22 Assemblymember Pretlow, an act to amend the
23 Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
25 last section.

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
7 the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 1133, Assembly Bill Number 8978A, by
13 Assemblymember Woerner, an act to amend the
14 Arts and Cultural Affairs Law.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
16 last section.

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

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
23 the results.

24 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 1142, Assembly Bill Number 9935, by
4 Assemblymember Pheffer Amato, an act to amend the
5 Civil Service Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
7 last section.

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

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
11 roll.

12 (The Secretary called the roll.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
14 the results.

15 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
17 is passed.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
19 1164, Senate Print 7079A, by Senator Harckham, an
20 act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
22 last section.

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

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
2 roll.

3 (The Secretary called the roll.)

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
5 the results.

6 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 1179, Senate Print 7294, by Senator Hinchey, an
11 act to amend the Public Service Law.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
13 last section.

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

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
21 the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
23 Calendar 1179, those Senators voting in the
24 negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello
25 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffio, Helming,

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

4 Ayes, 42. Nays, 18.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
6 is passed.

7 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
8 1183, Senate Print 9005A, by Senator Gianaris, an
9 act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
11 last section.

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

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
15 roll.

16 (The Secretary called the roll.)

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
18 the results.

19 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
21 is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 1184, Assembly Bill Number 4403, by
24 Assemblymember Zebrowski, an act to amend the
25 Public Service Law.

1 SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for
2 the day.

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

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 1188, Senate Print 2067, by Senator Stavisky, an
7 act to amend the Tax Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
9 last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
16 the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 1201, Senate Print 6696, by Senator Parker, an
22 act to amend the Social Services Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
7 the results.

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

12 Ayes 54. Nays, 6.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
14 is passed.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 1204, Assembly Bill Number 4201B, by
17 Assemblymember Stern, an act to amend the
18 Veterans' Services Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
20 last section.

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

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
25 roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)
2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
3 the results.
4 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.
5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
6 is passed.
7 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
8 1205, Senate Print 7600, by Senator Hinchey, an
9 act to amend the Public Health Law.
10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
11 last section.
12 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
13 act shall take effect immediately.
14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
15 roll.
16 (The Secretary called the roll.)
17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
18 the results.
19 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.
20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
21 is passed.
22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 1206, Senate Print 7684, by Senator Chu, an act
24 to amend the Education Law.
25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the

1 last section.

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
5 roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
8 the results.

9 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
13 1207, Senate Print 7713B, by Senator Stavisky, an
14 act in relation to recovery for certain
15 overpayments.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
17 last section.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
24 the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: In relation to

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

6 Ayes, 45. Nays, 15.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 1209, Senate Print 8118, by Senator Gounardes, an
11 act to amend the Education Law.

12 SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Lay it
14 aside.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 1210, Senate Print 8374A, by Senator Persaud, an
17 act to amend the Social Services Law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
19 last section.

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce

1 the results.

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

6 Ayes, 57. Nays, 3.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 1212, Senate Print 8535, by Senator Gonzalez, an
11 act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
13 last section.

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

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
17 roll.

18 (The Secretary called the roll.)

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
20 the results.

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

1 Ayes, 49. Nays, 11.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
5 1214, Senate Print 8640, by Senator Ryan, an act
6 to amend subpart H of Part C of Chapter 20 of the
7 Laws of 2015.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
9 last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
16 the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 1216, Senate Print Number 8783A, by
22 Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to amend
23 the Labor Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
25 last section.

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
7 the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 1220, Senate Print 9104, by Senator Gonzalez, an
13 act to amend the State Technology Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
15 last section.

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

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
23 Gonzalez to explain her vote.

24 SENATOR GONZALEZ: Thank you,
25 Mr. President.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 Announce the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 1226, Assembly Bill Number 7532B, by
2 Assemblymember Solages, an act to amend the
3 General Municipal Law.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
5 last section.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
13 the results.

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

18 Ayes, 50. Nays, 10.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
20 is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 1234, Senate Print 9298, by Senator Martinez, an
23 act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
25 last section.

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
7 the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 1251, Senate Print 9270, by Senator Kavanagh, an
13 act to amend the Election Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
15 last section.

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

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
22 the results.

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

1 Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
5 1257, Assembly Bill Number 8834B, by
6 Assemblymember Weprin, an act to amend the
7 Insurance Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
9 last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
16 the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 1264, Senate Print 19, by Senator Gounardes, an
22 act to amend the Education Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
7 the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 1273, Assembly Bill Number 9678, by
13 Assemblymember Dilan, an act to amend the
14 Correction Law.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
16 last section.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
24 the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 1279, Senate Print 4598D, by Senator Bailey, an
5 act to amend the Education Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
7 last section.

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

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
11 roll.

12 (The Secretary called the roll.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
14 the results.

15 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
17 is passed.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
19 1282, Senate Print 7229A, by Senator Mayer, an
20 act to amend the Education Law.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
22 last section.

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

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the

1 roll.

2 (The Secretary called the roll.)

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
4 the results.

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

11 Ayes, 48. Nays, 12.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
13 is passed.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
15 1287, Senate Print 2086A, by Senator Kavanagh,
16 an act to amend the Executive Law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
18 last section.

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce

1 the results.

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

8 Ayes, 45. Nays, 15.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 1307, Senate Print Number 7506A, by
13 Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an act to amend the
14 Family Court Act.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
16 last section.

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

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
23 the results.

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

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

6 Ayes, 42. Nays, 18.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 1310, Assembly Bill Number 7396B, by
11 Assemblymember Lee, an act to amend the
12 Environmental Conservation Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
14 last section.

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

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
21 the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 1317, Senate Print 9235, by Senator Martinez, an
2 act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
4 last section.

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

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
8 roll.

9 (The Secretary called the roll.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
11 the results.

12 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
14 is passed.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 1352, Senate Print 7769A, by Senator Hinchey, an
17 act to amend the Public Health Law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
19 last section.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
2 the results.

3 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 1355, Senate Print 9344, by Senator Rivera, an
8 act to amend the Public Health Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
10 last section.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
17 the results.

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

24 Ayes, 43. Nays, 17.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 1397, Senate Print 7815A, by Senator Rivera, an
4 act to amend the Social Services Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
6 last section.

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

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 1410, Senate Print Number 7098A, by
18 Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an act to amend the
19 Public Builders Law.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
21 last section.

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

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
25 roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
3 Borrello to explain his vote.

4 SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you,
5 Mr. President.

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

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

20 Thank you.

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

23 Announce the results.

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

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

3 Ayes, 53. Nays, 7.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 1449, Senate Print 9137A, by Senator Gianaris, an
8 act to amend the Penal Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
10 last section.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
17 the results.

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

23 Ayes, 47. Nays, 13.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 1453, Senate Print 7036A, by Senator Ramos, an
3 act to amend the General Business Law.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
5 last section.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
13 Ramos to explain her vote.

14 SENATOR RAMOS: Thank you,
15 Mr. President.

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

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

1 tourists and keep many small businesses beating.

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

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

15 I vote aye, Mr. President.

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

18 Announce the results.

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

22 Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
24 is passed.

25 Senator Gianaris.

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

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
7 Rivera to explain his vote on Calendar Number
8 1397.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 The Secretary will read, beginning
23 with Calendar Number 1456.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 1456, Senate Print 9002, by Senator Hinchey, an

1 act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
3 last section.

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

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
7 roll.

8 (The Secretary called the roll.)

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
10 the results.

11 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
13 is passed.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
15 1460, Assembly Bill Number 7020A, by
16 Assemblymember Lupardo, an act to amend the
17 Agriculture and Markets Law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
19 last section.

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce

1 the results.

2 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 1535, Assembly Bill Number 1204A, by
7 Assemblymember Zebrowski, an act to amend the
8 Workers' Compensation Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
10 last section.

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

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
15 roll.

16 (The Secretary called the roll.)

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
18 Ramos to explain her vote.

19 SENATOR RAMOS: Thank you,
20 Mr. President.

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

1 essential coverage.

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

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

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

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

1 I vote aye.

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

4 Announce the results.

5 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
7 is passed.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 1551, Assembly Bill Number 1200, by
10 Assemblymember Epstein, an act to establish the
11 people with disabilities access to programs
12 commission.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
14 last section.

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

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
21 the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 1553, Senate Print 758, by Senator Liu, an act to
2 amend the Tax Law.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
4 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 1560, Assembly Bill Number 1353A, by
18 Assemblymember Thiele, an act in relation to the
19 eligibility of enrolled members of
20 Southampton Village Ocean Rescue for a tax
21 exemption on real property.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
23 last section.

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

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
2 roll.

3 (The Secretary called the roll.)

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
5 the results.

6 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 1561, Assembly Bill Number 1640A, by
11 Assemblymember Thiele, an act in relation to the
12 eligibility of enrolled members of the
13 East Hampton Volunteer Ocean Rescue and
14 Auxiliary Squad.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
16 last section.

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

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
23 the results.

24 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 1565, Senate Print 4289A, by Senator Oberacker,
4 an act to amend the Tax Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
6 last section.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
13 the results.

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

21 Ayes, 42. Nays, 18.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
23 is passed.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 1567, Assembly Bill Number 5265A, by

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
5 last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
12 the results.

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

16 Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 1570, Senate Print 5780A, by Senator Oberacker,
21 an act to amend the Tax Law.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
23 last section.

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

1 shall have become a law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
6 the results.

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

14 Ayes, 42. Nays, 18.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
16 is passed.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
18 1576, Senate Print Number 7586A, by
19 Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to permit
20 accidental death benefits to be awarded to the
21 beneficiary of Anthony Varvaro.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
23 last section.

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

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
2 roll.

3 (The Secretary called the roll.)

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

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

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

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

20 He was tragically killed on the way
21 to work during a 9/11 event. He was only
22 37 years old.

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

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

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

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

20 I proudly vote aye.

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

24 Announce the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 1585, Assembly Bill Number 9218, by
5 Assemblymember Norris, an act to amend the
6 General Municipal Law.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
8 last section.

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

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
12 roll.

13 (The Secretary called the roll.)

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
15 the results.

16 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 1588, Assembly Bill Number 9785A, by
21 Assemblymember Woerner, an act authorizing the
22 Village of Round Lake to extend the lease of
23 certain parklands in such village.

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

1 Read the last section.

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
5 roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
8 the results.

9 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
13 1591, Senate Print 9160, by Senator Walczyk, an
14 act to authorize the Hudson River-Black River
15 Regulating District to transfer certain state
16 lands.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
18 last section.

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

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
22 roll.

23 (The Secretary called the roll.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
25 the results.

1 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
5 1595, Senate Print 9300, by Senator Walczyk, an
6 act to authorize the Village of Clayton to offer
7 an optional 20-year retirement plan to a certain
8 police officer.

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

11 Read the last section.

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

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
15 roll.

16 (The Secretary called the roll.)

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
18 the results.

19 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
21 is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 1630, Senate Print 2355A, by Senator Felder, an
24 act to amend the Family Court Act.

25 SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Lay it
2 aside.

3 SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for
4 the day.

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

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

9 SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you.
10 Can we now take up the report of the
11 Rules Committee that's at the desk.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
13 Secretary will read.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 Senate Print 6678B, by

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Family Court Act;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Retirement and Social Security Law;

2 Senate Print 8479A, by

3 Senator Myrie, an act to amend the

4 General Business Law;

5 Senate Print 8515, by

6 Senator Jackson, an act to repeal paragraph (g)

7 of subdivision 4 of Section 209 of the

8 Civil Service Law;

9 Senate Print 8777A, by

10 Senator Addabbo, an act to amend the Racing,

11 Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law;

12 Senate Print 8849A, by

13 Senator Bailey, an act to amend the

14 Public Health Law;

15 Senate Print 8873A, by Senator Webb,

16 an act to amend the Tax Law;

17 Senate Print 8917A, by

18 Senator Sepúlveda, an act to amend the

19 Social Services Law;

20 Senate Print 8933A, by

21 Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the

22 Social Services Law;

23 Senate Print 8951A, by Senator Chu,

24 an act to amend the Highway Law;

25 Senate Print 8960, by

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 Senate Print 9569A, by

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 All bills reported direct to third
5 reading.

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

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

11 (Response of "Aye.")

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Opposed,
13 nay.

14 (No response.)

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

17 Senator Gianaris.

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

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

22 Senator Gianaris.

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

1 to get through.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
3 Secretary will read.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: So
12 ordered.

13 Senator Gianaris.

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

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
17 Secretary will read.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
19 1668, Senate Print 502, by Senator Rivera, an act
20 to amend the Criminal Procedure Law.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
22 last section.

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

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
2 roll.

3 (The Secretary called the roll.)

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
5 the results.

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

13 Ayes, 41. Nays, 19.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 1683, Senate Print 885C, by Senator Hinchey,
18 an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

19 SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Lay it
21 aside.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 1684, Senate Print 2094A, by Senator Palumbo, an
24 act authorizing the Town of Southampton to enact,
25 by a local law, a homestead exemption.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
2 last section.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
9 the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 1685, Senate Print 2708A, by Senator Harckham, an
15 act to amend the Transportation Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
17 last section.

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

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
22 roll.

23 (The Secretary called the roll.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
25 Harckham to explain his vote.

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

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

9 Since records have been kept, since
10 2007 there have been over 100 completed suicides
11 that we know on the Bridge Authority bridges.
12 There have been over -- close to 50 attempts,
13 which means survival pulled from the water or on
14 the bridge, in the act. In the past five years,
15 there have been 35 known fatalities and 23
16 attempts. And just in May, there were four
17 attempts on one bridge on one weekend. Two were
18 successful, sadly, and the two others, the bodies
19 have not been recovered, so right now they don't
20 count as statistics.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Announce the results.

2 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
4 is passed.

5 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
6 1686, Senate Print 2727B, by Senator Skoufis, an
7 act to amend the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law.

8 SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for
9 the day.

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

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

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
15 1688, Senate Print 4249, by Senator Borrello, an
16 act to authorize the towns of Harmony and
17 North Harmony in Chautauqua County to elect a
18 single town justice.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
20 last section.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
2 the results.

3 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 1689, Senate Print 4400C, by Senator Webb, an act
8 to amend the Education Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
10 last section.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

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

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

20 Last month Binghamton University
21 installed a 24/7-accessible vending machine in
22 the Glenn G. Bartle Library that sells
23 \$10 emergency contraceptives to ensure that
24 students have access to this safe, effective and
25 important contraceptive medicine when they need

1 it most.

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

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

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

23 Just some quick data points. In
24 2011, 76 percent of pregnancies among
25 18-to-19-year-olds were unintended, and

1 59 percent were unintended among
2 20-to-24-year-olds. This came from the Institute
3 for Women's Policy Research.

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

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

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

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

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

1 Thank you, Mr. President.

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

4 Announce the results.

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

12 Ayes, 42. Nays, 18.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
14 is passed.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 1690, Senate Print 5868B, by Senator Harckham, an
17 act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
19 last section.

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

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
23 roll.

24 (The Secretary called the roll.)

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator

1 Harckham to explain his vote.

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

4 Just very quickly, when this body
5 and the former Governor negotiated the prevailing
6 wage bills of two thousand -- I believe it was
7 '19 or '20, one of the areas that was left out
8 was brownfield work. And we have been trying to
9 address that with our partners from labor.

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

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

21 I'll be voting aye.

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

24 Announce the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 1691, Senate Print 6044B, by Senator Bailey, an
5 act to amend the Public Health Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
7 last section.

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

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
12 roll.

13 (The Secretary called the roll.)

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
15 the results.

16 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 1692, Assembly Bill Number 7701A, by
21 Assemblymember Jean-Pierre, an act to amend the
22 Veterans' Services Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
7 the results.

8 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
10 is passed.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 1693, Senate Print 6678B, by Senator Rolison, an
13 act to amend the General Business Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
15 Gianaris.

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

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

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 1694, Senate Print 6748B, by Senator Gianaris, an
23 act to amend the General Business Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
25 last section.

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
7 the results.

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

15 Ayes, 42. Nays, 18.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
17 is passed.

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
19 1695, Senate Print 6936, by Senator Stavisky, an
20 act to amend the Education Law.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
22 last section.

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

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the

1 roll.

2 (The Secretary called the roll.)

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
4 the results.

5 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
7 is passed.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 1696, Senate Print 7000B, by Senator Mannion, an
10 act to amend the Education Law.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
12 last section.

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

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
17 roll.

18 (The Secretary called the roll.)

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
20 the results.

21 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
23 is passed.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 1697, Senate Print 7071A, by Senator O'Mara, an

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

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

6 Read the last section.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
13 the results.

14 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
16 is passed.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
18 1698, Assembly Bill Number 6310A, by
19 Assemblymember Brown, an act relating to
20 establishing the power plant tax assessment
21 challenge reserve fund.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
23 last section.

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

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
2 roll.

3 (The Secretary called the roll.)

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
5 the results.

6 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 1699, Senate Print 7288B, by Senator Fernandez,
11 an act to amend the Insurance Law.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
13 last section.

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

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
17 roll.

18 (The Secretary called the roll.)

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
20 Fernandez to explain her vote.

21 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Thank you,
22 Mr. President.

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

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

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

9 Thank you. I vote aye.

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

12 Announce the results.

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

16 Ayes, 57. Nays, 3.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 1700, Senate Print 7379, by Senator Webb, an act
21 to amend the General Construction Law.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
23 last section.

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

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
7 Webb to explain her vote.

8 SENATOR WEBB: Thank you,
9 Mr. President.

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

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

1 City of New York as part of Operation Trade
2 Center.

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

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

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

21 Thank you, Mr. President.

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

24 Announce the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 1701, Senate Print 7447, by Senator Persaud, an
5 act to amend the Family Court Act.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
7 last section.

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

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
12 roll.

13 (The Secretary called the roll.)

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
15 the results.

16 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
18 is passed.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 1702, Senate Print 7449, by Senator Rivera, an
21 act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
23 last section.

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

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
2 roll.

3 (The Secretary called the roll.)

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
5 the results.

6 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 1703, Senate Print --

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

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
15 1704, Assembly Bill Number 5802A, by
16 Assemblymember Solages, an act in relation to
17 authorizing the County of Nassau to accept an
18 application for a real property tax exemption.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
20 last section.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
2 the results.

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

6 Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 1705, Senate Print 7777A, by Senator Serrano, an
11 act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
13 last section.

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

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
21 the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 1706, Senate Print 7806B, by Senator Serrano, an
2 act to amend the Parks, Recreation and Historic
3 Preservation Law.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
5 last section.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
13 the results.

14 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
15 Calendar 1706, voting in the negative:
16 Senator Ortt.

17 Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 1707, Senate Print 7823B, by Senator Serrano, an
22 act to amend the Social Services Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

1 act shall take effect immediately.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
3 roll.

4 (The Secretary called the roll.)

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
6 the results.

7 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
9 is passed.

10 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
11 1708, Assembly Bill Number 8913, by
12 Assemblymember Epstein, an act to amend the
13 Financial Services Law.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
15 last section.

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

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
22 the results.

23 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
24 Calendar 1708, those Senators voting in the
25 negative are Senators Borrello, Gallivan, Griffio,

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

3 Ayes, 46. Nays, 14.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
7 1709, Assembly Bill Number 9084, by
8 Assemblymember Jones, an act to amend the
9 Retirement and Social Security Law.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
11 last section.

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

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
15 roll.

16 (The Secretary called the roll.)

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
18 the results.

19 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
21 is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 1710, Senate Print 8479A, by Senator Myrie, an
24 act to amend the General Business Law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the

1 last section.

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
5 roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
8 May to explain her vote.

9 SENATOR MAY: Thank you,
10 Mr. President.

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

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

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

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

9 I vote aye.

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

12 Announce the results.

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

19 Ayes, 46. Nays, 15.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
21 is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 1711, Senate Print 8515, by Senator Jackson, an
24 act to repeal paragraph (g) of subdivision 4 of
25 Section 209 of the Civil Service Law.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
2 last section.

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

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

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

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

12 (Laughter.)

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
14 Secretary will read.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 1713, Senate Print 8777A, by Senator Addabbo, an
17 act to amend the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and
18 Breeding Law.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
20 last section.

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

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
24 roll.

25 (The Secretary called the roll.)

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
2 the results.

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

6 Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 1714, Senate Print 8849A, by Senator Bailey, an
11 act to amend the Public Health Law.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
13 last section.

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

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
21 the results.

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

25 Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 1715, Senate Print 8873A, by Senator Webb, an act
5 to amend the Tax Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
7 last section.

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

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
12 roll.

13 (The Secretary called the roll.)

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
15 Webb to explain her vote.

16 SENATOR WEBB: Thank you,
17 Mr. President.

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

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

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

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

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

25 Swipe Out Hunger has over 750

1 partnerships throughout the country, and over
2 60 institutions, as I mentioned earlier, here in
3 New York. Let's ensure that our students have
4 access to nutritious meals that will help them in
5 order to learn and be successful in their
6 educational pursuits.

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

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

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

16 Announce the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 1716, Senate Print 8917A, by Senator Sepúlveda,
22 an act to amend the Social Services Law.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
24 last section.

25 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

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

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
4 roll.

5 (The Secretary called the roll.)

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
7 the results.

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

11 Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
13 is passed.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
15 1717, Senate Print 8933A, by Senator Hinchey, an
16 act to amend the Social Services Law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
18 last section.

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

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
22 roll.

23 (The Secretary called the roll.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
25 the results.

1 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
5 1718, Senate Print 8951A, by Senator Chu, an act
6 to amend the Highway Law.

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

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 1719, Assembly Bill Number 9932, by
11 Assemblymember Pheffer Amato, an act to amend the
12 Civil Service Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
14 last section.

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

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
18 roll.

19 (The Secretary called the roll.)

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
21 the results.

22 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
24 is passed.

25 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1 1720, Senate Print 9043A, by Senator Mayer, an
2 act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

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

5 Read the last section.

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
9 roll.

10 (The Secretary called the roll.)

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
12 the results.

13 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
17 1721, Assembly Bill Number 9839A, by
18 Assemblymember Sillitti, an act in relation to
19 authorizing the County of Nassau assessor to
20 accept an application for a real property tax
21 exemption.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
23 last section.

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

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
2 roll.

3 (The Secretary called the roll.)

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
5 the results.

6 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
10 1722, Assembly Bill Number 10281, by
11 Assemblymember Solages, an act to amend the
12 State Finance Law.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
14 last section.

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

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
19 roll.

20 (The Secretary called the roll.)

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
22 the results.

23 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 1724, Assembly Bill Number 10219, by
3 Assemblymember McDonald, an act to amend the
4 Abandoned Property Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
6 last section.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
13 the results.

14 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
16 is passed.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
18 1725, Senate Print 9422, by Senator Skoufis, an
19 act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
21 last section.

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

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
25 roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)
2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
3 the results.
4 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.
5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
6 is passed.
7 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
8 1726, Assembly Bill Number 10342, by
9 Assemblymember Burgos, an act to amend the
10 Insurance Law.
11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
12 last section.
13 THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This
14 act shall take effect on the 30th day after it
15 shall have become a law.
16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
17 roll.
18 (The Secretary called the roll.)
19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
20 the results.
21 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.
22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
23 is passed.
24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 1727, Senate Print 9634, by Senator Jackson, an

1 act to amend the Retirement and Social Security
2 Law.

3 SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for
4 the day.

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

7 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
8 1728, Senate Print 9695, by Senator Brisport, an
9 act to amend the Family Court Act.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
11 last section.

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

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
16 roll.

17 (The Secretary called the roll.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
19 the results.

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

23 Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
2 1729, Senate Print 9696, by Senator Brisport, an
3 act to amend the Family Court Act.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
5 last section.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
13 the results.

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

18 Ayes, 56. Nays, 5.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
20 is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 1730, Senate Print 9699A, by Senator Kavanagh, an
23 act to amend the Private Housing Finance Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
25 last section.

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
5 roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
8 the results.

9 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
13 1731, Senate Print 9700, by Senator Stavisky, an
14 act to amend the Education Law.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
16 last section.

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

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
23 the results.

24 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill

1 is passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
3 1732, Senate Print 9711, by Senator Krueger, an
4 act to amend the Tax Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
6 last section.

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

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
10 roll.

11 (The Secretary called the roll.)

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
13 the results.

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

20 Ayes, 46. Nays, 15.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
22 is passed.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
24 1733, Senate Print 9712, by Senator Persaud, an
25 act to amend the Family Court Act.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
2 last section.

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

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
7 roll.

8 (The Secretary called the roll.)

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
10 the results.

11 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
13 is passed.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
15 1734, Assembly Bill Number 10221, by
16 Assemblymember Woerner, an act to amend the
17 Abandoned Property Law.

18 SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for
19 the day.

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

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 1735, Senate Print Number 9730, by
24 Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an act to amend Chapter 1
25 of the Laws of 2023.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
2 last section.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
9 the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 1736, Senate Print 9743, by Senator Serrano, an
15 act to amend the State Finance Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
17 last section.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
24 the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 1737, Assembly Bill Number 7348, by
5 Assemblymember Dickens, an act to amend the
6 Family Court Act.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
8 last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
16 the results.

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

21 Ayes, 55. Nays, 6.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
23 is passed.

24 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
25 1738, Senate Print 9763, by Senator Mayer, an act

1 to amend the Village Law.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
3 last section.

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

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
7 roll.

8 (The Secretary called the roll.)

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
10 the results.

11 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
13 is passed.

14 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
15 1739, Senate Print 9785, by Senator Cleare, an
16 act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
18 last section.

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

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
22 roll.

23 (The Secretary called the roll.)

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
25 the results.

1 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
3 is passed.

4 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
5 1740, Assembly Bill Number 7395, by
6 Assemblymember Darling, an act to amend the
7 Mental Hygiene Law.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
9 last section.

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
14 roll.

15 (The Secretary called the roll.)

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
17 the results.

18 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
20 is passed.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 1741, Senate Print Number 9790, by
23 Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to amend the
24 Veterans' Services Law.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the

1 last section.

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
5 roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
8 the results.

9 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
13 1742, Senate Print Number 9791, by
14 Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to amend the
15 General Business Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
17 last section.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
24 the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 1743, Senate Print 9806, by Senator Addabbo, an
5 act to amend the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and
6 Breeding Law.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
8 last section.

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

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
13 roll.

14 (The Secretary called the roll.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
16 the results.

17 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
19 is passed.

20 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
21 1744, Senate Print Number 9807, by
22 Senator Stewart-Cousins, an act in relation to
23 authorizing the state to exchange parcels of land
24 located in the City of Yonkers.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the

1 last section.

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

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
5 roll.

6 (The Secretary called the roll.)

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
8 the results.

9 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
13 1745, Senate Print 9812A, by Senator Skoufis, an
14 act to amend the Retirement and Social Security
15 Law.

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

18 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
19 1746, Senate Print 9818, by Senator Jackson, an
20 act to amend the Civil Service Law.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
22 last section.

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

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the

1 roll.

2 (The Secretary called the roll.)

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
4 the results.

5 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
7 is passed.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 1747, Senate Print 9819, by Senator Jackson, an
10 act to amend the Civil Service Law.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
12 last section.

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

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
16 roll.

17 (The Secretary called the roll.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
19 the results.

20 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
22 is passed.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
24 1748, Senate Print 9820, by Senator Jackson, an
25 act to amend the Civil Service Law.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
2 last section.

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

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
6 roll.

7 (The Secretary called the roll.)

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
9 the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
14 1749, Senate Print 9821, by Senator Jackson, an
15 act to amend the Civil Service Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
17 last section.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
21 roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
24 the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
2 is passed.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
4 1750, Senate Print 9822, by Senator Sepúlveda, an
5 act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

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

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

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
12 1753, Senate Print 9569A, by Senator Breslin, an
13 act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

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

16 Read the last section.

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

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
20 roll.

21 (The Secretary called the roll.)

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
23 the results.

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

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

4 Ayes, 52. Nays, 9.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
6 is passed.

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

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

11 Let's take that up.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
13 Secretary will read.

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

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

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

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

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

25 As a member of the New York State

1 Olympic Regional Development Authority:

2 Jennifer Holderied.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: All those
9 in favor of accepting the report of the
10 Finance Committee, signify by saying aye.

11 (Response of "Aye.")

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Opposed,
13 nay.

14 (No response.)

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
16 report of the Finance Committee is accepted.

17 Senator Krueger on the nominations.

18 SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you very
19 much, Mr. President.

20 So as everyone knows, it is the end
21 of session, hence confirmations are coming
22 through the Governor to us at all of our
23 different committees, and our committees have
24 been meeting either in conjunction with the
25 Finance Committee or separately.

1 The list that was just read to you
2 is another list from the Governor that we have
3 interviewed and accepted all of the nominations.

4 The first two, Jonathan Kaiman and
5 Lily Fan, are actually paid commissioners for the
6 State of New York. And the remaining members
7 that were just read off, or people, are all
8 members of various councils and authorities and
9 commissions and control boards that are often
10 overlooked on a daily basis but play important
11 roles to make sure the State of New York is
12 operating appropriately, is responding to our
13 communities.

14 We are very grateful for all of
15 those people to be willing to serve in these
16 positions because, truthfully, they're a lot of
17 work. You get paid a per diem. And you just go
18 about your lives trying to do right by the
19 20 million New Yorkers you'll probably never
20 meet.

21 So I want to encourage all of my
22 colleagues to vote yes. And in their absence,
23 because obviously they're not all here with us,
24 thank them all for being willing to serve in
25 these positions.

1 Thank you, Mr. President.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
3 Gianaris.

4 SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, I
5 move to accept the report of the
6 Finance Committee that Senator Krueger was just
7 speaking on.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
9 question is on the nominations -- excuse me.

10 All those in favor of accepting the
11 report of the Finance Committee, signify by
12 saying aye.

13 (Response of "Aye.")

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Opposed,
15 nay.

16 (No response.)

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
18 report of the Finance Committee is accepted.

19 Senator Gianaris.

20 The question is on the nominations.
21 Call the roll.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
24 the results.

25 THE SECRETARY: In relation to the

1 nominations, voting in the negative:

2 Senator Murray.

3 Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
5 nominees are confirmed.

6 Senator Gianaris.

7 SENATOR GIANARIS: Let's move on to
8 the controversial calendar.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
10 Secretary will ring the bell.

11 The Secretary will read.

12 For clarity, we're going to the
13 controversial calendar on the original calendar.

14 The Secretary will read.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 918, Senate Print 4880C, by Senator Fernandez, an
17 act to amend the Public Health Law.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
19 Murray, why do you rise?

20 SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you,
21 Mr. President. Would the sponsor yield for a few
22 questions?

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the
24 sponsor yield?

25 The sponsor yields.

1 SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you.

2 Through you, Mr. President. How
3 many local governments have requested these
4 testing -- these testing sites? And what is the
5 estimated cost involved?

6 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Well, this past
7 year I did a statewide tour, probably visited
8 more than 30 to -- 30 facilities all over the
9 state, and almost all of them have requested this
10 type of program.

11 SENATOR MURRAY: Through you,
12 Mr. President, will the sponsor continue to
13 yield?

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the
15 sponsor yield?

16 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
18 sponsor yields.

19 SENATOR MURRAY: We also have
20 state-run testing sites already, those were
21 approved. How many do we have across the state?

22 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Right now we
23 have five upstate and five in New York City.

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

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the
2 sponsor yield?

3 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
5 sponsor yields.

6 SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you.

7 And what specific contaminants are
8 we testing for at these sites?

9 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Anything that
10 is in there. Right now the machines can test for
11 up to six -- six contaminants.

12 SENATOR MURRAY: Mr. President,
13 will the sponsor continue to yield.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the
15 sponsor yield?

16 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
18 sponsor yields.

19 SENATOR MURRAY: Would that include
20 fentanyl and xylazine and others?

21 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Yes, we
22 found fentanyl and xylazine currently in the drug
23 supply. And actually, just this weekend, one of
24 these machines did find a new drug that is out
25 there, medetomidine, if I'm pronouncing it

1 correctly. Medetomidine. Yes.

2 SENATOR MURRAY: Mr. President,
3 will the sponsor continue to yield?

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the
5 sponsor yield?

6 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
8 sponsor yields.

9 SENATOR MURRAY: So -- now the
10 state, as we've already established, we have the
11 testing sites. But we also, the state also has
12 the syringe exchange programs. And we also
13 provide drug testing strips that specifically
14 focus on fentanyl and xylazine. In fact,
15 according to OASAS, in 2022 they distributed over
16 9 million fentanyl test strips and over
17 6.8 million xylazine test strips.

18 Are they not working? Is that the
19 reason why we need these additional test sites,
20 is this not working?

21 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: It is working.
22 But it's not just telling you if it's there or
23 not, it's showing how much of the supply is
24 contaminated with fentanyl or xylazine or, again,
25 new drugs.

1 And that is a big part of this bill,
2 that it is adding a data collecting component to
3 our system that we don't have right now. This
4 bill is important because as the drug supply and
5 the illicit market continues to grow and to
6 honestly change with, you know, the restrictions
7 that we do put, this will help us track what is
8 out there, how much is out there, and where it's
9 coming from.

10 SENATOR MURRAY: Mr. President,
11 will the sponsor continue to yield.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the
13 sponsor yield?

14 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
16 sponsor yields.

17 SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you.

18 Now -- so we do the testing and it
19 comes up positive for fentanyl or for xylazine or
20 something. What happens next? Do we confiscate
21 those drugs?

22 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: The bill
23 doesn't say if you have to.

24 SENATOR MURRAY: Would the sponsor
25 continue to yield.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the
2 sponsor yield?

3 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
5 sponsor yields.

6 SENATOR MURRAY: So to clarify,
7 we're -- we're not -- in fact, the bill -- what
8 the bill does say here is -- let's see. It says
9 disposing of or arranging for the disposal of any
10 sample of drug or substance used in testing and
11 any drug or substance surrendered by any
12 individual.

13 So they would have to voluntarily
14 surrender the drugs, even after it tested and
15 said it was positive. Is that correct?

16 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Yes. And in
17 these places where we are testing, it's not just
18 test your drugs, choose what you want. We have
19 professionals there that are constantly guiding
20 and suggesting what to do next, whether to use
21 it, whether to dispose it. And thus giving that
22 person more education on the spot of what is the
23 best decision for themselves.

24 SENATOR MURRAY: Would the sponsor
25 continue to yield.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the
2 sponsor yield?

3 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
5 sponsor yields.

6 SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you.

7 And if they, again, get a positive
8 test result -- again, I'll stick with fentanyl.
9 Say, for example, fentanyl -- are the results
10 given to law enforcement to allow them to use
11 that to go after the dealer that's pushing this
12 poison?

13 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: No.

14 SENATOR MURRAY: No, okay.

15 Mr. President, on the bill.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
17 Murray on the bill.

18 SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you. Thank
19 you, Senator Fernandez.

20 So again, as you said, the testing,
21 the educating, that's all great. That's --
22 that's wonderful. We should be doing much of
23 that. But we are doing much of that, with the
24 test strips and otherwise.

25 But the main difference is it seems

1 to be the approach, and that's the concern I have
2 right now. See, our conference wants to focus on
3 preventative measures. Nowhere in this bill --
4 so someone could come in, bring their drugs they
5 just got from the dealer, say I want to get it
6 tested. They test it, they find yes, this has
7 fentanyl or xylazine or some deadly drug, and
8 they don't even give it up. They'll then --
9 they're perfectly welcome to go ahead and
10 continue to use the drug.

11 So they could use the drug that
12 already has been shown to have these deadly other
13 drugs or substances in them. In fact, in
14 speaking to some in the drug counseling and in
15 the rehabilitation community, they've told me
16 that some people are actually going out, using
17 some of the test strips to find out if they do
18 have fentanyl or xylazine, because it's a bigger
19 high for them. They're actually looking for it.
20 They're using this as a tool to find the drugs
21 that have the deadly additives in there.

22 So it's kind of working against us.
23 And that's why, rather than putting this focus on
24 finding out whether the drug is here, we should
25 be stopping the use. We should be putting more

1 of a focus on helping these people to stop using
2 the drugs. In fact, we talk about xylazine.
3 Xylazine in the bill -- we're testing for
4 xylazine because it's so deadly, it's so
5 terrible. We want to let people know if it's in
6 those -- in the marijuana or whatever other drug
7 they're using. We want to let them know because
8 it's so deadly.

9 And yet -- in the budget this year
10 we had, in the budget, legislation and language
11 to make xylazine a controlled substance, and yet
12 the majorities in both houses took that language
13 out. We took a step backwards. Now we're
14 testing for it, because it's so deadly and so
15 bad, and yet we wouldn't even make it a
16 controlled substance.

17 This is what I mean by our approach
18 just isn't right. We've got the testing in
19 place, but why can't we focus more on helping
20 these people to stop using these substances, to
21 help them? We introduced a package of four
22 bills, including Chelsea's Law, which would allow
23 law enforcement to go after the dealers who are
24 pushing this poison. It's gone nowhere.

25 So I think we are taking the wrong

1 approach here. Rather than adding on to what
2 we're already doing as far as testing, maybe we
3 shift gears, spend the money we're going to spend
4 here, put the effort in that we're putting here
5 into helping these people get off of these
6 substances, to stop using. We want to save
7 lives? That's how we save lives.

8 And for that reason, Mr. President,
9 I'll be voting no.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Are there
11 any other Senators wishing to be heard?

12 Seeing and hearing none, debate is
13 closed.

14 Senator Gianaris.

15 SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to restore
16 this bill to the noncontroversial calendar.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
18 will be restored to the noncontroversial
19 calendar.

20 Read the last section.

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

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
25 roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
3 Fernandez to explain her vote.

4 SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Thank you,
5 Mr. President.

6 This bill actually would help reduce
7 usage. In San Francisco, for people whose
8 substances tested positive for fentanyl,
9 30.1 percent reduced their use, and 26.5 disposed
10 of the substance altogether. This is encouraging
11 safer practice, not using.

12 And to say that it's -- that the
13 solution is criminal -- is -- I'm sorry. To say
14 that the solution is to further criminalize and
15 make controlled substances, we have proof that it
16 doesn't work. We've been trying to do that. The
17 war on drugs showed that it hasn't worked.

18 And I've said it on this floor
19 before, that when we controlled fentanyl, it has
20 only increased. Doing that tells the dealers how
21 to change the formula so then it's not on the
22 controlled list.

23 But this bill that I bring before
24 you today is a critical measure aimed at
25 combating the devastating opioid epidemic that's

1 gripping our state. This legislation aims to
2 establish a drug checking services program, in
3 collaboration with the Department of Health and
4 the Office of Addiction Services. New York finds
5 itself at the epicenter of an opioid crisis, with
6 staggering rates of overdose deaths surpassing
7 national averages.

8 Shockingly, over 30 individuals per
9 100,000 succumb to drug overdoses annually in our
10 state. These tragic deaths are not merely
11 statistics; they represent our friends,
12 neighbors, loved ones -- and they're entirely
13 preventable.

14 The severity of the opioid crisis
15 has been exacerbated in recent years by the
16 proliferation of substances like fentanyl,
17 xylazine, now medetomidine, which are often
18 mixed, synthesized with other drugs and sold to
19 unsuspecting consumers. Again, just this weekend
20 OASAS released an advisory on a new sedative
21 alternative, medetomidine, which has started to
22 appear in the illicit drug supply.

23 Compounding the issue is that some
24 of these substances do not respond to lifesaving
25 opioid antagonists like naloxone. To confront

1 the crisis head-on and save lives, it is
2 imperative that we equip individuals with the
3 knowledge they need to make informed decisions
4 about drug use.

5 As we continue to find solutions to
6 this crisis, we will continue to collect data in
7 a great level to stay updated on new adulterants
8 and how we can stay prepared to combat them. The
9 proposed drug checking services program will
10 provide individuals with a safe and confidential
11 means to test their drugs for contaminants, toxic
12 substances, or hazardous compounds. Importantly,
13 this service will be offered without fear of
14 retribution or involvement with the criminal
15 justice system.

16 By empowering individuals to
17 understand the composition of the substances they
18 are consuming, we enable them to take proactive
19 steps to protect their health and well-being.
20 The overarching goal of this bill is simple yet
21 profound, to prevent needless loss of life and
22 alleviate the devastating impact of the opioid
23 crisis on our communities.

24 Through the establishment of a
25 drug checking services program, we signal our

1 commitment to harm reduction, public health, and
2 compassionate support for those struggling with
3 substance use disorders.

4 In conclusion, I urge my Senate
5 colleagues to support this vital legislation.
6 Every moment lost is a life hanging in the
7 balance, a family torn apart by grief, and a
8 community left to mourn. Let us stand united in
9 our efforts to confront the opioid epidemic with
10 evidence-based solutions that provide health and
11 safety for all New Yorkers.

12 I vote aye.

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

15 Announce the results.

16 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
17 Calendar 918, those Senators voting in the
18 negative are Senators Borrello,
19 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Felder, Gallivan, Griffo,
20 Helming, Lanza, Martinez, Martins, Mattera,
21 Murray, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Skoufis, Tedisco,
22 Weber and Weik.

23 Ayes, 43. Nays, 18.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
25 is passed.

1 Senator Gianaris.

2 SENATOR GIANARIS: Getting back to
3 the controversial calendar, can we take up
4 Calendar 1016, please.

5 SENATOR MURRAY: The Secretary will
6 ring the bell.

7 The Secretary will read.

8 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
9 1016, Senate Print 2078B, by Senator Kavanagh, an
10 act to amend the Multiple Dwelling Law.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
12 Helming, why do you rise?

13 SENATOR HELMING: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. If the sponsor will yield for a
15 few questions.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the
17 sponsor yield?

18 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes,
19 Mr. President.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
21 sponsor yields.

22 SENATOR HELMING: Through you,
23 Mr. President.

24 Senator Kavanagh, good evening.

25 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you,

1 Mr. President, good evening.

2 (Laughter.)

3 SENATOR HELMING: Through you,
4 Mr. President.

5 Senator Kavanagh, can you tell me,
6 does this legislation -- does this bill cover
7 New York City or the entire state?

8 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you,
9 Mr. President, this bill covers both New York
10 City -- covers the entire state through two
11 separate sets of amendments. One is to the
12 Multiple Dwelling Law, which applies to New York
13 City, and one is to the Multiple Residence Law,
14 which basically applies to every other part of
15 the state -- every village, town, or city in the
16 state.

17 SENATOR HELMING: Through you,
18 Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to
19 yield.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the
21 sponsor yield?

22 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes,
23 Mr. President.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
25 sponsor yields.

1 SENATOR HELMING: Senator Kavanagh,
2 so the portion of the bill that relates to
3 providing -- that requires the property owner to
4 provide free keys to all lawful tenants and
5 lawful occupants at no cost, does that apply for
6 the entire state?

7 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you,
8 Mr. President, yes.

9 The bill has basically a series of
10 precisely parallel provisions. There's a -- the
11 first half of the bill covers -- is changes to
12 the Multiple Dwelling Law, and the second half of
13 the bill is identical changes to the Multiple
14 Residence Law. So any provision in this bill --
15 as far as I know, there's no difference
16 whatsoever. Any bill -- any provision of this
17 bill that applies to New York City also applies
18 in the rest of the state. And vice versa.

19 SENATOR HELMING: Through you,
20 Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to
21 yield.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the
23 sponsor yield?

24 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes,
25 Mr. President.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: And good
2 evening. I forgot to say that.

3 SENATOR HELMING: Thank you.
4 Senator Kavanagh, so it's my
5 understanding -- and I'm wondering if you can
6 confirm if this is accurate -- that a property
7 owner is required to provide a key, key fob,
8 digital key or keycard at no cost to all lawful
9 tenants and lawful occupants. Is that correct?

10 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you,
11 Mr. President, just a little clarification.

12 This bill applies to landlords of
13 multiple dwellings who choose to implement these
14 systems, these smart-card digital systems.
15 It's -- the bill calls them smart access systems,
16 but these are systems that use electronic or
17 computerized technology, radio frequency
18 identification cards, mobile phone applications,
19 biometric identifiers, or other digital
20 technology in order to grant access.

21 So the bill does not require
22 landlords who don't choose to implement those
23 systems to do anything. But if they choose to
24 implement those systems, they have to provide the
25 necessary mechanism to access the unit to any

1 lawful occupant and up to four guests of that
2 occupant at no charge.

3 SENATOR HELMING: Thank you.

4 Through you, Mr. President, if the
5 sponsor will continue to yield.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the
7 sponsor yield?

8 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes,
9 Mr. President.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
11 sponsor yields.

12 SENATOR HELMING: So Senator
13 Kavanagh, just trying to drill down on that, up
14 to four keys for every lawful occupant. Can you
15 tell me, does lawful occupant include children
16 under the age of 18?

17 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you,
18 Mr. President. The lawful occupants does
19 include -- the term does include people -- lawful
20 occupants of the apartment under 18. The bill
21 says that those -- that people under 18 who are
22 lawful occupants are entitled to a key if their
23 parent or guardian who is the tenant requests
24 that they have their own key.

25 SENATOR HELMING: Through you,

1 Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to
2 yield.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the
4 sponsor yield?

5 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes,
6 Mr. President.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
8 sponsor yields.

9 SENATOR HELMING: And so if the
10 parent also agrees, each child under the age of
11 18 -- and I'm assuming over 18, anyone who's
12 residing in there -- can request up to four
13 additional keys per person.

14 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you,
15 Mr. President, it's per -- the tenant or lawful
16 occupant may have -- I'm sorry, there's a -- the
17 bill requires that each lawful occupant have the
18 means to get into the unit, plus four additional
19 guests.

20 I don't read it to mean that each
21 resident of the unit -- if there are five people
22 in a household, I don't read it to mean that each
23 of them gets four guests. I think that the
24 unit -- up to four guest keys per unit would be
25 permitted.

1 SENATOR HELMING: Through you,
2 Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to
3 yield.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the
5 sponsor yield?

6 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
8 sponsor does yield.

9 SENATOR HELMING: So,
10 Senator Kavanagh, can you point out in the bill
11 where it limits the number of keys that a
12 property owner is required to provide for free,
13 where it's limited to four?

14 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you,
15 Mr. President, it's going to take a -- you know,
16 it's a long bill. Let me find the precise
17 provision here.

18 Through you, Mr. President, again,
19 this provision appears twice identically. But
20 the first instance of this is on page 2, line 45.
21 It's subdivision (d). It says: All lawful
22 tenants and lawful occupants shall be provided
23 with a key or key fob, all the various options
24 for accessing.

25 The term "lawful occupants" includes

1 children, et cetera, under the age of 18 --
2 again, if their parent or guardian requests it.

3 And then it says tenants and lawful
4 occupants may also receive up to four additional
5 keys or digital -- you know, again, the list of
6 various options.

7 And then it says the term "guests"
8 shall include family members and friends who can
9 reasonably be expected to visit on a regular
10 basis or visit as needed to care for the tenant,
11 lawful occupant, or dwelling unit if the tenant
12 or lawful occupant is away.

13 SENATOR HELMING: Thank you.

14 Through you, Mr. President, if the
15 sponsor will continue to yield.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the
17 sponsor yield?

18 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes,
19 Mr. President.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
21 sponsor yields.

22 SENATOR HELMING: So the way I read
23 that, Senator Kavanagh, is that each and every
24 tenant, each and every lawful occupant -- which
25 also includes every child under the age of 18 --

1 is issued a free key and may request up to four
2 additional keys each.

3 In addition, and you touched on this
4 a bit, that also the landlord or property owner
5 is required to provide, at no cost to the tenant
6 or legal occupant, keys or keycards or fobs,
7 whatever, for employees or guests.

8 "Guests" are defined here; it says
9 "shall include family members and friends who can
10 reasonably be expected to visit on a regular
11 basis or will need to care for the tenant."

12 But talking about employees, can you
13 answer for me, if a tenant is operating a
14 business out of the unit, could they then request
15 from the property owner free keys for all their
16 employees?

17 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you,
18 Mr. President. Again, just to go back, there are
19 two separate issues there.

20 The first one is I don't believe
21 that it would be a -- I will say for the record,
22 as the sponsor. It is not the intent that, say,
23 my five-year-old gets four keys for their friends
24 who might be visiting. I believe that the
25 four -- the four key limit would be applied to

1 the whole housing unit. There are up to four
2 guests per tenant, not four guests times the
3 number of lawful occupants.

4 That's -- that's -- I don't think
5 that's an interpretation -- I will also note that
6 a similar provision has been on the books in
7 New York City, and that's not -- for several
8 years, and hasn't been interpreted that way.

9 In terms of employees, it -- the
10 bill makes it clear that in -- I -- the provision
11 about -- excuse me one second. (Pause.)

12 The provision -- the additional
13 provision that specifies that some of those
14 recipients of additional keys could be caregivers
15 or employers -- employees, rather -- I think it's
16 clear in the language and from the context that
17 what we're talking about is potential household
18 employees, not somebody who is running a business
19 out of their apartment.

20 So, you know, again -- and again,
21 that -- that is a -- the provision that you're
22 referring to there is specific to -- is -- is
23 specifying that those particular recipients of
24 keys may have an expiration date placed on
25 their -- on their keycard or other device.

1 So again, I don't think -- I also --
2 I don't read the employee or caregiver provision
3 as additional to the four guest cards that would
4 be permitted.

5 SENATOR HELMING: Thank you.

6 Through you, Mr. President, if the
7 sponsor will continue to yield.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the
9 sponsor yield?

10 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes,
11 Mr. President.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
13 sponsor yields.

14 SENATOR HELMING: So in the bill
15 language -- you know, a lot of times we talk
16 about the intent of a bill, but what I'm charged
17 with here is reading the actual language that's
18 in the bill. And actual language does describe
19 guests, but it does not limit employees. It
20 could include any employee that the tenant or any
21 occupant could hire, even if they're running a
22 business. They could put a request in writing to
23 the property owner, and the property owner would
24 be required, according to this bill, to provide
25 keys at no cost.

1 Senator Kavanagh, is there anything
2 in this legislation that limits, that says once
3 you reach a certain threshold of free keys, you
4 can't go beyond that point?

5 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you,
6 Mr. President. I'm not talking about some
7 hypothetical intent here, although I did think it
8 was worth clarifying that, you know, small
9 children don't get four guests of their own,
10 because my colleague raised that.

11 But the bill -- the provisions we're
12 talking about are I think quite clear in black
13 and white -- or in green, on my paper. The
14 provision with respect to employees says
15 "Employees, including contractors, professional
16 caregivers or other services providers, may have
17 an expiration date placed on their key, keycard,
18 digital key or key fob, which may be extended
19 upon the tenant's or lawful occupant's request."

20 That sentence does not add
21 additional keys for employees. There is a
22 clear -- there is a clear limit in the bill. The
23 bill says if you're a lawful occupant, every
24 lawful occupant is entitled to a key, and in
25 addition, you're entitled to four guest keys. A

1 guest is not -- is someone other than a lawful
2 occupant who might be expected to visit, and that
3 would include employees like caregivers.

4 SENATOR HELMING: Through you,
5 Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to
6 yield.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the
8 sponsor yield?

9 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes,
10 Mr. President.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
12 sponsor yields.

13 SENATOR HELMING: Actually,
14 Mr. President, on the bill first.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
16 Helming on the bill.

17 SENATOR HELMING: So if the sponsor
18 had continued to read, it's very clear. It says:
19 "The owner shall not set limits on the number of
20 keys, key fobs, digital keys or key cards a
21 tenant or lawful occupant may request."

22 So, Mr. President, if the sponsor
23 will continue to yield for questions.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
25 Kavanagh, do you yield?

1 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes,
2 Mr. President.

3 I would respond to my colleague's
4 comment.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: You may.

6 SENATOR KAVANAGH: The bill -- the
7 bill is clear that four lawful occupants are
8 entitled -- that, sorry, lawful occupants are
9 entitled, plus four. And that one is entitled to
10 a replacement key if one loses a key. And if one
11 needs additional keys after that -- say, because
12 you lose an additional key -- that the tenant can
13 be charged the cost of that key.

14 The provision that says that they
15 can't set a limit is about -- it doesn't
16 eliminate the provisions I just mentioned, which
17 restrict the number of keys that the household is
18 entitled to. But it's intended to -- on its own
19 terms it means you can't have an artificial limit
20 saying: Sorry, you lost your key twice, you're
21 no longer entitled to a key to your apartment.

22 But again, the bill is
23 unambiguous --

24 SENATOR HELMING: -- continue to
25 yield?

1 SENATOR KAVANAGH: -- unambiguously
2 states that --

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Excuse
4 me. Excuse me, excuse me. Senator Helming,
5 Senator Kavanagh is speaking.

6 SENATOR KAVANAGH: I said the bill
7 unambiguously states that the number of keys --
8 again, if you as a landlord choose to implement
9 this system, you have to provide keys for each
10 household member, especially if the parents
11 request them for -- parents or guardians request
12 them for younger residents, plus four. That's --
13 and that's the only requirement of keys that
14 are -- those are the only people who are required
15 to have keys.

16 SENATOR HELMING: Through you,
17 Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to
18 yield.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the
20 sponsor yield?

21 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes,
22 Mr. President.

23 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
24 sponsor yields.

25 SENATOR HELMING: So Senator

1 Kavanagh, I will set aside at this point that
2 that is not what the bill actually says, that it
3 allows like an unlimited number of keys.

4 But let's just say that the bill did
5 stipulate that four additional keys must be
6 provided and that a landlord must supply a tenant
7 with any additional keys that are requested. If
8 the point of the access system is to present --
9 prevent unauthorized entry into the building and
10 provide security for tenants, why -- why are we
11 allowing so many or why are we promoting so many
12 extra keys to be given out?

13 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you,
14 Mr. President, because sometimes people have a
15 need for people to visit their apartment other
16 than their immediate family members and occupant
17 residents.

18 You might, for example, have someone
19 whose job it is to come in and walk your dog
20 while you're at work. Or you might have someone
21 who comes in to water your plants. Or you might
22 have someone who is a caregiver for a member of
23 your family. And if there are -- if a physical
24 key is what's necessary to enter the unit, a
25 physical key is not usually specific to a person.

1 It can be lent to somebody. But because these
2 systems are typical -- often specific to a
3 person, we're saying if you choose to implement
4 these systems that electronically identify who is
5 coming and going, you have to allow some
6 flexibility so members -- people other than the
7 members of the household can have access, at the
8 request and with the approval of the resident of
9 the apartment.

10 SENATOR HELMING: Through you,
11 Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to
12 yield.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the
14 sponsor yield?

15 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes,
16 Mr. President.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
18 sponsor yields.

19 SENATOR HELMING: Senator Kavanagh,
20 if the rental unit is being used in a manner
21 that's causing concerns for the other tenants who
22 live in the building -- maybe they've witnessed
23 drugs being sold, illegal human trafficking,
24 illegal firearms being sold or just firearms
25 being sold -- does this legislation allow the

1 landlord to use the information that's caught on
2 the web-based entry system to evict the tenant?

3 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you,
4 Mr. President, this bill does not prevent
5 prosecutions, which would be the appropriate
6 remedy for most of the conditions that my
7 colleague just mentioned, nor does it prevent
8 evictions.

9 It does limit the duration by which
10 somebody can keep the data from these systems;
11 specifically, the data that is used to determine
12 whether somebody has entered. So for example, if
13 somebody has a security camera, there's nothing
14 in this bill that changes the use of the security
15 camera -- although, generally speaking, security
16 cameras don't keep footage indefinitely. What
17 this bill says is you have to eliminate the data
18 that you've used -- you have to either eliminate
19 or anonymize the data that you've used to track
20 entry and exit of lawful occupants or their
21 guests after 90 days.

22 So it might limit the use of that.
23 It's unclear how you would use that data to prove
24 human trafficking or some of the other things
25 that my colleague mentioned. But it's not a

1 limit -- there's nothing in this bill that would
2 prevent prosecutions or evictions in those
3 circumstances.

4 SENATOR HELMING: Through you,
5 Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to
6 yield.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the
8 sponsor yield?

9 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes,
10 Mr. President.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
12 sponsor yields.

13 SENATOR HELMING: Senator Kavanagh,
14 just real quick on the keys. After the initial
15 keys are issued -- say a tenant is into their
16 second year or third year of occupancy in the
17 building and they hire a whole slew of new
18 employees, or the kids have new friends that the
19 parents say it's okay to give keys to -- can the
20 landlord charge for the keys?

21 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you,
22 Mr. President. The tenant would be entitled to a
23 key for each lawful occupant plus four additional
24 keys at any given time for four other people.

25 Presumably if an employee -- if

1 somebody is taking care of a member of my family
2 and that person ceases to take care of a member
3 of my family, that key would be returned and
4 perhaps a new person who's hired to take care of
5 that person in my family might get a key.

6 But the bill is -- the bill allows
7 for four keys. It allows -- if those keys are
8 lost, it requires a free replacement. If they
9 are lost again, it allows the landlord to -- the
10 property owner to charge for the replacement, to
11 charge up to \$25 or the value of the cost of
12 providing the key, whichever is less.

13 SENATOR HELMING: Thank you.

14 If the sponsor will continue to
15 yield.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the
17 sponsor yield?

18 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes,
19 Mr. President.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
21 sponsor yields.

22 SENATOR HELMING: Senator Kavanagh,
23 this bill would prohibit the installation of
24 certain entry systems for a three-year period.
25 Yet many tenants of these buildings view these

1 systems as a feature, not as a bug. Why are we
2 trying to deprive tenants of security that they
3 clearly value?

4 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you,
5 Mr. President. I have not met a tenant -- the
6 provision my colleague is referring to is a
7 provision that specifically has a three-year
8 moratorium on systems that use biometric
9 identifiers to determine access -- facial
10 recognition, fingerprints, voice recognition,
11 your gait when you walk, those things.

12 The bill -- if those systems exist
13 as of the effective date of this bill, they would
14 be allowed to continue to use them in the normal
15 way. But there is some skepticism, I think
16 growing skepticism of the use of biometric
17 identifiers, biometric facial recognition being
18 the most common.

19 I think it's been fairly well
20 established that facial recognition works in a
21 variable way depending on race and ethnicity and
22 other factors, so -- and I have personally had
23 experience with complexes in my district where
24 they installed biometric systems as the only way
25 in or out of a building, and people could not get

1 into their own complex because the camera that
2 was supposed to recognize their face failed to do
3 so.

4 So this bill expressly allows a wide
5 range of smart-access devices through fobs,
6 codes, you know, the kind of thing where you can
7 wave your phone over the thing, but it expresses
8 limit -- it limits biometric systems that use
9 biometric identifiers for three years.

10 SENATOR HELMING: Through you,
11 Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to
12 yield.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the
14 sponsor yield?

15 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Yes,
16 Mr. President.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
18 sponsor yields.

19 SENATOR HELMING: Is the landlord
20 allowed to use -- I know they can collect
21 information, according to the bill, when a person
22 enters a building. Does the bill allow the
23 collection of when they exit the building, that
24 data?

25 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Through you,

1 Mr. President, no, it does not.

2 SENATOR HELMING: Okay.

3 Mr. President, Senator Kavanagh,
4 thank you for your time.

5 Thank you.

6 SENATOR KAVANAGH: Thank you.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank
8 you, Senator Helming.

9 Are there any other Senators wishing
10 to be heard?

11 Seeing and hearing none, debate is
12 closed.

13 Senator Gianaris.

14 SENATOR GIANARIS: By unanimous
15 consent, we've agreed to restore this bill to the
16 noncontroversial calendar.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
18 will be restored to the noncontroversial
19 calendar.

20 Read the last section.

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

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
25 roll.

1 (The Secretary called the roll.)

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce
3 the results.

4 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
5 Calendar 1016, those Senators voting in the
6 negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello,
7 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Felder, Gallivan, Griffo,
8 Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray,
9 Oberacker, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison,
10 Skoufis, Stec, Tedisco, Weber and Weik.

11 Ayes, 40. Nays, 21.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
13 is passed.

14 Senator Gianaris.

15 SENATOR GIANARIS: Let's go back
16 again to the controversial calendar and take up
17 Calendar 1209, please.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
19 Secretary will ring the bell.

20 The Secretary will read.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
22 1209, Senate Print 8118, by Senator Gounardes, an
23 act to amend the Education Law.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
25 Oberacker, why do you rise?

1 SENATOR OBERACKER: Mr. President,
2 I was wondering if the bill's sponsor would yield
3 for just a couple of short questions.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the
5 sponsor yield?

6 SENATOR GOUNARDES: Mr. President,
7 absolutely.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
9 sponsor yields.

10 SENATOR OBERACKER: Thank you.
11 Through you, Mr. President. Senator Gounardes,
12 thank you.

13 So have you spoken with the
14 institutions for higher education about the
15 requirements of this bill?

16 SENATOR GOUNARDES: Through you,
17 Mr. President, if my colleague would just explain
18 his question. I'm not sure I fully understand
19 what you mean.

20 SENATOR OBERACKER: So through you,
21 Mr. President, have you reached out to what I
22 would call the stakeholders that this bill will
23 affect, to kind of gain their insight as to what
24 we're proposing with this bill?

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Just to

1 correct, Senator Gounardes, do you yield?

2 SENATOR GOUNARDES: Yeah, I do
3 yield, yes.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
5 sponsor yields.

6 SENATOR GOUNARDES: Yes, I do.

7 Through you, Mr. President, as part
8 of the process of drafting this legislation and
9 working on this issue, we've spoken to a number
10 of institutions of higher education as well as
11 stakeholders who study the higher education
12 space. I've had direct conversations with
13 several admissions officers or admissions
14 officials at different schools about this
15 legislation.

16 And what is also important to note
17 is that much of the data that we are asking for
18 to be reported as part of this bill is already
19 currently required to be reported by institutions
20 of higher education to the federal government, in
21 slightly different forms. And so none of -- most
22 of what we are asking for here is not a new
23 disclosure requirement, it just asks it to also
24 be reported to the state.

25 And one of the reasons why that's

1 important is because when we looked at some of
2 the data reports that were submitted by colleges
3 here in New York, some of them left out this data
4 that we are asking for specifically as it relates
5 to early-decision applications and admissions
6 rates, which calls to attention the need to have
7 a more robust reporting scheme.

8 SENATOR OBERACKER: Through you,
9 Mr. President, would the bill's sponsor continue
10 to yield.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the
12 sponsor yield?

13 SENATOR GOUNARDES: Absolutely.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
15 sponsor yields.

16 SENATOR OBERACKER: Thank you,
17 Senator.

18 So speaking to the data part of what
19 you just talked about, the memo references the
20 importance of the Common Data Set survey
21 implemented by the College Board, Peterson's and
22 the U.S. News and World Report, who use and
23 commercialize that data in their college
24 rankings.

25 So if this data is already available

1 through the Common Data Set survey, why is this
2 bill then necessary?

3 SENATOR GOUNARDES: Through you,
4 Mr. President. As I just said, the data is
5 reported through the Common Data Set. But a
6 number of institutions here in New York, if you
7 look at their application or look at their
8 reports, as we have, there are -- for at least
9 10 institutions here in New York, they will
10 submit their entire data set but leave blank the
11 specific question as to how they use
12 early-decision data in their institutions.

13 So -- and this goes back, if not --
14 I would think or I hope not inadvertent, because
15 there are multiple successive years where that
16 single question is left blank. Now, that's of
17 deep concern to me, which is why I proposed this
18 legislation, because I am deeply dubious of how
19 some of our institutions of higher education here
20 in New York are using early-decision admissions
21 policies. Because the data that is available,
22 both in New York and nationwide, suggest that it
23 is, as the former Undersecretary for Education at
24 the federal level said, "It is priority boarding
25 for first-class passengers."

1 And so I think it is important that
2 we actually get a full picture of how colleges in
3 New York, which receive significant public
4 support, whether public or private, are using
5 admissions policies to -- and not properly
6 sharing how they're using some of those policies
7 and not providing the data that they're otherwise
8 being asked to provide.

9 And it's not just through the
10 Common Data Set. It's also through the -- let me
11 get the exact word here of the other report --
12 the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data
13 System, which is a federal requirement.

14 SENATOR OBERACKER: Thank you for
15 that.

16 Through you, Mr. President, would
17 the sponsor continue to yield.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Does the
19 sponsor yield?

20 SENATOR GOUNARDES: Absolutely.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
22 sponsor yields.

23 SENATOR OBERACKER: So, Senator, in
24 taking away the student aid -- or is, I should
25 say -- let me put it that way. So is taking away

1 the student aid and hurting students an
2 appropriate penalty for a college who fails or is
3 failing to file those reports for a controversial
4 private entity that the State Education
5 Department isn't seeking?

6 Is that -- is that -- in other
7 words, does the end justify the means when it
8 comes to the penalty?

9 SENATOR GOUNARDES: Through you,
10 Mr. President, I believe my colleague is
11 referring to the penalty that we have in the bill
12 for a willful violation or willful failure to
13 disclose the early decision admissions data,
14 which I think is really important. It's not an
15 inadvertent omission like, oh, we forgot, or we
16 didn't get to it. It's a willful failure to
17 comply.

18 And it's also important to note,
19 Mr. President, that that penalty is -- can be
20 assessed at the discretion of the State Education
21 Department. And so there would be an opportunity
22 for an institution to say, actually, no, sorry,
23 we didn't mean to, we didn't realize, we forgot,
24 here is the data. And the Education Department
25 would have the discretion, which we think is

1 important.

2 But I understand my colleague's
3 concern as to is this the appropriate level of a
4 stick, or size of a stick to be using. And I
5 would argue that for institutions that for
6 multiple successive years are answering every
7 question about their admissions policies except
8 for one, year after year after year after year
9 after year after year, that suggests to me that
10 they're trying to hide something.

11 And if you're trying to hide
12 something about how you're using exclusionary
13 admissions policies, I think we need to know
14 that.

15 Which is why I think we're trying to
16 strike the right balance, you know, looking for
17 the willful violation while also providing an
18 escape valve for the Education Department to use
19 its discretion in assessing that penalty, should
20 it come to that point. And I wish for it never
21 to come to that point.

22 SENATOR OBERACKER: Thank you for
23 that.

24 On the bill, Mr. President.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator

1 Oberacker on the bill.

2 SENATOR OBERACKER: Thank you.

3 And thank you, Senator, for the
4 clarifications for those questions.

5 You know, I think -- I think the
6 bill is laudable in certain areas. Where I tend
7 to I think kind of veer off a little bit as far
8 as the bill is concerned --for me, it is the
9 penalty. It is kind of what I view as a unfunded
10 mandate coming down, the negative reinforcement,
11 the negative reinforcement of this.

12 I would much rather see us do a
13 positive reinforcement so that if these questions
14 are answered and if the colleges supply this
15 information that we're looking for, that they
16 would -- it would open up maybe a gate to some
17 more or potentially more revenue, as opposed to
18 the negative side of things.

19 We're talking about a huge amount of
20 data that will need to be collected, putting
21 stresses on that part of the equation.

22 Again, I think it was laudable, but
23 for these reasons, Mr. President, I will be
24 voting in the negative. Thank you.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Are there

1 any other Senators wishing to be heard?

2 Seeing and hearing none, debate is
3 closed.

4 Senator Gianaris.

5 SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President,
6 we've agreed to restore this bill to the
7 noncontroversial calendar.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
9 will be restored to the noncontroversial
10 calendar.

11 Read the last section.

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

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
16 roll.

17 (The Secretary called the roll.)

18 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
19 Gounardes to explain his vote.

20 SENATOR GOUNARDES: Thank you,
21 Mr. President.

22 I thank my colleague for his
23 comments and his -- you know, for being able to
24 clarify this.

25 I think, you know, in the wake of

1 the Students for Fair Admissions cases that came
2 down from the Supreme Court last year, I think it
3 is really appropriate for us to look at how
4 institutions of higher education are admitting
5 students and providing them a pathway towards a
6 higher education. And I think it's incredibly
7 important for us to look at practices that in
8 particular serve to favor or give preference to
9 students who come from immense privilege.

10 And the data on early decision that
11 we have shows that private school students are
12 more than 3.5 times more likely to get admitted
13 via early decision than public school students,
14 and that applicants from the wealthiest zip codes
15 are twice as likely to apply and get admitted
16 than students otherwise through early decision.

17 As I mentioned earlier, the former
18 Undersecretary for Education in D.C. said that
19 early decision is priority boarding for
20 first-class passengers. And I think what we are
21 doing is we have created this system that gives
22 special treatment to those who have access to
23 sophisticated college counseling, that have the
24 wherewithal to make financial decisions about
25 college through early decision before they even

1 know or even have to know what financial aid
2 package they might receive.

3 And don't forget, early decision
4 we're talking about is when you have to commit to
5 a school before you apply anywhere else, and you
6 commit to it before you know if you're going to
7 be able to afford to pay for it or not.

8 And so automatically that means that
9 only a small subset of students who will have the
10 financial means to be able to afford that
11 education are going to be applying in the first
12 place.

13 And unfortunately, we have some of
14 the most exclusive schools here in the country in
15 New York. Some of our schools here admit more
16 than 50 percent of their incoming class via early
17 decision. And some of them are not reporting
18 this data that we're asking for, which is why we
19 think this bill is important. It does not ban
20 the practice, it just asks for more data so we
21 have a more complete picture as to how these
22 colleges are admitting their incoming classes.

23 And so for those reasons I drafted
24 this bill, and for those reasons I will be voting
25 in the affirmative. Thank you.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
2 Gounardes to be recorded in the affirmative.

3 Announce the results.

4 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
5 Calendar 1209, those Senators voting in the
6 negative are Senators Griffio, Martins, Oberacker,
7 O'Mara, Persaud, Rhoads, Stavisky, Stec, Webb and
8 Weik. Also Senators Gallivan and Tedisco.

9 Ayes, 49. Nays, 12.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
11 is passed.

12 Senator Gianaris.

13 SENATOR GIANARIS: Okay, back to
14 the controversial again for our final bill on the
15 controversial calendar, Calendar 1683.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
17 Secretary will ring the bell.

18 The Secretary will read.

19 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
20 1683, Senate Print 885C, by Senator Hinchey, an
21 act to amend the Real Property Law.

22 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
23 Lanza, why do you rise?

24 SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, I
25 believe there's an amendment at the desk. I

1 waive the reading of that amendment and ask that
2 you recognize Senator Palumbo.

3 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank
4 you, Senator Lanza.

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

8 SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President,
9 accordingly, I appeal the ruling of the chair and
10 ask that Senator Palumbo be heard on that appeal.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
12 appeal has been made and recognized, and
13 Senator Palumbo may be heard.

14 SENATOR PALUMBO: Thank you,
15 Mr. President.

16 And I rise to explain not only the
17 germaneness of this bill to this bill-in-chief,
18 but more importantly to the calendar that we've
19 seen today. We've had a few bills on the
20 calendar today -- we had one on the supplemental
21 calendar passing an elder justice task force
22 bill, an excellent bill, another excellent bill
23 that was on the calendar originally by
24 Senator Felder regarding expanding the hours of
25 the Family Court.

1 What my bill would do is it would be
2 an access to justice for people when it comes to
3 guardianship cases. Now, it's a very simple
4 bill. With limited effort, someone in a
5 guardianship case can ultimately file an order to
6 show cause and the court shall set the date in
7 which the order to show cause is to be heard, for
8 which a temporary order will be issued no more
9 than 10 days from the date of the order to show
10 cause, of the signing of it.

11 Upon an application -- if such
12 application for visitation, there shall be a
13 rebuttal presumption in favor of visitation. And
14 visitation shall only be denied upon clear and
15 convincing evidence that it's not in the best
16 interests of the ward in a guardianship case, and
17 that shall be on the record.

18 Now, the reason why this is
19 absolutely necessary, Mr. President, is because
20 we have seen multiple instances in guardianship
21 cases where there has been tremendous abuse by
22 appointed lawyers, guardians, simply denying
23 visits with the ward, with the senior, with the
24 senior who is the alleged incapacitated person.

25 And now we've seen this oftentimes,

1 and there are many famous cases in this regard.
2 For example, everyone knows the Brittny Spears
3 case. In 2008 she was hospitalized. Her father
4 petitioned and was granted conservatorship,
5 allowing him the ability to make decisions about
6 her finances, medical well-being, and career, a
7 conservatorship -- this would also apply to that
8 as well.

9 In 2010 she completed rehab, was
10 getting her career back on track, and over the
11 years there were a series of abuses and
12 manipulations against her. It was not until 2021
13 that that terminated.

14 Casey Kasem, the famous radio
15 personality, suffered from advanced Parkinson's
16 disease and was isolated from the outside world
17 by his second wife. She removed him from the
18 hospital, would not allow visitation even for his
19 biological daughters. The daughters
20 unsuccessfully filed for conservatorship, and
21 unfortunately Mr. Kasem passed away before the
22 issue was resolved.

23 And what's important to note is that
24 there was nothing untoward, there was no
25 financial dishonesty, there were no issues other

1 than they did not get along with the person who
2 was in charge of the alleged incapacitated
3 person.

4 Now, this bill is named
5 Karilyn's Law on behalf of Karilyn Montanti. And
6 fortuitously, we do have Karilyn's daughter,
7 Christine Montanti, in the gallery today. This
8 woman has spent over half a million dollars to
9 visit her mom, to just get access to her. And
10 the courts denied, required new petitions, paid
11 the lawyers from the ward's money -- hundreds and
12 hundreds of thousands of dollars.

13 We've seen the instances of
14 Wendy Williams. And we do have just a few quick
15 comments from people that are -- an assistant
16 professor at Brooklyn Law School, Sarah Lorr,
17 indicated that clearly, and this is -- I'm sorry,
18 this is Margo Lindauer, professor at Northeastern
19 University School of Law, indicating that of
20 course if the guardian's paid, then it's in their
21 interests for the conservatorship to continue.

22 Nina Kohn, from Syracuse University
23 Law School, was talking about how former
24 NFL player Michael Oher had to file a court
25 petition alleging he'd been duped into agreeing

1 to a conservatorship.

2 So the bottom line is -- and I've
3 seen with Wendy Williams you have people selling
4 her property at a loss, you have individuals who
5 are just simply taking advantage of the financial
6 situation. And this bill, at really no cost, is
7 simply allowing them to visit. Very simple
8 stuff. You're not asking about any financial
9 obligation to be held -- to be absorbed. They
10 simply can get into court to see grandma.

11 So, Mr. President, it's really a
12 very straightforward bill. There were
13 unfortunately some objections by OCA because they
14 thought it may clog up the courts to some extent.
15 But quite frankly, it's a simple hearing with a
16 judge.

17 And these stories of abuse and
18 liquidation of family assets exist throughout
19 this country. Senator Borrello and I had a
20 roundtable event with a number of these victims.
21 And it's really quite -- it's quite awful,
22 because this would simply just prevent the
23 arbitrary termination of visitation and isolating
24 the ward.

25 So with that in mind, Mr. President,

1 and the fact that we just want access to
2 justice -- and you know how important it is for
3 family members to see family members, especially
4 in their dying days when they're not doing well.
5 Remember the stories from the pandemic where
6 individuals were just heartbroken because they
7 couldn't see loved ones and say goodbye.

8 That's what this bill would do. So
9 as such, I ask that your appeal be overruled,
10 Mr. President. Thank you.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank
12 you, Senator Palumbo.

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

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

18 (Response of "Aye.")

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
20 ruling of the chair stands, and the bill-in-chief
21 is before the house.

22 Senator Gianaris.

23 SENATOR GIANARIS: We've agreed to
24 restore this to the noncontroversial calendar.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill

1 will be restored to the noncontroversial
2 calendar.

3 Read the last section.

4 THE SECRETARY: Section 11. This
5 act shall take effect on the 120th day after it
6 shall have become a law.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
8 roll.

9 (The Secretary called the roll.)

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
11 Krueger to explain her vote.

12 SENATOR KRUEGER: Thank you,
13 Mr. Chair. Just to clarify, this is
14 Senator Hinchey's bill? Okay. Because -- okay.

15 So I'm very proud to stand here and
16 support Senator Hinchey's bill. It has taken
17 many years to get to the point where we're going
18 to have a statewide system of protections for
19 apartments and homes that frankly should be
20 available to New Yorkers, particularly at this
21 time of housing crises, and oftentimes are taken
22 off the market almost on a permanent basis for
23 what's called short-term rentals.

24 I passed a bill for New York City in
25 2010, and here it is 2024 and we're finally

1 getting to a place where we're moving to a
2 statewide system.

3 And granted, different parts of the
4 state have different needs. So while I
5 completely support this bill, while there's been
6 some misinformation traveling around about it, I
7 want to go on record to highlight that this
8 legislation will not interfere in any way with
9 New York City's policy, policing powers over
10 short-term rentals within the boundaries of the
11 five boroughs.

12 That there is nothing in this bill
13 that preempts the authority of the City of
14 New York to change its existing short-term rental
15 registration system through local law or
16 regulations in the future.

17 And finally, this bill does not
18 limit any other authority currently held by the
19 City of New York to enact future local laws and
20 regulations governing short-term rentals,
21 including laws and regulations unrelated to its
22 registration system.

23 I think it's important to go on
24 record with this because in fact the City of
25 New York now has a system that we have

1 established that is a combination of local city
2 law and state law that has been litigated and
3 successfully defended. And I don't think there's
4 anyone in the State of New York who actually
5 wants to make changes in the system the City of
6 New York has finally got running successfully.

7 So I did think it was important,
8 when supporting this important piece of
9 legislation, that I thank so much Senator Hinchey
10 for finally getting this across the finish line,
11 to just reemphasize that it doesn't do anything
12 to try to change or supersede what the City of
13 New York has already established.

14 I vote yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
16 Krueger to be recorded in the affirmative.

17 Senator Hinchey to explain her vote.

18 SENATOR HINCHEY: Thank you,
19 Mr. President.

20 I rise in happy support of this bill
21 passing through our chamber today.

22 I want to take a moment, though,
23 first and thank the team of people who have
24 worked with us on this bill, including Nayram and
25 Jess and Gabe, Senator Krueger and her team, of

1 course my whole team in our office, and so many
2 more.

3 Earlier this year in the budget we
4 had a deep conversation about the housing crisis,
5 and everyone was committed to really working
6 towards a solution that worked for New York
7 State. However, glaringly missing from that
8 conversation was the topic of short-term rentals,
9 and you cannot solve the housing crisis in our
10 state without talking about short-term rentals.
11 If you believe that short-term rentals have
12 nothing to do with the housing crisis, then you
13 have not set foot into the communities across
14 much of our state, including the entire
15 Hudson Valley.

16 This bill is supported by all
17 62 counties. It's a top priority of NYSAC and
18 NYCOM and the Association of Towns and tourism
19 associations across the state, because it's the
20 right thing to do.

21 What this bill does will give us
22 real data and real insight into the landscape of
23 short-term rentals -- short-term rentals, houses
24 that have been pulled off the market and turned
25 into vacation homes. It will give us true data

1 and it will provide parity as it pertains to
2 taxes and occupancy tax and sales tax, providing
3 much needed revenue both for the state and for
4 municipalities that are hosting these short-term
5 rentals.

6 I'm incredibly proud that this bill
7 is passing through this chamber again, and I want
8 to give a huge shout-out to our Assembly sponsor,
9 Assemblymember Fahy, who has been working on this
10 bill for a number of years. And I am excited to
11 now hopefully this year get it across the finish
12 line. And I thank the leader, too, for bringing
13 this to the floor.

14 It's an incredibly important bill,
15 and for that I vote aye.

16 Thank you, Mr. President.

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
18 Hinchey to be recorded in the affirmative.

19 Announce the results.

20 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
21 Calendar 1683, those Senators voting in the
22 negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello,
23 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffio, Helming,
24 Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara,
25 Palumbo, Rhoads, Skoufis, Stec, Tedisco and Weik.

1 Ayes, 44. Nays, 17.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
3 is passed.

4 Senator Gianaris, that completes the
5 reading of the controversial calendar.

6 SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you,
7 Mr. President.

8 We're just going to clean up the
9 resolutions that we didn't take up earlier.
10 Let's go back to previously adopted
11 Resolution 2306, by Senator Webb, read its title
12 and recognize Senator Webb.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: the
14 Secretary will read.

15 THE SECRETARY: Resolution 2306, by
16 Senator Webb, congratulating the Binghamton
17 University Debate Team upon the occasion of
18 capturing the Cross-Examination Debate
19 Association's National Tournament Championship.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
21 Webb on the resolution.

22 SENATOR WEBB: Thank you,
23 Mr. President.

24 I am filled with immense pride that
25 my alma mater has accomplished yet another great

1 thing, and this time it's through our
2 University Debate Team. They have distinguished
3 themselves by winning the Cross-Examination
4 Debate Association's National Tournament
5 Championship. This team's victory at one of the
6 most prestigious collegiate debate competitions
7 demonstrates their exceptional skills and
8 highlights the high academic standards and
9 intellectual rigor fostered at
10 Binghamton University.

11 Throughout the season these young
12 scholars prepared meticulously, leading to
13 significant victories including a decisive win
14 against Wake Forest University in the final
15 round. Their journey through the tournament was
16 marked by strategic brilliance and unwavering
17 commitment, culminating in an impressive overall
18 record and showcasing their skills against top
19 programs nationwide.

20 This achievement marks only the
21 second time a New York team has won the CEDA
22 Nationals, underscoring our state's commitment to
23 fostering young intellectuals who excel in
24 advanced academic debate.

25 The Binghamton University Debate

1 Team, their success is supported by their
2 coaches, who are dedicated as well, along with
3 professors and the enthusiastic backing of our
4 community.

5 I want to thank you, Mr. President.
6 I am really proud to recognize the
7 Binghamton University Debate Team for their
8 outstanding achievement and for bringing honor to
9 our state.

10 I will be voting aye on this
11 resolution, and I encourage my colleagues to do
12 the same. Thank you.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
14 resolution was previously adopted on May 7th.

15 Senator Gianaris.

16 SENATOR GIANARIS: And now
17 previously adopted Resolution 2582, by
18 Senator Thomas. Read that resolution's title and
19 recognize Senator Thomas.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
21 Secretary will read.

22 THE SECRETARY: Resolution 2582, by
23 Senator Thomas, commending the International
24 Cricket Council upon the occasion of hosting the
25 India versus Pakistan Match during the historic

1 ICC Men's T20 World Cup on June 9, 2024.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
3 Thomas on the resolution.

4 SENATOR THOMAS: Thank you,
5 Mr. President.

6 I rise tonight to speak about the
7 elephant in the room -- and I'm not talking about
8 that Republicans here in the chamber. I'm
9 talking about cricket.

10 I'm incredibly proud of the fact
11 that the T20 Cricket World Cup is in
12 Nassau County this year. It officially launched
13 over the weekend, and cricket fans are beyond
14 excited.

15 I want to thank the ICC, the
16 International Cricket Committee; Brett Jones for
17 his leadership as CEO, and Stuart Goldfarb, the
18 counsel; Nassau County government; and especially
19 the Building and Construction Trades, Matty
20 Aracich, for building the Nassau County
21 International Cricket Stadium in a record amount
22 of time for our fans.

23 Cricket is not new to North America,
24 dating back to the 17th century. It was
25 introduced to North America through the English

1 colonies. And the sport spread globally
2 throughout the centuries and continues to spread.
3 Cricket holds a cherished place in the hearts of
4 millions worldwide, and the ICC choosing
5 Nassau County as their World Cup host is the
6 culmination of cricket's longstanding presence in
7 the United States and its recent evolution into a
8 modern, dynamic sport.

9 I grew up watching and playing
10 cricket, although I'm better at watching cricket
11 now. And to say the hype surrounding these games
12 is anything less than monumental would be an
13 understatement, especially the India versus
14 Pakistan match. In New Yorker terms, think of it
15 like the rivalry between the Yankees and the
16 Boston Red Sox in Game 7 of the World Series -- a
17 match that embodies two teams' fierce rivalry,
18 with deep tradition and history behind both of
19 them.

20 The T20 Cricket World Cup is more
21 than just a game, it's a cultural extravaganza, a
22 meeting of traditions and a celebration of
23 diversity. It's also a platform for fostering
24 understanding and promoting inclusivity and
25 strengthening bonds.

1 I want to extend my heartfelt
2 congratulations to the ICC for their dedication
3 to making cricket larger on a global scale, to
4 the players who give it their all, and to the
5 millions of fans around the world who, like me,
6 are waiting anxiously to see which team wins.

7 May the T20 World Cup games in
8 Nassau County serve as a testament to the
9 transformative power of sports in fostering
10 understanding, respect and friendship among fans
11 and nations alike. So please, come enjoy cricket
12 out on Long Island.

13 Thank you, Mr. President.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank
15 you, Senator Thomas.

16 Senator Martins on the resolution.

17 SENATOR MARTINS: Thank you,
18 Mr. President.

19 I want to thank Senator Thomas for
20 recognizing this wonderful achievement, cricket
21 in Nassau County, Mr. President, understanding
22 that multiculturalism -- it's not just about
23 football, it's not just about basketball, it's
24 not just about baseball, it's about cricket.

25 And the understanding that we have

1 literally hundreds of thousands and millions of
2 South Asians in our communities right now that
3 are celebrating the idea that the County of
4 Nassau, the communities in Nassau County were
5 able to host an ICC tournament, a worldwide
6 tournament, is something we should all
7 understand. It's not happening in Manhattan or
8 in the five boroughs, it's happening in
9 Nassau County, because the communities in
10 Nassau County made it a priority, the government
11 in Nassau County made it a priority and
12 prioritized the communities that we have there.

13 Yes, I agree with Senator Thomas,
14 the building trades stepped up -- and you have to
15 see a 30,000-person stadium built in literally a
16 couple of weeks. So government working with the
17 local communities, working with the building
18 trades to make something happen.

19 Mr. President, I'm proud to vote
20 aye. Thank you.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank
22 you, Senator Martins.

23 The resolution was previously
24 adopted on May 29th.

25 Senator Gianaris.

1 SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President,
2 all the resolutions' sponsors from today would
3 like their resolutions open for cosponsorship.

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

8 Senator Gianaris.

9 SENATOR GIANARIS: On behalf of
10 Senator Harckham, I wish to call up Senate Print
11 9301, recalled from the Assembly, which is now at
12 the desk.

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
14 Secretary will read.

15 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
16 1662, Senate Print 9301, by Senator Harckham, an
17 act to amend the Highway Law.

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

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the
21 roll on reconsideration.

22 (The Secretary called the roll.)

23 THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
25 is restored to its place on the Third Reading

1 Calendar.

2 SENATOR GIANARIS: I offer the
3 following amendments.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
5 amendments are received.

6 SENATOR GIANARIS: Please recognize
7 Senator Lanza.

8 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
9 Lanza.

10 SENATOR LANZA: Thank you,
11 Senator Gianaris.

12 Mr. President, on behalf of
13 Senator Weber, on page 64 I offer the following
14 amendments to Calendar 1599, Senate Print 9425,
15 and ask that said bill retain its place on
16 Third Reading Calendar.

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

20 Senator Gianaris.

21 SENATOR GIANARIS: For my Majority
22 colleagues, immediately upon adjournment of
23 session we will have a brief conference in the
24 Majority Conference Room.

25 And with that, is there any further

1 business at the desk?

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Upon
3 adjournment, there will be an immediate meeting
4 of the Majority Conference in the Majority
5 Conference Room.

6 There is no further business at the
7 desk.

8 SENATOR GIANARIS: I move to
9 adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 5th, at
10 12:00 p.m.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: On
12 motion, the Senate stands adjourned until
13 Wednesday, June 5th, at 12:00 p.m.

14 (Whereupon, the Senate adjourned at
15 7:44 p.m.)

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