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NEW YORK STATE SENATE

THE STENOGRAPHIC RECORD

ALBANY, NEW YORK

February 10, 2025

3:43 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

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

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

13 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Reading
14 of the Journal.

15 THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Sunday,
16 February 9, 2025, the Senate met pursuant to
17 adjournment. The Journal of Saturday,
18 February 8, 2025, was read and approved. On
19 motion, the Senate adjourned.

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

22 Presentation of petitions.

23 Messages from the Assembly.

24 The Secretary will read.

25 THE SECRETARY: Senator Ortt moves

1 to discharge, from the Committee on Rules,
2 Assembly Bill Number 1674 and substitute it for
3 the identical Senate Bill 761, Third Reading
4 Calendar 36.

5 Senator Rivera moves to discharge,
6 from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill
7 Number 1017 and substitute it for the identical
8 Senate Bill 786, Third Reading Calendar 60.

9 Senator Hoylman-Sigal moves to
10 discharge, from the Committee on Rules,
11 Assembly Bill Number 2249 and substitute it for
12 the identical Senate Bill 823, Third Reading
13 Calendar 97.

14 Senator Cleare moves to discharge,
15 from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill
16 Number 925A and substitute it for the identical
17 Senate Bill 762A, Third Reading Calendar 140.

18 Senator Cleare moves to discharge,
19 from the Committee on Consumer Protection,
20 Assembly Bill Number 751 and substitute it for
21 the identical Senate Bill Number 2668,
22 Third Reading Calendar 151.

23 Senator Hinchey moves to discharge,
24 from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill
25 Number 1472 and substitute it for the identical

1 Senate Bill 2669, Third Reading Calendar 152.

2 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: So

3 ordered.

4 Messages from the Governor.

5 Reports of standing committees.

6 Reports of select committees.

7 Communications and reports from

8 state officers.

9 Motions and resolutions.

10 Senator Gianaris.

11 SENATOR GIANARIS: Good afternoon,

12 Mr. President. Please call on

13 Senator Scarcella-Spanton for an introduction.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator

15 Scarcella-Spanton for the purposes of an

16 introduction.

17 SENATOR SCARCELLA-SPANTON: Thank

18 you, Mr. President.

19 I am honored today to recognize a

20 truly remarkable leader, Carol Bullock, executive

21 director of the Pride Center for Staten Island.

22 For years Carol has been a powerful

23 advocate for the LGBTQ+ community, transforming

24 Staten Island into a more inclusive and

25 supportive place. Carol's leadership has been

1 instrumental in creating visibility and
2 acceptance for this community.

3 Her incredible work at the
4 Pride Center has made a lasting impact on the
5 community. From organizing PrideFest, running
6 youth drop-in days and workshops to support
7 families, she has fostered a sense of belonging
8 and unity. Whether collecting coats for at-risk
9 teens or ensuring that the LGBTQ+ community on
10 Staten Island always has a voice, Carol continues
11 to be a true advocate and leader.

12 As Carol begins her new journey,
13 after seven years of dedicated service -- and I
14 think a lot more years before that -- I want to
15 thank her.

16 I want to thank you for your
17 leadership, commitment to justice, and tireless
18 advocacy which has inspired our entire community.

19 And for the first time ever, we're
20 all going to be marching in the Staten Island
21 St. Patrick's Day Parade, and that's thanks to
22 your advocacy and your work.

23 Truly I am honored to call you a
24 friend, I am honored to have worked side by side
25 with you all of these years. I know we're going

1 to continue that work together.

2 You're here with your beautiful
3 wife, your sister, and I know our Assemblyman was
4 here as well, to bring you up.

5 And it was also her birthday over
6 the weekend, so Happy Birthday to you as well.

7 But thank you, Carol, for your
8 service to Staten Island and beyond.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank
10 you, Senator Scarcella-Spanton.

11 To our special birthday-having
12 guest, we welcome you on behalf of the Senate.
13 We extend to you all of the privileges and
14 courtesies of this house.

15 Please rise and be recognized.

16 (Standing ovation.)

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
18 Gianaris.

19 SENATOR GIANARIS: Please take up
20 the reading of the calendar.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
22 Secretary will read.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 36,
24 Assembly Bill 1674, by Assemblymember McMahon, an
25 act to amend the Public Health Law.

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, 55.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
12 is passed.

13 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 57,
14 Senate Print 783, by Senator Skoufis, an act to
15 amend the General Municipal Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
17 last section.

18 SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Lay it
20 aside.

21 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 60,
22 Assembly Bill 1017, by Assemblymember Paulin, an
23 act to amend the Public Health Law.

24 SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Lay it

1 aside.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 63,
3 Senate Print 789, by Senator Brisport, an act to
4 amend the Family Court Act.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
6 last section.

7 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
8 act shall take effect on the same date and in the
9 same manner --

10 SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

11 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 75,
12 Senate Print 801, by Senator Krueger, an act to
13 amend the Energy Law.

14 SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Lay it
16 aside.

17 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 79,
18 Senate Print 805, by Senator Bailey, an act to
19 amend the Executive Law.

20 SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Lay it
22 aside.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 93,
24 Senate Print 819, by Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an
25 act to amend the Family Court Act.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator
2 Gianaris.

3 SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President,
4 let's just lay aside this calendar temporarily,
5 in the interests of time.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
7 calendar will be laid aside temporarily.

8 SENATOR GIANARIS: The Senate --

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
10 Senate will stand at ease.

11 SENATOR GIANARIS: -- stands at
12 ease, thank you.

13 (Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease
14 at 3:49 p.m.)

15 (Whereupon, the Senate reconvened at
16 3:51 p.m.)

17 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
18 Senate will return to order.

19 Senator Gianaris.

20 SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President,
21 after consulting with Senator Lanza, all the
22 lay-asides on the calendar have been removed. So
23 please let's take up the calendar again.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The
25 lay-asides have been removed.

1 The Secretary will read, beginning
2 with Calendar Number 57.

3 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 57,
4 Senate Print 783, by Senator Skoufis, an act to
5 amend the General Municipal Law.

6 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
7 last section.

8 THE SECRETARY: Section 4. 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: In relation to
16 Calendar 57, those Senators voting in the
17 negative are Senators Borrello,
18 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Helming, Oberacker, Ortt,
19 Rhoads and Walczyk.

20 Ayes, 54. Nays, 7.

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
22 is passed.

23 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 60,
24 Assembly Bill 1017, by Assemblymember Paulin, an
25 act to amend the Public Health Law.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
2 last section.

3 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
4 act shall take effect on the same date and in the
5 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2024.

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 63,
15 Senate Print 789, by Senator Brisport, an act to
16 amend the 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 same date and in the
21 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2024.

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 63, those Senators voting in the
4 negative are Senators Borrello, Helming, Lanza,
5 Palumbo, Rhoads, Walczyk and Weber.

6 Ayes, 54. Nays, 7.

7 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
8 is passed.

9 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 75,
10 Senate Print 801, by Senator Krueger, an act to
11 amend the Energy Law.

12 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
13 last section.

14 THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
15 act shall take effect on the same date and in the
16 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2024.

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 75, those Senators voting in the
24 negative are Senators Borrello, Gallivan, Griffio,
25 Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray,

1 Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco,
2 Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

3 Ayes, 44. Nays, 17.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
5 is passed.

6 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 79,
7 Senate Print 805, by Senator Bailey, an act to
8 amend the Executive Law.

9 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
10 last section.

11 THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This
12 act shall take effect on the same date and in the
13 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2024.

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: In relation to
20 Calendar 79, those Senators voting in the
21 negative are Senators Oberacker, Ortt, Stec and
22 Walczyk.

23 Ayes, 57. Nays, 4.

24 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
25 is passed.

1 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 93,
2 Senate Print 819, by Senator Hoylman-Sigal, an
3 act to amend the Family Court Act.

4 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
5 last section.

6 THE SECRETARY: Section 14. 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: Oh, excuse me. In
17 relation to Calendar 93, voting in the negative:
18 Senator Walczyk.

19 Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
21 is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Sorry. Also
23 Senator Rhoads.

24 Ayes, 59. Nays, 2.

25 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill

1 remains passed.

2 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 96,
3 Senate Print 822, by Senator Gonzalez, an act to
4 amend the State Technology Law.

5 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
6 last section.

7 THE SECRETARY: Section 7. 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: Senator
13 Gonzalez to explain her vote.

14 SENATOR GONZALEZ: All right.
15 Thank you, Mr. President.

16 I rise before you today to speak on
17 the chapter-amended LOADInG Act. I want to thank
18 the Governor for her collaboration on this bill,
19 the leader, of course, for bringing this to the
20 floor, and Senate staff, who worked diligently on
21 this bill. I particularly want to call out
22 Mobeen and Nayram, who helped author the initial
23 draft, as well, of course, as my own team, who
24 shepherded this bill across the finish line.

25 I introduced the LOADInG Act

1 two sessions ago because I realized that as AI
2 rapidly advances, we need to establish clear
3 guardrails and guidelines for responsible use of
4 this technology. This effort started by our
5 regulation of how AI and deep fakes is used in
6 our elections and protecting our democracy, but
7 continued by looking at how we're using this
8 technology right here at home in state
9 government.

10 This chapter version of the
11 LOADinG Act does some really critical things for
12 New Yorkers and for workers. It ensures that we
13 have transparency in how AI is being used on
14 state employment decisions. It ensures that
15 there are clear labor protections for the workers
16 that are going to be impacted by new technology.
17 And of course this bill also ensures we have an
18 inventory of --

19 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Excuse
20 me, Senator Gonzalez.

21 Can we have some order? Excuse me.

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

24 This is a critical first step in a
25 comprehensive vision for ethical and responsible

1 AI adoption that puts the needs of everyday
2 New Yorkers first.

3 And again, I want to thank this body
4 for passing this bill, and so I vote
5 enthusiastically aye.

6 Thank you, Mr. President.

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

9 Announce the results.

10 THE SECRETARY: In relation to
11 Calendar 96, voting in the negative:
12 Senator Walczyk.

13 Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
15 is passed.

16 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 97,
17 Assembly Bill 2249, by Assemblymember Reyes, an
18 act to amend the Labor 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 97, those Senators voting in the
5 negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello,
6 Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Griffio, Helming, Lanza,
7 Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara,
8 Ortt, Stec, Tedisco, Weber and Weik.

9 Ayes, 45. Nays, 16.

10 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
11 is passed.

12 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
13 140, Assembly Bill Number 925A, by
14 Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the
15 Public Health Law.

16 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
17 last section.

18 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
19 act shall take effect on the same date and in the
20 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2024.

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
5 151, Assembly Bill 751, by Assemblymember Eachus,
6 an act to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2024.

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: In relation to
17 Calendar 151, voting in the negative:
18 Senator Walczyk.

19 Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

20 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
21 is passed.

22 THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
23 152, Assembly Bill Number 1472, by
24 Assemblymember Sayegh, an act to amend the
25 Public Health Law.

1 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the
2 last section.

3 THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
4 act shall take effect on the same date and in the
5 same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2024.

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 152, voting in the negative:
13 Senator Walczyk.

14 Ayes, 60. Nays, 1.

15 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill
16 is passed.

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

19 SENATOR GIANARIS: Is there any
20 further business at the desk?

21 ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: There is
22 no further business at the desk.

23 SENATOR GIANARIS: Move to adjourn
24 until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 11th, at
25 3:00 p.m.

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ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: On
motion, the Senate stands adjourned until
tomorrow, Tuesday, February 11th, at 3:00 p.m.
(Whereupon, the Senate adjourned at
3:59 p.m.)