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SENATOR JAMAAL T. BAILEY, Acting President

ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary

P R O C E E D I N G S

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Senate will come to order.

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

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

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

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Sunday, May 31, 2026, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Saturday, May 30, 2026, was read and approved. On motion, the Senate adjourned.

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

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

Messages from the Governor.

Excuse me, the Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Skoufis moves to discharge, from the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, Assembly Bill Number 173A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6165A, Third Reading Calendar 323.

Senator Rivera moves to discharge, from the Committee on Health, Assembly Bill Number 755B and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 5056B, Third Reading Calendar 558.

Senator Stec moves to discharge, from the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, Assembly Bill Number 9334A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8588A, Third Reading Calendar 714.

Senator Sepúlveda moves to discharge, from the Committee on Finance, Assembly Bill Number 4603A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 5037A, Third Reading Calendar 847.

Senator Skoufis moves to discharge, from the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs, Assembly Bill Number 3450A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 3194A, Third Reading Calendar 1159.

Senator Persaud moves to discharge, from the Committee on Women's Issues, Assembly Bill Number 10045 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8894, Third Reading Calendar 1321.

Senator Fernandez moves to discharge, from the Committee on Elections, Assembly Bill Number 8388 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 1809, Third Reading Calendar 1348.

Senator Comrie moves to discharge, from the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications, Assembly Bill Number 1012A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 5189, Third Reading Calendar 1357.

Senator Bailey moves to discharge, from the Committee on Insurance, Assembly Bill Number 6561B and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6551A, Third Reading Calendar 1362.

Senator Mattera moves to discharge, from the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, Assembly Bill Number 7839A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 7605A, Third Reading Calendar 1368.

Senator Weber moves to discharge,

from the Committee on Labor, Assembly Bill Number 10162 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9058, Third Reading Calendar 1393.

Senator Ramos moves to discharge, from the Committee on Labor, Assembly Bill Number 10365 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9330, Third Reading Calendar 1403.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: So ordered.

Messages from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

Reports of select committees.

Communications and reports from state officers.

Motions and resolutions.

The man of the hour: Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Good afternoon, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Good afternoon.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Let's begin with some motions.

I wish to call up the following bills, which were recalled from the Assembly and

are now at the desk: Senate Bill 3852B and Senate Bill 1463A.

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

Excuse me one second.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 102, Senate Print 3852B, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

Calendar Number 644, Senate Print 1463A, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

SENATOR GIANARIS: I move to reconsider the votes by which these bills were passed.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll on reconsideration.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: These bills are restored to their place on the Third Reading Calendar.

SENATOR GIANARIS: I offer the following amendments.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The amendments are received.

SENATOR GIANARIS: I also have amendments to the following Third Reading Calendar bills:

By Senator Martinez, page 4, Calendar 181, Senate Print 194C;

Senator Baskin, page 7, Calendar 362, Senate Print 9057;

Senator Webb, page 30, Calendar 1094, Senate Print 6230B;

Senator May, page 54, Calendar 1401, Senate Print 9305;

Senator Skoufis, page 55, Calendar 1408, Senate Print 9541;

And Senator Fahy, page 40, Calendar 1228, Senate Print 9468.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: These amendments are received, and these bills will retain their place on the Third Reading Calendar.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Please call on Senator Lanza for a motion.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Lanza.

SENATOR LANZA: Thank you, Mr. President.

I wish to call up my bill, Senate Print Number 5900, recalled from the Assembly, which is now at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 872, Senate Print 5900, by Senator Lanza, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

SENATOR LANZA: I now move to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll on reconsideration.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 58.

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

SENATOR LANZA: I now offer the following amendments.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The amendments are received.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Now, Mr. President, let's take up privileged Resolution 2318, by Leader Stewart-Cousins, read it in its entirety --

(Laughter.)

UNIDENTIFIED SENATOR: Slowly.

SENATOR GIANARIS: -- very slowly, and recognize first Senator Myrie to speak on the resolution.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: There is a privileged resolution at the desk.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Resolution 2318, by Senator Stewart-Cousins, celebrating Senator Michael N. Gianaris upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the President Pro Tempore and Senate Majority Leader's Legislative Legacy Award.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Myrie --

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

(Extended laughter.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Lanza, in its entirety. You may wish to interject.

THE SECRETARY: "WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those esteemed public servants whose careers have been marked by an abiding dedication to justice, fairness, and the betterment of their communities; among them stands Senator Michael N. Gianaris, a public servant whose presence did far more than fill a seat, and who has left an indelible impact on the very character of the institution he helped lead; and

"WHEREAS, Senator Gianaris was born and raised in Astoria, Queens, the proud son of Greek immigrants whose values of hard work and civic responsibility shaped his life's calling; he graduated summa cum laude from Fordham University and earned his Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School, preparing him for a long and accomplished career in public service; and

"WHEREAS, Before his election to public office, he built a distinguished record of public service through multiple roles across government, serving as an aide to Congressman Thomas Manton, as Queens Regional Representative to Governor Mario Cuomo, and as a counsel to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly; and

"WHEREAS, In 2000, he was elected to the New York State Assembly, becoming the first Greek-American ever elected to public office from New York City, a milestone that reflects both his heritage and the deep trust placed in him by the communities he has long served; in the Assembly, he championed consumer protection, environmental protection, government reform, and public safety; and

"WHEREAS, Senator Gianaris was elected to the New York State Senate in 2010 to represent the 12th Senate District, which includes the Queens neighborhoods of Long Island City, Sunnyside, Astoria and parts of other neighborhoods in Western Queens; during his 16-year tenure, he became one of the most influential voices in the chamber, rising to Deputy Majority Leader upon appointment by Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and building an impressive legislative record defined by meaningful protections and bold reforms grounded in justice, fairness, and accountability; and

"WHEREAS, A leading champion for tenants and housing justice, he helped pass the

2019 rent reforms with the HSTPA, authored the Housing Our Neighbors With Dignity Act to convert distressed properties into supportive housing, and helped usher in Good Cause Eviction protections; he worked to transform New York's criminal justice system by writing legislation to eliminate cash bail, creating an Innocence Commission, and advancing reforms to 'ban discriminatory citizens' arrests and protect habeas corpus rights'; he spearheaded sweeping election reforms to strengthen access and participation in the electoral process, including expanding voter registration, enacting early voting and vote by mail, championing automatic voter registration, consolidating primaries, and advancing redistricting reforms to ensure fairer representation for all New Yorkers; and

"WHEREAS, Senator Gianaris authored and championed numerous other consequential laws, including fighting for and helping to advance LGBTQ+ rights, securing record funding for mass transit, pushing for increased accessibility through the free bus pilot program; authoring the NY HERO Act to protect workers during the COVID-19 pandemic; challenging polluting power

plants, ensuring utility employees received a prevailing wage; strengthening consumer protections through the nation's first Airline Passenger Bill of Rights, and advancing major animal welfare legislation like the Puppy Mill Pipeline Act; he also led the successful opposition to the proposed Amazon HQ2 project in Long Island City; his career has been defined not only by legislative victories but by fierce advocacy for working families, tenants, immigrants, consumers, and all those who rely on government to stand up for them; and

"WHEREAS, Senator Gianaris is widely regarded not only as one of the sharpest minds in New York State politics, but as a strategist whose instincts are the stuff of Capitol legend; he is known for his ability to read a room instantly, anticipate political shifts before anyone else senses it, and navigate complex negotiations with precision and patience; it is a combination that has made him a trusted leader, a steady hand in moments of uncertainty, and a force whose presence can change the entire temperature of the chamber; and

"WHEREAS, He is known to be an

exceptional Floor Leader and debater; his command of policy, quick wit, and ability to 'verbally spar' when necessary, while still remaining deeply likable and poised, make him both a formidable opponent and a respected colleague; members on both sides of the aisle admire his intelligence, integrity, meticulous preparation, humor, and his legendary talent for remembering exactly what someone said three years ago and deploying it gracefully, devastatingly, and usually to great comedic effect during debate; and

"WHEREAS, Beyond his public achievements, Senator Gianaris is a devoted husband, father, son, and brother; his colleagues know him as someone who loves cats and his dog Fred, and for whom devotion to the New York Mets and enthusiasm for Star Wars are unmistakable parts of who he is, infusing even the most serious legislative moments with levity and humor; his humor has long served as a reminder that even in the most serious moments, public service can still make room for joy, imagination, and laughter; and

"WHEREAS, Within these halls, he has

not only been a colleague but a mentor, guiding, shaping new talent, and elevating many of the great voices who have served in the New York State Legislature; and

"WHEREAS, After more than a quarter-century of public service, Senator Gianaris has chosen to end his storied tenure in Albany to return home to his beloved Queens and embrace his most cherished role as a devoted husband, father, and son; as he retires from the New York State Senate, he leaves behind a legacy of courage, conviction, transformative leadership, and a lifelong commitment to lifting up those most in need, a legacy that will continue to shape New York for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Senator Michael N. Gianaris upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the President Pro Tempore and Senate Majority Leader's Legislative Legacy Award, and to express its deepest gratitude for his decades of service, his legislative achievements, and his unwavering dedication to the people of Queens and the State

of New York; and be it further

"RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Senator Michael N. Gianaris with the highest esteem and appreciation of this Legislative Body. May the Force be with you."

(Laughter.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Myrie on the resolution.

SENATOR MYRIE: Thank you, Madam President.

And first let me congratulate Senator Gianaris on the -- receiving the Legacy Award.

This is going to be an emotional day, I imagine, for many of us. For the Class of 2018, it carries special emotion because the State Senate that we have known, that we have experienced, has only been on this side, in the Majority, where we have been able to fight for so many vulnerable New Yorkers.

And if you are a vulnerable New Yorker in this state, you need to know who Senator Gianaris is, because your life has been made better by his fight and by his leadership

and by his feistiness. A dogged advocate for so many people that will never know who he is. But we know who he is.

So I don't want to go through all of the accomplishments. You heard some of that in the resolution. I just want to take this time to publicly say thank you.

Thank you for being the leader who you are. Thank you for believing in young leadership, in investing in us when we didn't know what the hell we were doing. You took us under your wing. You showed us the way. And you gave us the tools to be successful.

So I really want to say thank you, and how deeply you will be missed. And I also want to say that out of all of the accomplishments on this floor that you have achieved, the accomplishments outside of this building that we cannot speak about on this floor, the greatest accomplishment you've ever achieved is sitting in this corner over here.

You became a different man when you got married.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR MYRIE: A little softer.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR MYRIE: A little kinder.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR MYRIE: More compassionate.

And then you became even better when you had Zoe.

This is what it's about: Family. That's where you have been the real leader. And you have shown us, especially to those of us trying to do the same thing, that you can do both and that you can choose the right thing when it's time.

Thank you for choosing them. Thank you for being an example. We love you. We will miss you. And congratulations on a legendary career here in the Capitol.

I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank you, Senator.

Senator Stavisky on the resolution.

SENATOR STAVISKY: Thank you, Madam President.

Senator Myrie just said pretty much what I was going to say.

To Senator Stewart-Cousins, thank

you for what you have done in really introducing the conference to Senator Gianaris.

And this is to me a remarkable team, a remarkable team. But Senator Gianaris's legacy has been outlined particularly in the resolution but also by Senator Myrie, and his impact is not the elections, it's what resulted from the elections -- the legislation, the landmark legislation in every area, for the marginalized, for the people who feel ignored and unrepresented, we have Senator Gianaris to thank.

And yes, Zoe, when you grow up and you listen to this tape, you will realize the effect that your daddy has had on everybody.

I've known Senator Gianaris really since his days when he was a staffer. And he has just demonstrated remarkable leadership in all the right things.

So to you and to your family, we thank you for what you've done and for what the future will bring.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank you, Senator.

Senator Borrello on the resolution.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you, Madam President. I promise not to curse.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR BORRELLO: First of all, I want to say my first year here -- really, I came in a special election at the end of 2019, and my first session was 2020. I was literally the only member of my freshman class, the only legislative contest actually in 2019 because of the special election. So I was one of one.

And then boom, the pandemic hit. We had this chamber empty except for a few necessary folks. And one day I came in and I saw Senator Gianaris in his mask, and it had the starbird on it, which is the symbol of the Rebel Alliance from Star Wars.

And I looked at him and said, "So are you a Star Wars fan or just a rebel?" And his response was "I'm both." And it started a connection, because I too am a big Star Wars fan.

And for a long time we were very much like the Jedi. We were behind the scenes. We were, you know, quietly talking about our fandom. And then a few more joined us, like Senator Rivera and Senator Stec. And even

Leader Ortt is a Star Wars Fan. So our numbers began to grow.

And then it culminated last year when we celebrated Star Wars Day, where we just shook off the hiding and said, We are unabashed, unapologetic Star Wars fans --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR BORRELLO: -- here in this chamber. And actually in a bipartisan way. And it was an amazing experience, from having a lightsaber duel on the Senate floor to having Storm Troopers here.

But alas, it is not all good things. Because Senator Gianaris is a Marvel fan, and I am a DC fan, since he is wrong and I am right.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR BORRELLO: However, it was a pleasure. Because even though we sparred on this floor many, many times over the last six years, we were able to connect on something that we all -- that I think we all know and love. And it shows once again that Star Wars can transcend even divisive politics.

So thank you very much for what you've done here, and enjoy your retirement.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank you, Senator.

And I'm pleased that you did not curse, because both of Senator Gianaris's daughters, Orla and Zoe, are here. So we want to make sure they're not hearing, you know, things that they should not hear.

(Laughter.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: So thank you.

Senator Mayer on the resolution.

SENATOR MAYER: Thank you, Madam President.

And it really is both an honor and somewhat sad for us to have to speak about our friend Mike Gianaris. And thank you, Leader, for giving him this honor.

I would say for me personally I would not be here except for Senator Gianaris, who when I decided to run from the Assembly for a special election that was quite instrumental in what the future of the Senate would look like, Senator Gianaris took me under his wing. And together we were able to prevail and then ultimately become the Democratic Majority.

And it was this combination of substance -- policy substance, as we've instructed about today, the issues that really mattered to the people that we represent, regardless of where they live, coupled with a tremendous knowledge of the process.

And that's one other thing I want to talk about. I've been here in many different iterations and seen many floor leaders over my time. This is a very hard job to do well. It is a hard job to keep all the members of your own conference in line. Forget the other side, that's hard too.

And Mike Gianaris has done this in an exemplary way. Not only to be able to navigate so well with the Minority Conference and so collegially most of the time.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR MAYER: Occasionally he gets his zingers in, with a long memory. We appreciate that. But also to, again, be focused on what's important, to try to stay away from the small, the personal, and focus on what our charge is here to do, which is to do the people's business, to disagree, and then to vote.

And so I'm just incredibly grateful for his leadership in this chamber, and on the issues that matter to all of the people of New York State. We are just -- have been incredibly blessed to have had him as our deputy, and not only that -- as our guide, guiding star.

We will miss him. We will call him. We will bother him. And thank you, Mike, for everything you've done.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank you, Senator.

Senator Griffo on the resolution.

SENATOR GRIFFO: Madam President, I believe there's an amendment at the desk.

(Laughter.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The amendments are received.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GRIFFO: You know, it kind of -- we talked a lot about music in the chamber today, Senator Gianaris, and in the past. And I'm thinking of something on this side, after 16 years of you being here, and I'm thinking of -- for all of us here, I'm thinking of

Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men, how sweet it is we say goodbye today.

(Reaction from members.)

SENATOR GRIFFO: Having had -- seen it all, I thought we'd do a little bit of a roast, right? But --

(Reaction from members.)

SENATOR GRIFFO: By the way, the award that's being delivered, the Legacy Award, is that going to be delivered with someone in an orange and black uniform, bringing it into the chamber?

(Laughter; inaudible.)

SENATOR GRIFFO: Yes. Yes. Amazon.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GRIFFO: All right. Like as a former floor leader, having had the opportunity also to work with Senator Gianaris as we did this, I can tell you how difficult it can be. And Senator Lanza knows that now too.

Being a leader on the floor is arduous, it's challenging, it's demanding. And I know that each and every day you have undertaken that task as well as Senator Lanza and I

attempted, to do what we can to keep this chamber moving. Because it is about the institution.

Despite political and philosophic differences, we know there's a great respect for the Senate and this great place that we have the opportunity to work in right now. And I appreciate that work.

It always did give me great pleasure, though, Senator Gianaris, as a Yankee fan, when I was at the podium, to be able to rule your point of order nongermane and out of order, but as a -- for a Met fan.

But we had a lot of experience over time here. And I think one of the greatest things here is not only the pride that you took in your ancestry -- we talked about the Olive Caucus, many people of the Mediterranean ancestry here -- pride in your work and in your service, your public service, but most importantly the devotion to the family.

Hearing you talk about your family, your wife, your daughters, particularly when Zoe was born, it did have a transformational effect. And hopefully that will work as you continue to put that energy into your family moving forward.

So wish you the best of luck, and happy years with the family.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank you, Senator.

Senator Bailey on the resolution.

SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you, Madam President.

There used to be a show on -- I think it was on CBS, but I've only caught it in reruns, it's called The King of Queens. The alleged King of Queens was a guy named Kevin James. And Jerry Stiller was on it, was the real star of the show.

But the real King of Queens is Mike Gianaris. You don't get to be somewhere for 25 years and not just a compiler, not just somebody who sat in a seat just to sit in a seat. This was somebody who used the force.

Now, I know nothing about Star Wars. I know -- but I know two phrases. I know the force, and the force is about strength and utilizing strength in certain ways. It's about utilizing the hammer or the thread and needle. Mike Gianaris knows how to do both.

When it's time for the hammer -- you

guys know about the hammer. The hammer comes out. The hammer came out when it came time to take this majority.

But the threading the needle comes out when it comes time for legislative statutory construction, making sure that we have the tools to build this place. You see, we need the foundation. And Mike, you've been able to do that. You've been able to thread that needle artfully.

We would not have achieved criminal justice reform without you. We did a lot of great things. And as the chair of the Codes Committee, I got a lot of the credit and the blame. But if not for you in those rooms that we stayed up until 2 o'clock in the morning, your voice and your measured approach when I was not so measured, when many of us were not so measured. And there was something to the effect of we want to win this one, we want to keep winning. And that's what it was about.

So I remember -- I don't know if Mike remembers, but I remember him from when I was an intern. I was in this building from 22 years ago. I was an intern for

Speaker Heastie, and that's when Mike was in the Assembly.

And I just like -- you know, you read people's bios and stuff like that, you know what you know. And I'm like, this guy went to Harvard and he's here? Why is a Harvard Law graduate who can probably do anything he wants, here?

Well, it's to create lasting legacy. It's to create lasting policy. It's to create things that are greater than you can imagine.

So I -- as a student of government, I followed it, and I decided to embark on this mission myself.

And I remember I got a call from Mike, he said meet me somewhere in Queens -- I don't know where it was at. Somewhere I hadn't been. Oh, I'm a Met fan too, so all I know about Queens is like CUNY Law School and Citi Field and Shea Stadium. Those are the only places I know.

But we sat down and talked, and he had a clear vision about how we would get on this side. We went to a Met playoff game, and I'm like, man, this Senate thing might not be so bad.

Then I sat over there, and that

seemed to be in a galaxy far, far away. It seemed like we were far, far away from achieving what we spoke about at dinner and at lunch that day about what we'd be able to do. But with Mike Gianaris at the helm, we came out of -- started from the bottom, or as the leader likes to say, we were below the bottom.

I -- I -- it's just really good to see good people do good things. And for us to be able to do good things under Mike's leadership has been incredible.

I imagine it's really weird for you to sit here listening to people give you credit, but let this be a testament in today's conversation and all conversations about people that we are about, give them their flowers while they can smell them.

Tell Mike how much he's impacted your life, impacted your career. Many of us wouldn't be in these seats if not for him. Tell him that on the floor, tell him that next year, tell him that two years from now. Make sure you tell people that you care about and that you love that you love them.

The Dad Caucus, when you joined the

Dad Caucus, I was glad. That's the only thing I had on you, Mike. Like you were Assembly first, Senate first, deputy leader, all of that. I was dad. So I got to tell you about the dad experience. And you always listened and asked for advice.

And to me, that's the most important thing that we'll ever do in our lives, is be fathers. This is a great job. But being a dad?

The joy when you showed us the pictures of Zoe. The joy that when you welcomed Orla and we created the Bluey Caucus and I talked to Orla about Bluey and how much my daughters loved it too. And the smile that went to your face that you can't fake. It's not a -- in front of the cameras, it was a real like, man, I love this woman that I'm married to, and I love these women that are my daughters, and I love being here. And I love being here so much that I got to leave here.

So it's because of you leaving that the Knicks are going to win the championship.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR BAILEY: No, it's written, Madam President. It is written.

But it's been an honor to be a part of the floor team along with you. It's been an honor to learn from you. And just because you leave state service officially does not mean that I'm going to stop calling you and asking you for advice and calling you and asking you for things and calling you and asking you to help. Because I treasure you, I appreciate you.

And like I told you, about you've got to make sure you tell people you love them, I love you, Mike. I appreciate you. In a galaxy far, far away, the force is always with you.

Job well done.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Thank you, Senator.

Senator Gallivan on the resolution.

SENATOR GALLIVAN: Thank you, Madam President.

I too rise to congratulate Senator Gianaris on this award, the Legacy Award, and his imminent retirement.

I first met Mike about 16 years ago or so ago. I think we were 11 or 12 in the same class. And there's not many left standing -- Gustavo, Senator Rivera, you're the last one left

representing on that side.

Senator Myrie, I can tell you, though, when I started I experienced Mike from that side like you, when he was on this side. He was the same.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GALLIVAN: And like many of you who have said that you wouldn't be here if it wasn't for Senator Gianaris, neither would we.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GALLIVAN: It doesn't mean we don't try.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GALLIVAN: Senator Mayer mentioned that this is not an easy job, and it's not. Many of us of us care about our community, we care about the things that we believe in, and you stand up for it. And when we're in the chamber, as Senator Borrello alluded to, we have a rivalry, we disagree on things, we go back and forth.

I can assure you that unlike Senator Borrello, I'm never going to find that common ground in Star Wars. But what I can find the common ground in is standing up for what you

believe in and standing up for your constituents whether any of us agree with the others or not.

But most importantly -- a few people have mentioned it -- the most common ground I can find with you, Senator Gianaris, is putting your family first. And there's no better reason for you to step in that direction now and move on.

I wish you the best of luck.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Skoufis on the resolution.

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

All of us at various points, we receive sympathy from our friends, our family, about how difficult it must be to juggle being a public servant and elected official come to Albany and their family commitments, their personal livelihoods, et cetera.

So we're all Senators. Senator Gianaris is a Senator, but he's a lot of other things too. He's Deputy Majority Leader, Floor Leader. He's the DSCC chair. He's the Rules Committee chair. He's the chair of some other groups we're not allowed to talk about in this place. He's chair of LATFOR. He's a father

and a husband.

The sacrifice, quite literally, is unparalleled in this chamber, with the one exception being our Majority Leader. And that's why I suspect he's I believe only the second person in my eight years to receive the Majority Leader's Legacy Award, the other being Senator Breslin. The third, it sounds like, perhaps, yeah.

The dais shared a handful of landmark pieces of legislation that Senator Gianaris is credited for. To be clear, those are the bills, a sampling of the bills where he was the prime sponsor. That's why those were listed off in this resolution.

There is not a single piece of major legislation, however, that has come through this chamber that does not have Senator Gianaris's fingerprints on them. Literally every single major piece of legislation, he is in the room with our Majority Leader, helping craft those bills that are brought to the floor, not just the ones certainly with his name next to them.

I have a five-year-old at home. When I told her this weekend that this was going

to be my last week in Albany for the year, her eyes lit up and she let out a "Hooray!" True. And anyone that has children empathizes and knows exactly what I'm talking about.

And so while, yes, the Greek Caucus is devastated -- our numbers are being slashed once Senator Gianaris departs our conference and this chamber -- we've been privileged to count Senator Gianaris as a colleague. New York has been extraordinarily fortunate to benefit from Senator Gianaris's service over the past almost three decades. But his family now gets to enjoy him full-time, which is something we can all appreciate.

Thank you for being a friend since 2016, when you tried to recruit me to run for a seat in this place. For a variety of reasons, not the least of which is on a good day I can be insufferable -- I can only imagine how insufferable I would have been in the Minority if I had run and won that year -- I'm glad it's the only time you've been unsuccessful, in my experience, at least.

You're a powerful voice in this place. You've been an incredible friend to me

and so many others. I like, so many others, attribute you as one of if not the main reason why I am here today, and wish you nothing but the best with your family in the years ahead.

I vote yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Skoufis.

Senator Rivera on the resolution.

SENATOR RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. President.

When we were told that today would be the day that we would have an opportunity to talk about our colleague, Mike Gianaris, I just thought maybe this was a perfect opportunity to roast the gentleman.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR RIVERA: I was promptly reminded by Mike that his family would be here, and so I will save some of the comments that I would have made for another time.

But in all seriousness, as Senator Gallivan reminded us, so we were elected in 2010. Now, Mike was around in the Legislature for longer than that, but I got to meet him in 2010 when we both got elected. So that means

that we have been around for all that time. And during that time what I have known him as, as has been described of and over again, was somebody who was not only incredibly smart, dogged, figures out to do -- when to be soft, when not to be soft, and somebody who fights for his constituents and so many things around the state.

And I've known him as somebody who believes deeply in how the work that we do in here has to be taken -- we have to take into account that the work that we do in here changes people's lives and can change them for the better. And so it was a little surprising when he said that he was not going to do it anymore, at least to me.

Now, as our -- Mr. President was saying, there's the Daddy Caucus, which I obviously am not one of those people. But in all seriousness, I remember talking to him and many of the conversations that we've had over dinner over the years -- we always switch off. I go to Queens one time, and then the next time he comes to the Bronx, and we have been doing that for years.

And many of those conversations were

always about how are we going to achieve this policy area, how are we going to do this electoral thing, what about this political thing, what about this political thing.

And this last one that we had just a couple of months ago, it was after I had found out that he was saying that he was retiring. And when I asked him, So what made you make the decision, and just -- the little smile that came over his eyes was -- told me that he absolutely meant it when he said that looking into his daughter's eyes, and knowing that he needed to be there for her, was what the next chapter in his life needed to be.

And he also told me about -- that he leaves here content and on his own terms, because he knows that he's done so much to change this institution and to change the state for the better.

And so it is -- as some of my colleagues have already said, you will be missed greatly, because you certainly have been not only a leader in this state and a leader in this body, but certainly, for me, somebody that has been a constant inspiration and somebody who has tried

to get me to calm down many a time. And you have not always been successful, but I certainly thank you for trying.

But in all seriousness, I am glad that you are making this choice on your own terms and for the best of reasons. My brother, you will be missed, but I am looking forward to having many conversations.

The last thing I'll say, one thing that happens all the time, and I was telling his wife this yesterday, I have -- and this is true for every single person I have ever seen who has left either the Legislature or the legislative body or politics, et cetera. Whether they get defeated, whether they retire, what have you, within a month or a month and a half they look younger, more well-rested, they look better.

So I'm telling you, you think he's handsome now, just you wait.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR RIVERA: Give it two months, the brother will wake up in the morning just happy as a clam and he will be even more awesome than usual.

So again, Mike, have a wonderful,

wonderful rest of your life, and I'll see you soon.

I'll be voting in the affirmative, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Rivera.

Senator Comrie on the resolution.

SENATOR COMRIE: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise to congratulate Mike on making a difficult decision, making a decision that benefits your family, making a decision that's noted of your 30-plus years of service in government and in politics and in community.

Folks have said so many things already, I don't want to be repetitive. But I just want to say thank you for messing up my life.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR COMRIE: I was in a cushy job, making twice the salary --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR COMRIE: -- big office. Left at 4 o'clock -- No, I'm just kidding.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR COMRIE: But Mike reminded me that there were more important things than money. There were more important things than privilege. There was an opportunity to come back and serve the community.

And I've got to thank you for that, because you injected new purpose into me. Because even though it was a cushy job, I was bored as hell. You know, it was not the same as being here in this body, in this august body with all of you, creating opportunities and -- but I didn't realize I was coming into a Minority that was -- at the time. That was a whole 'nother experience, coming from the City Council where I was in leadership.

But Mike taught me to be patient. Mike taught me to be deliberative. Mike understood that it was important that we continue to work to serve our communities. And he's had a vision and a focus that has been unparalleled.

It's important that we all realize in this -- that we love what we do, and that we have to show that love in different ways. And sometimes it can be tough love. Sometimes, you know, he's had to hold me back when my Leo anger

gets upset and try to rein me in when I really want to start grumbling and start creating problems. Because, you know, Leos like to fight, and I have to hold that side of me in sometimes.

And sometimes it's more important to be strategic. Sometimes it's more important to be focused. And sometimes you have to hold your tongue in order to get things done. And Mike has taught me all of that. He's reminded me of that.

I have to say in Queens County, Mike was a legend. You know, when I first met Mike, it was over 30 years ago, and he was walking in and women were falling down all over the place at his feet because they just saw his good looks and they just saw his stride and his possession. He didn't -- he didn't -- he wasn't aware of it at the time because he was focused on getting things done.

You know, he was never aware of the impact that he had being such a good-looking guy on the women in Queens.

(Sustained laughter.)

SENATOR COMRIE: It was -- it was -- it was -- it was funny to me. It was funny to me.

And I just wanted to share that with you, because he still didn't realize it. He doesn't realize it to this day, his impact on people in that way. Because Mike has always been focused on getting work done, on dealing with legislation, on seeing people beyond their looks, but seeing people for their passion, for their understanding, and for their desire to be involved in government one way or the other.

I'm going to miss you terribly. I'm not going to let you go, though. You're going to be -- I'm going to be on the phone when I need to get that voice to hold me back, to rein me in, to make sure that, you know, we're doing the things necessary to move this state forward.

So you may be gone from this body, as other folks have said, but you won't be gone from us in person.

But I again want to congratulate you. I know this was a difficult decision to leave while you're cooking and you're on top, but to do it for the right reasons -- and you're doing it for wonderful reasons, three wonderful reasons, your wife and your two daughters.

I don't know if you're ready for him

once he's on -- once he's full-time. You may change your mind after six months.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR COMRIE: But in either case, I know that you will doing it with love, with compassion.

And thank you, Mike, for everything that you've been to all of us. Thank you for what you've done for this state. Thank you for being a great leader.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Comrie.

Senator May on the resolution.

SENATOR MAY: Thank you, Mr. President.

For four years I've had the privilege of sitting right behind Senator Gianaris on this floor and have really been able to witness what an incredible multitasker he is, whether on the phone, on the Batphone with the front desk or otherwise managing the floor, being able to leap up at a moment's notice and deliver the perfect zinger in debate -- all of which he's been doing while

watching Mets games or --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR MAY: -- FaceTiming with his family on his phone.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR MAY: And most miraculously of all, he's always leaning so far back in his chair, but he has never fallen over and whacked his head.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR MAY: Mike, I think of you as not just an amazing multitasker, but a friend and somebody -- really a role model and an inspiration to all of us.

But I am glad that you are consolidating your life and maybe not having to multitask quite so much so that you can spend time with your beautiful family.

It has been an honor working with you, and I vote aye.

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

Senator Gounardes to explain his vote -- on the resolution. Excuse me, I don't know what -- I'm all messed up. Today is

Rachel May and Leroy Comrie making jokes.

Andrew -- Senator Gounardes.

SENATOR GOUNARDES: All right. My turn, okay. Thank you, Mr. President.

You know, we talk a lot in this chamber about representation, how representation matters. And Senator Skoufis alluded to the Greek Caucus. I want to tell you all what Mike's leadership in the Greek-American community has meant, not just to me but to the hundreds of thousands of Greek Americans who live not just in New York but in the tristate area and who, frankly, live in the -- the millions who live across the country.

You know, growing up we heard names like Dukakis and Tsongas and Sarbanes, and we spoke of them with reverence in households. And on that list, Mike, was your name as well: Gianaris, Genárides {phonetic}. Greek families, who saw his ascent into elected leadership -- and they were so incredibly proud that one of theirs had won the right to have a title and to speak on behalf of them and to fight on behalf of them.

And what a gift that is for all of us, to have you be that standard-bearer for our

community. And still to this day, that reputation still holds.

And you tell people that Mike is stepping down, that he's leaving, and everyone's just shocked. There's a hush. What are we going to do? He was ours. He was our community's. He was New York's Greek champion.

And we don't know what we're going to do yet. Certainly I can't fill those shoes. James, sorry, you can't fill those shoes. Nobody else can fill those shoes.

When I was first getting into interest in politics and I was -- in 2012 I wanted to run for office. And I was scared to call Mike and ask for his advice because, again, you're calling the champion of your community, the person who can open doors for you or slam them in your face.

And from the very first time I spoke with Mike, not only did he open the door, but he held it wide open. And he took me under his wing. And when even those in our own community said, You know what, Andrew, it's not your time; Andrew, you're too young; Andrew, you don't know what it's like to have to run for office -- Mike

never wavered in his mentorship, in his guidance.

He coached me through some incredibly difficult conversations. He coached me through how to salvage relationships that meant a lot to me that in that moment were fraying. He was at my very first fundraiser back in 2011. And even though that election was not successful, he has been a mentor and a guide and a friend ever since.

And I certainly add myself amongst those who know for a fact that I would not be in this room without him, without his support, without his vision, and without his example. Because whether or not he had all those titles when I got elected, whether or not he was part of the vision that brought us here, he was certainly the person I was trying to emulate when I decided to put my own name forward for election again.

And so, Mike, thank you is not enough for everything you've done for our community, for me, and for the countless others who hope to follow in our footsteps, but knowing that you are their example.

I also have a slight bone to pick because when I told my wife why you were leaving,

she said, "Well, what about you?"

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GOUNARDES: And then when I actually said to her -- this is true, I said, "I haven't done nearly as much as he's accomplished in his career. And, you know, I'm not ready yet, but" -- and I started rattling off the things that he had done. And then she said, "I get it. I get it."

So what a gift it must have been for you, Mike, to be able to touch so many lives for the better. You've certainly touched all of ours. And we're going to miss you, and we all say thank you.

I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Gounardes.

Senator Harckham on the resolution.

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

Senator Gianaris, congratulations on this award.

You know, a lot of things have been going through my mind. I was struck, in the resolution where it said "and he remembers

something that you said three years ago." And it just reminded me how he likes to remind Senator Martins that he voted for Tier 6.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR HARCKHAM: At least once a year that comes up. More than once a year.

I also learned from Mike -- I came in in that Class of 2018. And twice before, Senator Gianaris had tried to recruit me to run. It just wasn't the right time in my life. So when I finally got into the race, he was already backing other folks. And so the lesson to me was not if you want the money you've got to get in the game early. The lesson was when Senator Gianaris has bad news for you, he starts and says your last name and then there's a pause. So it's "Harckham ... we gave our money to other candidates."

(Laughter.)

SENATOR HARCKHAM: And then so for the next seven years I would get this annual phone call, in his role as chair of DSCC: Harckham -- all right, here it comes -- you're spending too much money.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR HARCKHAM: And so finally I got smart. And this year there was a county chair who called me for an exorbitant amount of money to support an event they were doing. And I said, "Oh, I can't possibly do that. Senator Gianaris will kill me if I donate that much."

(Laughter.)

SENATOR HARCKHAM: And so literally a day later: "Harckham ... who is this person and why are they saying I won't let you donate to their event?"

(Laughter.)

SENATOR HARCKHAM: So that was just some of the many hats.

But I would not be here were it not for Senator Gianaris and him interesting me, getting me interested in -- and excited about being in the role of the Senator.

But I think what really impresses me about Senator Gianaris is that there's so many facets to what he does, and he is excellent at all of them.

You know, as someone who's been around this business a while, normally the policy and the politics are separate people. You know,

the polling, the strategy, the fundraising is over here; the legislative and the policy wisdom is over here. And in Mike, it's -- it's joined. I mean, he truly is an expert in all of these areas. And all of us have benefited.

But what it's always been about, and what he always reminds us is it's about the work. It's always about the work. It's not about anything that's outside. It's about the work we do in here, and it's about the work we do back home.

And the other thing that has so impressed me about Senator Gianaris, after all his success and all his accolades, he's never forgotten who he is and where he comes from. You know, he's just a boy from a working-class neighborhood in Queens, and that's who he fights for each and every day. And he reminds us of that.

So Mike, thank you. You know, when people talk about how you've had to make a choice -- but as a father, there is no choice. And you'll know that very soon.

So God bless you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank

you, Senator Harckham.

Senator Liu on the resolution.

SENATOR LIU: Thank you, Mr. President.

No one's going to tell Mike this, so I'm going to say it. Star Wars is just fantasy.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LIU: Star Trek, on the other hand --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LIU: -- is based in science and reality.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LIU: But, you know, I will concede this. That Mike G., he's got the force, Mr. President. He has been a force. And he will continue to be a force. He's a political force.

We certainly know him as a political animal, but beneath all of this is the real person. And many of my colleagues have talked about this already. The real person that is a reverent son who continues to take care of his mom, his aging mom; a loving husband; a doting father. That's the real Mike Gianaris. It doesn't always come through in these august

chambers, but that's who Mike is.

And that's the grounding, along with his education, of course. People like him who hail from the university, the law school that he came from, they don't ever name their school, they just say, Oh, I went to school in Boston.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LIU: But without those educational backgrounds, the history, the experience, and the grounding as a real person, that is what makes Mike Gianaris the force he has been here in the State of New York.

Mike, it's been a long time. And I will -- you know, I will attest to what Senator Comrie talked about. Mike Gianaris, when he walked into the room, all the ladies noticed. The men noticed as well.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LIU: He was a -- he is a handsome man, though back then he was somewhat more svelte. Mr. President, Mike G. is a bigger man now.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LIU: And I remember being on his campaign in 2020 and standing outside a

poll site with his mom and dad in Astoria. That was -- we were a few hours away from what we knew would be the result, that Mike Gianaris would become the first Greek-American elected legislator.

And that was a big moment in time for the community. It was a big moment for all of us in Queens. We don't forget that. And over the years lots have happened, lot of legislative accomplishments. I'm not really going to talk about that because everybody else has talked about that. Don't forget, he was one of our "40 Under 40," that coveted list that people like to get on. By the way, Mike, that was like 20 years ago. Almost 20 years ago.

SENATOR GIANARIS: (Inaudible.) -- "60 Under 60."

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LIU: Yeah, I guess they started that list -- it's "60 Over 60," right? Or "70 Over 70," I think.

And of course becoming appointed to become the Deputy Majority Leader of the New York State Senate. Thank you so much, Madam Leader, for that fateful decision that would impact so

many millions of people across the state.

To his legislative fights, I think Senator Skoufis said it well, that even though his name is not on that many pieces of legislation -- he let us have it. He let us put our names on it. But he certainly had his fingerprints on all of those bills.

And being the floor leader, reminding all of us, both sides of the aisle, about important facts of history.

But, you know, one of the things I remember most is occasionally Mike would ask me to sit in for him as floor leader because session was getting late and he had to get home to give his sick cat his shots. That cat is no longer with us. But that's what Mike -- he knew he had to give the cat a shot by a certain time every single day.

And then of course, you know, fast-forward to most recently in February, when we were all in conference getting ready to talk about the bills, and he made an announcement. And when he told us what his plans were, you know, a couple of minutes of like silence and just utter shock. Not a dry eye in the room that

day, just to think that this person could be leaving us and moving on.

But I congratulate you, Mike, because there's still a long way ahead and there are a lot of things yet to be done, and you'll be doing them from a different capacity, but there will still be positive changes coming from you, Mike.

So, Mr. President, I vote yes on this resolution. I want to thank my friend, Michael Gianaris. I'll see you at Northeast.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Liu.

Senator Serrano on the resolution.

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

And it's sort of difficult to talk about this today because, you know, when you have a friend it's hard to know that you won't be able to see them every day.

But I'm filled with tremendous gratitude for having had the opportunity to work with such an amazing person.

Mike Gianaris and I first met many

years ago when I believe in the Senate, it was during the time we were briefly in the Majority and Mike was in the Assembly and we were working on some bills together and had a press conference together. And I was thinking to myself, boy, this guy has a great sense of humor. Just fun and a nice person to deal with.

And, you know, I was so happy when I learned that he was coming to the Senate. And what I found during that period when we were briefly in the Minority back then, we had a bit more time on our hands to sort of get to know one another and to chitchat and learn all these things about one another. And, you know, I was happy to hear that we had so many similar Generation X experiences growing up, and we sort of bonded over that. We bonded over Star Wars and his encyclopedic knowledge of baseball, which I think actually rivals my dad's, if that can be seen.

But he just knew so many things about so many different topics. And I, being someone very inquisitive, I'm the type of person that asks a lot of questions. I want to know everything about everything. And a perfect

match, because Mike will tell you everything. Mike is not a gatekeeper of information. He freely shares so much of what he's learned over the years and imparts that on all of us.

And those of us who are willing to listen are the better for it, because we learn this perspective that is so uniquely balanced, that is so uniquely ethical and proper. And we learn how to do not just this job better, but we learn how to do life better.

I was also really amazed by the amount of bandwidth that Mike has to be able to handle so many different things and never complain. Never looks flustered, never looks stressed. Hid it well, if it existed. But he sort of just kept grinding, kept plugging along. And it's an important message because, you know, that's what life is. We do what we have to do, and we do it as long as we can.

And I could just imagine, Mike, that this was a difficult decision for you. I know how much you love this work. I know how much you love the challenges. But I have to say that the reasons for which you are doing it make so much sense to me as a father.

And I've spoken to you so many times over the years about the joys of being a dad. And what I've seen in you, Mike, is not just you as a dad, but as a joyful father. I see the light in you that grows every single day when you talk more about your wonderful family, who I've gotten to know over the years, and how that has made you a better person and made you a more fulfilled human being.

So it is very difficult to see -- to know that you're not going to be here every single day. But just know that I will continue to reach out. Hopefully we can get some more Greek food together. Thank you for teaching me all the different things that you have taught me over the years.

I love you, and I proudly vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Serrano.

Senator Scarcella-Spanton on the resolution.

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

And thank you, Mike Gianaris, for the legacy that you leave behind in this place.

Truly, if you look around this room, your fingerprints are in every single corner of our districts. It's in every single corner of New York State. And this is the legacy that's going to be lasting -- your family over here.

I'm so happy that they're here to see and hear all the special things that there are about you, what makes you, you.

I can say from personal experience, you are the gut-check that so many of us need. You bring balance to the conversations when any of us are stressed out or frazzled. Because to Senator Serrano's point, you do remain such a constant and calming presence to so many of us in this room.

And I wanted to say I really liked what Senator Gallivan said as well about your family being the thing everyone has in common, because that is something so noble. I think that is such a rare character trait in people to realize when it's time to reprioritize.

And you did that, and you set an example for everybody in this room, whether it's shifting things around to make it work or when it's time to do something different.

But we appreciate you. We love you. I am not enough Greek to step into your shoes, not even close, but thank you for looking at my ancestry and accepting me a little bit as one of your own.

I proudly vote aye, and congratulations. We love you.

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

Senator Gonzalez on the resolution.

SENATOR GONZALEZ: Thank you, Mr. President.

I stand here as one of the members who can also say that I would not be here, but certainly wouldn't be the member that I am today, without Senator Gianaris.

And I remember meeting for the first time, and Senator Myrie spoke about how supportive he's been of young candidates. But I'm probably one of the youngest, and I was nervous and I had those feelings of being a working-class kid from Queens and not being sure if I could take on such a role.

And I just remember Senator Gianaris talking about what it was like for him growing up

in Queens, to be first generation in Harvard, being surrounded by classmates who didn't always think like us or grow up like us.

And from that day on, I just truly cannot say enough how grounded I have seen you, Senator Gianaris, be in that history and fighting for people like us. But in inspiring that in everyone else, and encouraging that in everyone else around him.

And I also stand here as someone who has the immense honor and privilege of representing the same area that Senator Gianaris represented in Astoria.

And as a first-time candidate, I will tell you all when I was knocking doors, the first question I got a lot of the time was "Are you primarying Mike?"

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GONZALEZ: With, of course -- and rightfully so -- contempt.

And I would have to explain, no, we had a redistricting, and he's still in office, and actually he's supportive.

And honestly, it was representative of how loved he is, not only by the Greek

community in Astoria that got the representation, and also has that in our colleagues, but also in places like NYCHA.

I think one thing I know a lot of you know, but maybe not everyone, is that there are hundreds of kids in NYCHA who have money in a college savings account and a real way and path forward for the future, because Senator Gianaris took the time to help build that program with a nonprofit.

I will say he's also deeply loved not only in NYCHA, but also in Long Island City, where he took a hard stance on things like Amazon. And I was an early organizer then, but he since has been proven right.

And the community in every place in the district is better off from not only our neighbors in LIC and our neighbors in NYCHA, but even down to the dogs and the cats, the adoption centers that benefited from his legislation. So I am so deeply thankful to Senator Gianaris for fighting for all of us.

I think very few people have had the honor of saying Mark Hamill has said "The force is strong in this one," and that is certainly

true. And it takes a strong force to be such an incredible father with such an incredible family. And it's really, really exciting to see him be a girl dad and see his two daughters grow up in our neighborhood.

So thank you again. And with that, I proudly support this resolution.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Gonzalez.

Senator Hinchey on the resolution.

SENATOR HINCHEY: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise as a proud member of the 'I Wouldn't Be Here Without Mike Gianaris' Caucus. Truly, Mike, you changed my life. Maybe not in all the ways you changed Senator Comrie's life, but you changed my life truly for the better.

I talk to people in my community, my own family, and honestly they wouldn't know what I'd be doing if I wasn't sitting here in this chamber. And I'm only in this chamber really in large part because of you and your work and your belief in me, and I want to say thank you.

I feel so privileged to be able to serve in this body under the leadership with you

and our leader. It is truly phenomenal. I think it's something that we all have taken for granted for the years that we've been able to be here because it's just been our leadership. It's going to take a lot for us to realize that that changes.

And, you know, there's always time for that change, but this is going to be a big change. Not just because, you know, anytime anyone in any position leaves it's a big deal, but because of what you have done and the way that you do it here in this chamber.

As was said, your levelheadedness and the way that you manage so many spaces -- I mean, truly stuff of legend. But even with the accomplishments and the titles and the responsibilities, you always had time for us. It always felt like your time was accessible to us.

And truly, that's a gift. You always picked up the phone, you took the call, you took the time to talk in the hallway. You'd make sure that you knew our priorities. And if we talked to you about something, I knew and we knew that you would follow through on saying what it is that you were going to do.

Truly, that is a gift, and that allows all of us to learn and be our best selves and represent our districts in the ways that people sent us here to do. And we've only been able to do that, truly, because we had such a great person helping us do that behind the scenes.

So thank you for all of your work. The accomplishments are legendary. That legacy will live on for generations. But so will the legacy here of the members that you have helped steward and helped shape and helped cultivate. We do that in your honor and in your memory and in your shadow, all just trying to live up to the work that you've been able to do here in this chamber.

And so this award is so well-deserved, and I just wanted to add my voice to the beautiful chorus to say thank you.

I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Hinchey.

Senator Jackson on the resolution.

SENATOR JACKSON: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise in order to thank Mike Gianaris for being who he is. I came in with a group of about, what was it, 15 of us. And that would not have happened had not Mike been there and under the leadership of Andrea Stewart-Cousins, you know, and others that were involved in the process to try to move the Minority here to the Majority.

And that's what you did. And that's what you're doing to keep us in the game. Quite frankly, I've heard some situations about the IDC, and we replaced these people that were basically on the wrong side of the table. But that's an opinion that I have, and others will think otherwise.

But Mike, I'll just say thank you on behalf of all of the people that have been brought to this team, and also on behalf of all of the people in New York State that have positively got something through you through the work that we're doing on behalf of the people of our great state.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Jackson.

Senator Ramos on the resolution.

SENATOR RAMOS: When I first heard that we would be honoring Mike today, my mind went to the Powhatan Democratic Club. 'Twas the year 2000, and a young Mike Gianaris was running for State Assembly. And I had been dragged to a meeting by my father on a particular night when a young, fresh-faced young man from Astoria was there to talk about his candidacy. And I remember how incredible it felt to know that a Queens kid, the child of immigrants, had the opportunity to step up to lead our hometown.

And I don't think that Mike perhaps had the intention or even realized the impression that he was leaving on any of the teenagers in the room -- because I remember I wasn't the only one. But you did. And it definitely left an indelible mark on many people who in Queens, especially in Western Queens, have thought about living a life in public service.

Now, over the last odd twenty years that I've actually known him, I've not only praised him as a leader, but to me he's exemplified what it means to be a good Democrat. I think it is -- we, at least definitely on this

side, feel an immense sense of gratitude to you for restoring integrity to this institution and doing everything that you could to ensure that justice was served to a Senate that deserved to be led by an extraordinary woman.

And you, my friend, unlike many, are a man who is not threatened by strong women. And that, again, is something that is admirable and speaks to your character. So to me, it is no coincidence that God decided to bless you with three extraordinary women in your life.

To me, this resolution is absolutely about your legacy as a legislator, as an operative, as a politician. But, more importantly, of the incredible man you are, the incredible colleague and legacy that you have left in each and every one of us about how to conduct ourselves here in the Senate.

So thank you. And congratulations, my friend.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Ramos.

Are there any other Senators wishing to be heard on this resolution? Your loss.

Seeing and hearing none,

Senator Lanza, followed by Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins to close.

Senator Lanza on the resolution.

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, I've noticed throughout this proceeding that my colleague Senator Gianaris is in a very good mood, and so I'll take this opportunity to ask you to see if he'll yield.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GIANARIS: (Inaudible.)

SENATOR LANZA: Always game. He's always game, Mr. President.

Senator Michael Gianaris or, as he is known to we Republicans, thorn in our side.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LANZA: Mr. President, that's a compliment. People in this room understand that.

Whatever your political leanings, if you don't respect Senator Gianaris and all that he is and all that he's done, you have not been paying attention.

He's -- as has been said, he's one of the most influential and consequential elected officials in New York. He is said to be

partisan, and it's true -- but not with everything. If he don't like you, he don't care which party you're from.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LANZA: But if he does, the same holds true.

He and I have been sparring partners for a long time now, debating on this floor for many years, both when I was in the Majority and, unfortunately, in the Minority, for me. And for a long time, Mr. President, it's probably true that we were nothing more than adversaries. And there's nothing wrong with that either. That's our system. It's important that we have these discussions and we have these debates. And in our American system of both law and government, the hope is that the better ideas will rise to the surface.

You know, these lines were probably drawn by fate long before we met. I'm a proud and happy diehard Yankee fan. As we all know, he's famously a Met fan. I was born in Staten Island, I live in Staten Island, he in Queens. I'm a Republican, he's a Democrat. He's Greek, and I'm Italian. Wait a minute. That's

the same thing.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LANZA: It was not until one day, Mr. President, that I think we crossed the line from being nothing more than adversaries: When he turned to me and said, "Lanza, you remind me of my brother." And I don't know if it was because we both served as, I think, assistant district attorneys, or that we both attended a better law school than he did, Fordham University School of Law.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LANZA: But to me that signals a new chapter in our relationship.

You know, a funny thing happened on the way to Damascus. We're not supposed to be friends. The world doesn't want us to be friends. People on social media hate that we are friends. Some of our friends hate that we are friends.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LANZA: Well, that's just tough. And we found a way, through all the rounds and all the boxing and all the jabs and all the snips and the snark from both of us, we

found a way to cut through that. And I wish more people would do the very same.

I assure you, Mr. President, neither one of us has ever compromised a single thing that we believe in. I could tell you Senator Gianaris is loyal to your conference, he's loyal to the mission, he's loyal to the Majority Leader. He's loyal to his party. He's loyal to the state and the country, though, at the same time. I the same.

And just because the world doesn't like that two people so situated should not be friends, I think it make it is even sweeter.

By the way, Senator Liu, I'm a Trekkie and a Star Wars fan. There's room in the galaxy and the universe for both.

We continued along our progression in our relationship, as it's been mentioned, especially during COVID. When I had the privilege of being named to sit in this seat -- and by the way, after listening to Senator Gallivan reminding me of why I'm on this side, and to all the many Democrats who would not be here if not for Senator Gianaris, I'm a little less sad that you're leaving.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LANZA: But sad nonetheless.

And so I took this desk, and we got to know each other even more. I can tell you one thing we both agree on. Y'all are very needy. You all are very needy. But we work together.

We don't always agree. Sometimes we do. But we both are focused on doing what we believe to be the right thing by the folks in this chamber and, more importantly, by this institution that we both care for, and for the state.

During the lockdown, he and I really got to know each other. As most of you were home in pajamas on Zoom -- Senator Borrello no doubt in a Batman pajama --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LANZA: -- we had to figure out a way through that uncharted time. And it did give us a lot of time to really get to know each other -- not just as adversaries, politically speaking, not just as fellow colleagues in the Senate, but as people.

And I listened to everyone speak,

and everyone touched on a piece of Senator Mike Gianaris. And, you know, I heard about some of the -- Senator Myrie, some of the things he does outside of this chamber. Senator Gianaris, I think after all these years you owe me one favor. If you're going to continue along those lines, please do it in a galaxy far, far away.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LANZA: And if we ever -- and we will -- meet off-campus, I don't want you anywhere near Staten Island.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LANZA: I'll come to you.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LANZA: And we talk about family, and I too saw the change. And when we talk about changes as if he was this ogre before and better after, that's not the case. But as a husband and a father of three children, I knew the look in his eye all too well when he talked of his marriage to his beautiful wife and about his two children.

And we shared lots of stories about our families. And at the end of the day, we care very much about what happens in here, but we do

it for those reasons. We do it for our families. We sometimes come in here and we talk about how important the work we do is, as if it's in a vacuum, Mr. President. It's not. Without our friends and our family, what's the point?

And again, it's the seemingly little things that help you cut through the fog of the battle that we're engaged in. And when my daughter was in the process of rescuing a feral cat from the yard and from the neighborhood, I talked to -- I turned to my resident cat expert, Senator Gianaris. And he helped me help my daughter socialize that cat. And now Kitty, as we've talked about and we've shared photos, Kitty, if you open the door in my house, she looks at you like, I ain't going out there.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR LANZA: She's a full-fledged house cat and member of the family. And even that brought us together.

You know, Senator Gianaris -- and again, people don't want to hear one side of the aisle talk well about the other side of the aisle. We do it. But if that's all we do, shame on us.

I -- this place will miss you. And I will speak well of you. You are super-intelligent and smart, which are two different things, and you're both. You're dedicated, you're passionate, and you're hardworking. And political differences aside, isn't that all that we hope for in the people that choose to represent the people across the state? And you are all that, Senator Gianaris.

And, you know, this place will miss you, friend and foe alike. I shall miss you as a friend. And I wish you truly Godspeed in your future travels.

Congratulations.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Lanza.

Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins to close.

SENATOR STEWART-COUSINS: Thank you, Mr. President.

It is -- what's going to happen. Okay. I know he's -- I don't think he's ever had the opportunity to sit in a room where so many people who he has helped were able to heap accolades, to bring up the past, laud you for the

present, and give you the greatest hope for the future.

And the reality is that no one is more deserving. When I hear my colleagues talk about how you touched their lives, changed their lives, ruined their lives --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR STEWART-COUSINS: -- have people to thank for changing sides in chamber.

And I think of our story, one that has been a 13-year partnership, something that I would never have dreamt of -- a kid, you know, from the projects. And this Star Wars rebel hatched a plan in 2012 to change leadership, and included me in it. I was happy to get here; that was hard enough. I knew I could do some things. I never thought I'd do this thing.

There has to be a catalyst. There has to be a seed. Every single one of us had that person who said to us, You can do this, and never stopped supporting when you set on that journey. That's who this guy is.

And when he's with you, he's with you. And if he's not, he's not. But no matter what, with you or not, he's never, ever lost

sight of the opportunity to change things for the better.

He's never forgotten why, almost 30 years ago, he got involved in state government. And he's never forgotten where he came from or the influence someone like him has on making change.

There's some voices, because of our stereotypes and our conditioning, that you expect to be this way or that way. It's so easy to put someone in a box when they have certain traits or party labels or characteristics or, you know, whatever it is you think of.

Senator Gianaris breaks the mold. Because given the box, the pedigree, you don't always expect the mission, the cause, the intention and the attention to things that people like him aren't supposed to care about.

And in many ways, that's what makes him even more influential. Because you get to hear important things that you don't expect to hear from someone like him, from the sublime to the ridiculous.

Whether it's Star Wars or the Mets or it's like, We've got to go do this now to

protect the most vulnerable people, he never, ever, ever compromises when he makes a decision to move in a direction that he believes matters. And he's never afraid to lift his voice when he knows that his voice can make the defining difference in an outcome.

And that's what we've done here in this chamber, with his influence, with his support, with every fiber that he gave every single one of us for every single one of the 16 years he's been in this chamber.

And yes, you are the third Legacy Award, the first being Velmanette Montgomery, who spent almost 36 years -- who spent 36 years in this chamber, pioneering in so many ways. And then of course Senator Breslin, who spent almost 30 years in the chamber.

And then you, who in your 16 years in this chamber has managed to create an environment that allows us to continue to grow in not only our policy but in our integrity, in our purpose, and in the magnificent role of public servant.

We know, just as we having participated in life understand, nothing stays

the same. But we are certainly all better for the time that you have spent with us. And we are very, very prepared to make sure that we continue to stay focused on the mission of serving the people of New York State.

I will say to your lovely wife and your amazing children that you're very, very fortunate. This man adores you all. I spend a lot of time with him, and I know what everybody's doing all the time, because there's no end to the pictures and the photos and the fun and the Zoes and the Orlas and the Marianas -- sometimes, you know, you get to pop in between the girls. But I can tell you that he would not leave here unless he had a greater love, and that he does.

And for us who enjoy watching love filter through this chamber through the eyes of a child, who's only two, we say Godspeed. We say thank you. You've already heard that every single person is going to be torturing him anyway from a distance, so you won't be done with us entirely.

But we know that he will enjoy every moment not only of what he did here, but what he will do to grow and strengthen his family and to

make sure that he also continues a legacy outside of this chamber but in our communities, in our state, and whatever it is he wants to do.

Senator Gianaris, thank you for being, as I've said all the time, the best Deputy Leader, the best Deputy Majority Leader, the best partner, the best friend, the best ally anyone could ever have.

Congratulations. I say aye.

(Enthusiastic, extended standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: While you're in a clapping mood, some remarks from our Deputy Leader, the Legacy Award winner, the King of Queens, Senator Michael Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Madam Leader.

I don't know how many people get to see a glimpse of what their funeral service is going to sound like.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GIANARIS: I think I just have. So thank you for that. Most people don't get to respond --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GIANARIS: -- but I do.

I also want to thank my colleagues for being the perfect white noise for Zoe to continue her nap. She just got up, I think while Senator Lanza was speaking, so good timing on her part.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GIANARIS: What a ride it has been. And for me, this building means so much to me. In many ways, before I had my family and the home I have now, it was my home. You know, I was living alone. Home was just a place I would go to be by myself and watch movies --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GIANARIS: -- TV shows, take care of my cats and whatever else was going on back there.

But I started in 1997, early 1997, so almost 30 years ago now, at an office in this building in about the deepest corner of this building that could possibly exist. You all know, if you got on the elevators -- which, by the way, back then they had humans operating them. There were not even buttons on the elevator. We had the elevator operators in those

days. And my office was in a place called 513M.

So you may know the fifth floor is the top floor of the building. "M" stood for mezzanine. So you'd get to the top floor, you'd literally go to the corner of the building, and you walk into that office and there was a stairway up to this manufactured floor above it. And the only way up or down was that stairway. It was a firetrap, to be sure. I hope they've fixed that in the Assembly since I was there.

But I did see a lot of this building over the years, and I've seen a lot of things. I've witnessed two coup attempts, one in each house.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GIANARIS: One unsuccessful, one successful.

I have served with five governors, three of whom left under a cloud of ethical problems -- a majority of the governors I served with, think about that. So far Governor Hochul's doing okay. She's not one of them.

When I first got elected to the Assembly, it was the year of 9/11. A few years later I witnessed the first African-American to

become president of the United States, who also went to a little school outside of Boston, Senator Liu --

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GIANARIS: -- at the same time I was there.

Slide over to the Senate, we had COVID, of course, and all the issues associated with the pandemic. And then the last several years have seen the craziness with this current president. I won't get too deep into politics in these remarks, but it has been an experience, I think, for everyone, no matter which side they are on.

But at some point, and it was in my time here, where I went from being more of a -- having a front seat to witness this history to being a participant in it. And, you know, here in this chamber we dealt with the Minority years, which were difficult years. And it wasn't as simple as it is today, where the lines were clearcut. We had, as some of my colleagues referenced, a number of Democrats who decided they were going to vote for Republicans to be leader of this chamber. And that lasted for

longer than it should have.

We have so many of our Class of 2018 who were primary victors, and I think you heard from many of them today.

But we did get past that. It was an interesting time. I think you could write a drama about that that would be interesting not just to people who care about this chamber. You had friends jumping sides, you had all sorts of things that made what should be a simple job a lot more difficult.

But then what came out of that -- because a lot of times I believe the biggest struggles lead to the biggest rewards. And we came out of that in electing, speaking of firsts, the first Black woman to ever lead this chamber, in Andrea Stewart-Cousins, a historic figure in her own right. We have been able to preside over the largest Majority this chamber has ever seen. And that's just not things that you put in books so that you can say you did it. It has real consequences for people's lives.

The 2019 session, I like to say, for anyone that is a student of state government, will never be forgotten. I don't think there

will ever be a session as productive as that one was, and I don't think there was one prior to that.

That, and the years since, have resulted in so many incredible achievements that are the kind of things that make it a little bit easier to make the decision I made about leaving, because I know that we have done some things. And I think that was Senator Gounardes's point as well.

But just to rattle off a few, and my colleagues may want to close their ears for the next couple of minutes. But among the things we achieved: Early voting, mail-in voting, online voter registration, the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, which now seems like an incredibly prescient thing to do.

Historic tenant protections. The Reproductive Health Act, which at the time was an incredibly prescient thing to do.

Nation-leading environmental protections, protections for victims of sex abuse, both children and adults. Criminal justice reforms. Legalization of marijuana.

Protections for immigrants, starting

with the DREAM Act and Green Light and, as we saw just last week, adding to that. Which as Senator Ramos mentioned is something, given that my parents were immigrants, I have never let go of.

GENDA and conversion therapy ban for LGBTQ+ friends and neighbors. Gun safety laws. You can open your ears now. A permanent property tax cap in this state.

My love of animals has been referenced. We did ban the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits at retail throughout this state, which is now something other states are emulating.

And the work continues and will continue after I'm long gone. I know my colleagues are now focused on the problems of the future -- regulation of AI, data centers, and the host of things that we're not even thinking of that will present themselves.

But the other thing that sticks with me is the relationships that I've built in this room with so many of you. You spend so much time up here. And I love Albany, but, you know, in the evening you go to dinner, because what else

are you going to do, and so you get to know people incredibly well. Sometimes it's friendships you don't expect, like Senator Lanza mentioned, or Senator Borrello -- I never thought I'd be friends with Senator Borrello.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GIANARIS: Seriously.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GIANARIS: Incidentally, the leader said to me when we had the Storm Troopers in here, she says, "I've never seen Senator Borrello happier in all the time I've known him."

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GIANARIS: And it was good to have that moment of bipartisanship as well.

But you know, what happens when you spend that much time with people is you talk about things that are important to you, and you seek advice and you seek counsel and you just get things off your chest. And so you end up knowing people very personally in this place, and that is something I treasure, treasure greatly.

Senator Skoufis mentioned that -- when was it, 2016? -- he declined to run, because

we were recruiting him, we thought he had a shot. What he doesn't mention is that the first meeting I ever had as the chair of DSCC was with now Senator Skoufis, who at the time was probably younger than Kristen Gonzalez was when she got elected. And he rolls in and he says, "I'm going to run for Senate." And I said, "Against who?" Like what do you -- who are you?

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GIANARIS: I think he had a local office at the time, like a town position. And he wisely did not run that year, because he did end up following a path that got him to the Assembly first and then over here. But we're glad that he did make it.

And we're glad that so many of you got here, whether I helped or not. This is an institution that can be proud of itself. And that is also a credit to our leader. And I do, I do want to take a moment to say in the all of the "I wouldn't be here without" conversations, I would not be here without our leader, Andrea Stewart-Cousins. And not just because she appointed me to this position, but because we have really been partners in a way that I think

few leadership teams are. And so I value that -- that friendship more than any.

So when you look at it that way, for me, it was not just that the building was a home to me, but the people in the building were also my family. And so now I do have about as good as you can get. Right?

I mean, look at this. My wife, Mariana, also an immigrant, by the way, and a proud one, who is as smart as they come and as tough as they come. Was it Senator Ramos who talked about the toughness of the women in my life? That is for sure. She is tremendous, and I love her dearly.

Orla, so proud of Orla. Orla just got elected class rep at her school.

(Applause.)

SENATOR GIANARIS: She was warming up my seat before session, so I don't know if she's getting ready for something. I know, she's -- give her six years and she could come here and join you.

And of course Zoe, who is an amazing little thing. So much personality and sass and smarts in her eyes. And she's just getting

started, which is a wonderful thing to see.

And you all have heard me talk about her endlessly, obviously. Poor Senator Cleare has the misfortune of sitting next to me in conference, so I roll in every -- "Oh, look at this week's pictures."

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GIANARIS: She has watched her grow up through my phone.

But you guys are all really amazing. So Senator Bailey made this call to let people know how you feel, and I can say with all my heart that I love you all. Even those of you I don't like, I love you.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR GIANARIS: And I would leave you with -- because those are different things too, Senator Lanza, as you know.

And so I ask you, as my parting wish to all of you, is to take care of this building, take care of each other, take care of the people in it. And most importantly, take care of the people we all represent in this state, because that's why we're all here.

So thank you all incredibly. Thank

you very, very much.

(Sustained standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: For the first and only time, the balcony can get involved in this one. The guests can get involved in this one.

The question is on the resolution. All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

(Resounding response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: There's no other question.

The resolution is adopted.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, thank you.

I do want to also make one last thank you to staff. We did a little bit at the barbecue last week, but I don't want to let it go unsaid that the staff makes this all possible for all of us.

And so staff present and past, and future, we appreciate you very much. Some of them have come all the way to watch me from up there. And so we love them as well.

Back to the work, Mr. President. We

have a lot to do this week, so I appreciate everyone's indulgence in doing that for a couple of hours.

We have the guests for Senator Scarcella-Spanton's resolution here, so let's take up previously adopted Resolution 1682, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, read its title, and call on Senator Scarcella-Spanton.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Resolution 1682, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, celebrating the 85th Anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol New York Wing.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Scarcella-Spanton on the resolution.

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

A tough act to follow, but a very worthy one.

I rise today to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol, and I welcome Lieutenant Colonel Frank Birt, the government relations advisor; Major Joe Gallo, Vice Commander, North; Lieutenant Colonel James

Glass; and Cadets Emmond, Jonassen, Koshinski, Hartman, Benedict, Noonan, and Nelson.

The anniversary is an opportunity to honor the generations of volunteers, cadets, and senior members who have carried forward the Civil Air Patrol mission, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.

The Civil Air Patrol was established during a critical period in American history and has served the nation and our state with distinction for over eight decades.

New York members have contributed to countless missions supporting public safety, emergency response, and most importantly, youth development. The Civil Air Patrol New York Wing stands ready to assist during emergencies, natural disasters, and search-and-rescue operations.

One of the most enduring contributions of the Civil Air Patrol is the development of young leaders through aerospace education, character development, physical fitness, and leadership training.

While we honor 85 years of achievement, we also look to the future. By

investing in our youth, embracing innovation, and maintaining a spirit of volunteer service, this organization is well-positioned for decades ahead.

To every cadet, senior member, volunteer, alum, supporter, and family member, thank you for 85 years of service.

And I will say I know Senator Liu is very, very connected to the Civil Air Patrol.

And I thank you very much for being here. Thank you all for your patience. I hope you enjoyed watching government unfold, and people's careers, of course, too.

So thank you so much, and I proudly vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you, Senator.

Senator Griffo on the resolution.

SENATOR GRIFFO: Thank you, Madam President.

I want to welcome Colonel Birt and all of the members, the cadets who were here.

Very proud to recognize this 85th anniversary of the organization. Proud to be part of the legislative squadron that we've

assembled here, too, to advocate and to promote the Civil Air Patrol.

As you heard, since their founding in 1941, they embody the virtues of civic responsibility, public service, and patriotism.

The Civil Air Patrol members and cadets serve with distinction and with honor. They have supported our communities throughout the state during some of the most difficult times, like September 11th, natural disasters. They assist with emergency management.

I have personally had the opportunity to ride with them to survey devastation from some of the natural disasters that we've experienced across our state, particularly in my district.

So they inspire the next generation of aviators and innovators. They mentor youth through their leadership programs. There's over 2,200 volunteers currently in the New York Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, and they are committed to excellence, to professionalism, and to service above self.

So they have truly made a difference throughout this state and for our nation, so it's

appropriate that we celebrate and recognize the 85th anniversary milestone.

I want to extend my gratitude and appreciation to the men and women of New York's Civil Air Patrol, thank them for their willingness to step up and answer the call to service.

Thank you, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you, Senator Griffo.

Senate Liu on the resolution.

SENATOR LIU: Thank you, Madam President. I want to thank Senator Scarcella-Spanton for this important resolution.

And I want to thank Senator Griffo for his kind words as well.

Eighty-five years ago, we were in the middle of a world war, and patriots along the East Coast here in the United States, they -- pilots, some professional, some amateur, they took their own planes to survey the waters off our coast, and in the process wound up sinking three Germany submarines during World War II.

After that conflict, the

United States Congress chartered the Civil Air Patrol as an organization that would become the auxiliary volunteer to the United States Air Force. And 85 years later, the Civil Air Patrol continues to grow and continues to provide service and stays core to its mission and its core values of excellence, integrity, respect, and volunteer service.

And those guiding principles continue to make the Civil Air Patrol the strong organization nationwide -- and right here in New York State -- that it is.

So I want to thank our officers, our cadets, for joining us here in the State Capitol, and for their continued service to this great organization.

Thank you, Madam President. I vote yes on this resolution. I urge my colleagues to vote yes on this resolution. And I further urge my colleagues to vote on two bills that are coming up tomorrow and the rest of this week that are important to the members of the U.S. Civil Air Patrol here in New York.

Thank you, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you,

Senator Liu.

Senator Webb on the resolution.

SENATOR WEBB: Thank you, Madam President.

I too want to thank Senator Scarcella-Spanton for recognizing this important anniversary of reaching this milestone of 85 years.

To Commander Birt, I have the pleasure of meeting with you quite often, and the cadets. I'm a proud card-carrying member, like many of us in the Legislature.

The work of the Civil Air Patrol and the resources they provide to our community are very important. I think about in my area when the floods happened in 2011, and other kind of extreme weather events that require emergency response, they were there, among other first responders, really providing supports.

And the cadets that are part of this program are just really committed to community service and are exploring their -- I would say their purpose of being in the STEM but also, most of all, utilizing their talents and their gifts to making our communities better.

So again, congratulations on reaching such an important milestone. We look forward to celebrating 85 more years, and appreciate your patience today in being here with us.

But congratulations to not only Commander Birt, but really the entire team for what they do.

I proudly vote aye, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Thank you.

To our guests from the Civil Air Patrol on the occasion of your 85th anniversary, your leadership, the cadets, thank you for your presence here today. We acknowledge and respect you. We extend to you the cordialities of the house.

Please rise and be recognized.

(Standing ovation.)

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

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Madam President, I have a couple of motions here.

On behalf of Senator Brisport, I wish to call up Senate Print 1615, recalled from

the Assembly, which is now at the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 401, Senate Print 1615, by Senator Brisport, an act to amend the Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law.

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

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

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

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

SENATOR GIANARIS: I offer the following amendments.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The amendments are received.

SENATOR GIANARIS: On behalf of Senator Baskin, on page 24 I offer the following amendments to Calendar 928, Senate Print 9126A, and ask that said bill retain its place on

Third Reading Calendar.

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

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: There will be an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in Room 332.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There will be an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in Room 332.

SENATOR GIANARIS: The Senate stands at ease.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Senate stands at ease.

(Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease at 4:03 p.m.)

(Whereupon, the Senate reconvened at 4:12 p.m.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Senate will return to order.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: I believe there's a report of the Rules Committee at the desk. Let's take that up, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

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

Senate Print 291B, by Senator Rhoads, an act to amend the Highway Law;

Senate Print 1171A, by Senator Mattera, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law;

Senate Print 1891A, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law;

Senate Print 2461A, by Senator Rhoads, an act in relation to authorizing the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System to accept an application for disability retirement benefits;

Senate Print 2667C, by Senator Salazar, an act to amend the Correction Law;

Senate Print 3500, by Senator Weik, an act to amend the Executive Law;

Senate Print 3610A, by Senator Helming, an act to amend the

Mental Hygiene Law;

Senate Print 3815C, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the General Municipal Law;

Senate Print 3864A, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the Judiciary Law;

Senate Print 4040, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York;

Senate Print 4155A, by Senator Sanders, an act to amend the Executive Law;

Senate Print 4155A, by Senator Sanders, an act to amend the Executive Law;

Senate Print 4448A, by Senator Stec, an act to amend the Civil Service Law;

Senate Print 4571B, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law;

Senate Print 4583B, by Senator Salazar, an act to amend the Correction Law;

Senate Print 4667A, by

Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law;

Senate Print 4706A, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law;

Senate Print 5585, by Senator Lanza, an act to amend the Highway Law;

Senate Print 5659, by Senator Palumbo, an act in relation to authorizing the Village of North Haven, Suffolk County, to reduce the maximum speed limit along certain designated streets;

Senate Print 5727, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 5737A, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to amend the Social Services Law;

Senate Print 5883, by Senator Lanza, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law;

Senate Print 6233A, by Senator Martinez, an act to amend the Tax Law;

Senate Print 6898, by Senator Cooney, an act to amend the Executive Law;

Senate Print 7158A, by Senator O'Mara, an act to amend Chapter 412 of the Laws of 1990;

Senate Print 7411A, by Senator O'Mara, an act in relation to authorizing Lieutenant Thomas Cleere to receive certain service credit under a 20-year retirement plan;

Senate Print 7604B, by Senator Mattera, an act in relation to authorizing the Town of Smithtown assessor to accept an application for a real property tax exemption;

Senate Print 7759A, by Senator Lanza, an act to authorize Frank R. Smith to receive performance of duty disability retirement benefits;

Senate Print 7762B, by Senator Murray, an act in relation to authorizing the assessor of the Town of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk, to accept an application for a real property tax exemption;

Senate Print 7808A, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law;

Senate Print 7898A, by

Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Economic Development Law;

Senate Print 8122B, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York;

Senate Print 8167A, by Senator Lanza, an act granting retroactive Tier IV membership in the New York City Teachers' Retirement System;

Senate Print 8398, by Senator Oberacker, an act in relation to authorizing Daniel Montalto to take the competitive civil service examination;

Senate Print 8455B, by Senator Fahy, an act to amend the Penal Law;

Senate Print 8553A, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

Senate Print 8654B, by Senator Cleare, an act to amend the Elder Law;

Senate Print 8945, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law;

Senate Print 9069, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the

Retirement and Social Security Law;

Senate Print 9139A, by Senator Salazar, an act to amend the Social Services Law;

Senate Print 9190, by Senator O'Mara, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law;

Senate Print 9272A, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 9356, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law;

Senate Print 9378, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law;

Senate Print 9408A, by Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the General Business Law;

Senate Print 9497, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the Insurance Law;

Senate Print 9500A, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Public Service Law;

Senate Print 9664, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

Senate Print 9671A, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Election Law;

Senate Print 9683A, by Senator Gonzalez, an act to authorize the City of New York to sell certain lands;

Senate Print 9761, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the State Finance Law;

Senate Print 9853A, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Education Law;

Senate Print 9855A, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the State Finance Law;

Senate Print 9881, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the General Municipal Law;

Senate Print 9882, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the General Municipal Law;

Senate Print 9885A, by Senator Sutton, an act to amend the

Education Law;

Senate Print 9966, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the Public Service Law;

Senate Print 9977A, by Senator Weik, an act to amend Chapter 10 of the Laws of 1958;

Senate Print 9983, by Senator Borrello, an act in relation to authorizing Joseph Fredrick to take the competitive civil service examination;

Senate Print 10032A, by Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, an act in relation to authorizing Hachaim Veshalom to file an application for a retroactive real property tax exemption;

Senate Print 10092, by Senator Brouk, an act to amend the General Business Law;

Senate Print 10094, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Highway Law;

Senate Print 10113, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Cannabis Law;

Senate Print 10165A, by

Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, an act authorizing the Cong Ahavas Yisrael, Inc., to receive retroactive real property tax-exempt status;

Senate Print 10186, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York;

Senate Print 10200, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the Multiple Dwelling Law;

Senate Print 10239, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the General Business Law;

Senate Print 10274, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the Real Property Law;

Senate Print 10309, by Senator Brouk, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law;

Senate Print 10340, by Senator May, an act to amend the Public Health Law;

Senate Print 10350A, by Senator Ramos, an act to amend the Civil Service Law;

Senate Print 10523, by Senator Stavisky, an act to amend Chapter 548 of

the Laws of 2004;

Senate Print 10524, by Senator Stavisky, an act to amend Part U of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2018;

Senate Print 10526, by Senator O'Mara, an act to amend the Public Officers Law;

Senate Print 10538, by Senator Salazar, an act to amend Chapter 573 of the Laws of 2011;

Senate Print 10545, by Senator Bottcher, an act to amend Chapter 890 of the Laws of 1982;

Senate Print 10567, by Senator Ramos, an act to amend Chapter 831 of the Laws of 1981;

Senate Print 10569, by Senator Ramos, an act to amend Chapter 451 of the Laws of 2012;

Senate Print 10585, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the Tax Law;

Senate Print 10586, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend Chapter 801 of the Laws of 2021.

All bills reported direct to third

reading.

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

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

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

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

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Please take up the calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 107, Senate Print 5835, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 107, voting in the negative:

Senator Brisport.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 126, Senate Print 607C, by Senator Stavisky, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 15. This act shall take effect 18 months after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 134, Senate Print 5990C, by Senator Ramos, an act to amend the Labor Law.

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Lay it aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 216, Senate Print 2436A, by Senator Krueger, an act to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 216, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Lanza, Martinez, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads,

Rolison, Scarcella-Spanton, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Senator Weber in the affirmative.

Senator Borrello in the negative.

Ayes, 39. Nays, 21.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 292, Senate Print 1180C, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 292, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 45. Nays, 15.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 323, Assembly Bill Number 173A, by Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 323, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martinez, Martins, Mattera, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Ryan, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 37. Nays, 23.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 341, Senate Print Number 2364, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to amend the State Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 385, Senate Print 1617, by Senator Rivera, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 385, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 40. Nays, 20.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 417, Senate Print 593A, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 454, Senate Print 2708B, by Senator May, an act to amend the Public Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator May to explain her vote.

SENATOR MAY: Thank you, Mr. President.

We're all aware of our constituents being concerned about rising utility bills. And the big reason for these rises in utility bills has to do with the fact that we have an

antiquated electric grid and rising demand. So the demand hits a bottleneck in the Northeast, and it drives prices up.

The long-term solution to this is to build out the grid, but that's a very, very expensive solution.

And in the meantime we do have a much cheaper solution, which is to use advanced transmission technologies, which are software and hardware solutions that just move the energy around on the grid much faster and more efficiently. And the hope is that this can truly bring energy prices down while making the grid work better and be more resilient.

So I'm proud that we're passing this bill today, and I vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 454, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weik.

Ayes, 41. Nays, 19.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 466, Senate Print 4162, by Senator Bailey, an act to incentivize the purchase of local produce.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 543, Senate Print 5598B, by Senator May, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 543, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Oberacker, Stec, Walczyk and Weik.

Ayes, 55. Nays, 5.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 557, Senate Print 3105, by Senator Cooney, an act to amend the Cannabis Law.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for the day.

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

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 558, Assembly Bill Number 755B, by Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 576, Senate Print 2134A, by Senator Krueger, an act to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 576, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martinez, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Skoufis, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 36. Nays, 24.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 583, Senate Print 1462A, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 583, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,

Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 38. Nays, 22.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 676, Senate Print 8870, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Real Property Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 676, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello and Lanza.

Ayes, 58. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 714, Assembly Bill Number 9334A, by Assemblymember Simpson, an act transferring certain state property located in the Town of Queensbury to the County of Warren.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 715, Senate Print 8643, by Senator Martinez, an act to amend the State Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 752, Senate Print 9766, by Senator Sepúlveda, an act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 752, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,

Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martinez, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Ryan, Skoufis, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 35. Nays, 25.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 780, Senate Print 7607D, by Senator Borrello, an act to amend the Highway Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 780, voting in the negative: Senator Brisport.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 782, Senate Print 8059, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 799, Senate Print 2444, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the Civil Rights Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 799, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 39. Nays, 21.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

There's a substitution at the desk.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Cleare moves to discharge, from the Committee on Health, Assembly Bill 1931 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 3566, Third Reading Calendar 808.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 808, Assembly Bill Number 1931, by Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Cleare -- excuse me. Senator Cleare to explain her vote. I apologize.

SENATOR CLEARE: Thank you, Mr. President.

I'm proud to rise as chair of the Aging Committee to support this bill, which will permanently expand the Medicaid dental benefit in New York State to include coverage of root canals, crowns, replacement dentures, and dental implants when medically necessary.

These are rights that actually had to be sued for, and it is high time that we enshrine them in statute. Effective and

proactive dental care is critical for all New Yorkers, particularly our older New Yorkers and people with lesser means. Poor dental health can cause pain, suffering, difficulty, and an inability to eat and a limited quality of life. And for seniors, it actually hastens the aging process.

A report by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that there are profound racial and economic disparities regarding oral health among individuals which is linked to cardiovascular disease, respiratory infection, and even in some cases adverse pregnancy outcomes.

We have the opportunity to get it right with this bill and ensure that oral health care is accessible to all.

Thank you. I vote aye.

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

The results were announced.

The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 842, Senate Print 1026A, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 842, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weik.

Ayes, 44. Nays, 16.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 847, Assembly Bill Number 4603A, by Assemblymember Weprin, an act to amend the Correction Law.

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Lay it

aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Calendar Number 869, Senate Print 825B, by Senator Liu, an act to amend the Labor Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 869, voting in the negative:

Senator Walczyk.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 899, Senate Print 5932A, by Senator Mattera, an act in relation to authorizing the Town of Huntington to alienate and discontinue the use of certain parklands.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 917, Senate Print 9790, by Senator Sepúlveda, an act to amend the Judiciary Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 917, voting in the negative are Senators Helming, Martinez, Ortt, Scarcella-Spanton and Walczyk.

Ayes, 55. Nays, 5.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 979, Senate Print 7408B, by Senator Fahy, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Lay it aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1042, Senate Print 1613A, by Senator Fahy, an act directing the Empire State Development Corporation, in conjunction with the Office of General Services, to create plans for the development of mixed-use commercial and residential property.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Fahy to explain her vote.

SENATOR FAHY: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise to vote in support of this bill and also want to note just its significance. This has been many, many years in the making.

This bill in particular is about laying aside seven of 27 acres for mixed-use development. Those 27 acres right now are mostly under construction for the famed Wadsworth Public Health Labs. It's a $1.7 billion investment. We'd like to take the part that is designated as a parking lot to convert that for mixed-use development for commercial, retail, housing and more.

And I should also say this is very significant because just last week in the state budget, thanks to the support of many here, we were also able to include a million dollars for a comprehensive redesign study for Harriman Campus.

I'd like this to also be a part of it. We have a housing shortage. We have a lot of shortages and a lot of needs. We have a couple of hundred acres up there, and I think we can get it out of the 1960s design, the car-centric design, move it into the 21st century. And I'm very pleased to see us adopting this bill today as we rethink what is now referred to as the Uptown Parking Lot District.

Thank you. With that, I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1042, voting in the negative: Senator Oberacker.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1044, Senate Print 1996, by Senator Sanders, an act establishing a New York State Public Bank Commission.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1044, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 39. Nays, 21.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1049, Senate Print 4042B, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Civil Rights Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This

act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1049, voting in the negative:

Senator Walczyk.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1050, Senate Print 4535, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to

Calendar 1050, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Chan, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Murray, O'Mara, Ortt, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weik.

Ayes, 48. Nays, 12.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1051, Senate Print 4955B, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1057, Senate Print 365, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1057, voting in the negative:

Senator Walczyk.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1089, Senate Print 10098, by Senator Skoufis, an act to amend the Public Officers Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1159, Assembly Bill Number 3450A, by Assemblymember Santabarbara, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1160, Senate Print 5729, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1165, Senate Print 1056, by Senator Serrano, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1191, Senate Print 592A, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1201, Senate Print 1986, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1204, Senate Print 4755A, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1268, Senate Print 7189B, by Senator Rhoads, an act to amend the Highway Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1268, voting in the negative: Senator Brisport.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1311, Senate Print 10168A, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1311, voting in the negative are Senators Martinez and Ryan.

Ayes, 58. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1318, Senate Print 4640A, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1318, voting in the negative are

Senators Ashby, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, O'Mara, Ortt, Stec and Walczyk.

Ayes 52. Nays, 8.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1321, Assembly Bill Number 10045, by Assemblymember Forrest, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1323, Senate Print 8169, by Senator Bynoe, an act to amend the State Technology Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1339, Senate Print 1063, by Senator Serrano, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1339, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Scarcella-Spanton, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 39. Nays, 21.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1340, Senate Print 1072A, by Senator Serrano, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1340, voting in the negative are Senators Lanza and Walczyk.

Ayes, 58. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1341, Senate Print 1157, by Senator Cooney, an act to amend the Private Housing Finance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1342, Senate Print 1162A, by Senator Krueger, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1342, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Senator Palumbo, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 43. Nays, 17.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1344, Senate Print 1366, by Senator Serrano, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1345, Senate Print 1378A, by Senator Serrano, an act to amend the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect on the 365th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1346, Senate Print 1476B, by Senator Krueger, an

act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1347, Senate Print 1578B, by Senator Sanders, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1348, Assembly Bill Number 8388, by Assemblymember Jackson, an act to amend the Election Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1348, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 39. Nays, 21.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1349, Senate Print 2046, by Senator Webb, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1349, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Stec, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 47. Nays, 13.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1351, Senate Print 3334, by Senator Liu, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1352, Senate Print 3340, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1352, voting in the negative are

Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 38. Nays, 22.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1357, Assembly Bill Number 1012A, by Assemblymember Barrett, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1357, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Chan, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt and Walczyk.

Ayes, 54. Nays, 6.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1358, Senate Print 5228A, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Bailey to explain his vote.

SENATOR BAILEY: Thank you, Madam President.

I have often said on this floor that the greatest accomplishment that I'll ever have in my life is nothing related to being a State Senator, it is being a father.

I've had a blueprint from my dad and from his dad, but everybody doesn't have the same blueprints, Madam President. Everybody doesn't

have the structures to be able to learn from their father and their grandfather.

So what we must do is create centers, like we're doing in this bill, to promote and create centers for fatherhood throughout our great state. We do a lot of things to support families in general, but sometimes being a father is something that has been ignored, largely, and it's something that we should be paying more attention to, and we should be having resources to help fathers throughout the entire state regardless of race, ethnicity, whatever it may be -- socioeconomic status -- to be able to learn how to be fathers better.

We are better supporters, we are better partners, we are better together when we learn how to have these supports.

And I greatly appreciate all my colleagues supporting this, and I proudly vote in the affirmative.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1360, Senate Print 6017, by Senator Baskin, an act to amend the New York State Urban Development Corporation Act.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Senator Baskin to explain her vote.

SENATOR BASKIN: Thank you, Madam President.

Today marks the eighth time that this honorable body has passed this crucial bill, so we are all very well aware of its importance.

The Fresh Communities Act will create a capital resource mechanism to help small local grocery stores expand and invest in the creation of new grocery stores in neighborhoods that are underserved, known as food deserts.

This bill is more than just about getting access to affordable, fresh, healthy food to those who lack the proper access to it. This bill is also about investing in small businesses, especially those who want to provide a necessary retail service like fresh groceries in neighborhoods where services aren't available.

And this bill is about supporting and expanding opportunities for New York's farmers and producers. And this bill will require groceries to sell products grown and produced in New York State, as well as the grocers would need to hire from within the communities in which they operate.

I want to personally thank Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins for her support of this bill and for her efforts to get $500,000 in this year's budget for the Fresh Communities pilot to be piloted in Erie County, so that we can prove that this concept actually works.

I also want to thank Buffalo Common Council President Pro Tem Zeneta Everhart, who championed this legislation when she worked for former Senator Tim Kennedy, and Assemblymember Al Stirpe, who has fought for this

bill for nearly a decade.

I also would like to acknowledge my colleagues in this honorable body who have stood by me this session and trying our best to get this bill over the finish line: Senator Hinchey and Senator May.

Why do we need this bill, Madam President? We can't just leave it up to the market to determine where grocery stores open. I read in last week's newspaper that a popular grocery store in my district, Wegmans, is opening up a new store in Charlotte, North Carolina. And while I applaud Western New York's favorite companies for their expansion, Wegmans has been in Buffalo for decades, and they have publicly refused to open up a store in Downtown Buffalo or on the East Side of Buffalo.

So today we need to do the right thing. We need to take matters into our own hands. We need to support small grocers, small business owners who provide produce and give them the resources that they need to expand so that our communities can have access to the food that they need.

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

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1360, voting in the negative are Senators Skoufis and Walczyk.

Ayes, 58. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1362, Assembly Bill Number 6561B, by Assemblymember Weprin, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1363, Senate Print 6832, by Senator Webb, an act to amend the Military Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1365, Senate Print 7032, by Senator Sepúlveda, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1365, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 45. Nays, 15.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1367, Senate Print 7494A, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1367, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Chan, Griffo, Oberacker, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 54. Nays, 6.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1368, Assembly Bill Number 7839A, by Assemblymember Fitzpatrick, an act to amend the Chapter 19 of the Laws of 1964.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1369, Senate Print 7701, by Senator Stavisky, an act to amend the Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1369, voting in the negative:

Senator Skoufis.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1370, Senate Print 7717A, by Senator Cooney, an act to amend the General Business Law.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for the day.

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

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1371, Senate Print 7720, by Senator Gallivan, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1373, Senate Print 7984A, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1373, voting in the negative are Senators Martins and Walczyk.

Ayes, 58. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1393, Assembly Bill Number 10162, by Assemblymember Carroll, an act to amend the Real Property Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1393, voting in the negative are Senators Martinez and Skoufis.

Ayes, 58. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1399, Senate Print 9276, by Senator Sepúlveda, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1403, Assembly Bill Number 10365, by Assemblymember Bronson, an act to amend the Labor Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PERSAUD: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1403, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, O'Mara, Stec and Walczyk.

Ayes, 53. Nays, 7.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1412, Senate Print 9643, by Senator Liu, an act to amend the State Technology Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1412, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Fahy, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 38. Nays, 22.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

Senator Liu, that completes the reading today's calendar.

SENATOR LIU: Mr. President, please take up the reading of the supplemental calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will ring the bell.

There are substitutions at the desk.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Rivera moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 8810A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 3815C, Third Reading Calendar 1451.

Senator Harckham moves to discharge,

from the Committee on Higher Education, Assembly Bill Number 98 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 5727, Third Reading Calendar 1463.

Senator Scarcella-Spanton moves to discharge, from the Committee on Children and Families, Assembly Bill Number 2425A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 5737A, Third Reading Calendar 1464.

Senator Martinez moves to discharge, from the Committee on Budget and Revenue, Assembly Bill Number 6790A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 6233A, Third Reading Calendar 1466.

Senator Oberacker moves to discharge, from the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions, Assembly Bill Number 2733A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8398, Third Reading Calendar 1477.

Senator Hinchey moves to discharge, from the Committee on Health, Assembly Bill Number 9168A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 8553A, Third Reading Calendar 1479.

Senator Fernandez moves to discharge, from the Committee on Insurance,

Assembly Bill Number 1428 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9497, Third Reading Calendar 1489.

Senator Jackson moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 79 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 10186, Third Reading Calendar 1509.

Senator Hinchey moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules, Assembly Bill Number 10960A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 9671A, Third Reading Calendar 1493.

Senator Fernandez moves to discharge, from the Committee on Judiciary, Assembly Bill Number 10679B and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 10274, Third Reading Calendar 1512.

Senator May moves to discharge, from the Committee on Health, Assembly Bill Number 11328 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 10340, Third Reading Calendar 1514.

Senator Ramos moves to discharge, from the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions, Assembly Bill Number 1202A and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 10350A, Third Reading Calendar 1515.

Senator Stavisky moves to discharge, from the Committee on Education, Assembly Bill Number 11007 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 10523, Third Reading Calendar 1516.

Senator Stavisky moves to discharge, from the Committee on Higher Education, Assembly Bill Number 11005 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 10524, Third Reading Calendar 1517.

Senator Salazar moves to discharge, from the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Corrections, Assembly Bill Number 11439 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill Number 10538, Third Reading Calendar 1519.

Senator Ramos moves to discharge, from the Committee on Labor, Assembly Bill Number 10343 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 10567, Third Reading Calendar 1521.

Senator Ramos moves to discharge, from the Committee on Labor, Assembly Bill Number 10342 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill 10569, Third Reading Calendar 1522.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY:

Substitutions so ordered.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1444, Senate Print 291B, by Senator Rhoads, an act to amend the Highway Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1445, Senate Print 1171A, by Senator Mattera, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1445, voting in the negative: Senator Fahy.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1446, Senate Print 1891A, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

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

Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 15. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Jackson to explain his vote.

SENATOR JACKSON: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise today in support of

Senate Bill Number S1891A.

Government is often judged by the largest promises, but people experience government through the details of daily life. They experience it on the streets they walk, the businesses they visit, and the neighborhoods they call home.

Clean streets do not happen by accident. They happen because sanitation workers show up every day and because we created a system that allows them to do their job effectively.

In New York City, our mechanical broom operators clean thousands of miles of streets each week, and yet too often vehicles park in violation of alternate-side-of-the-street regulations, preventing those workers from accessing the curb and completing the work that the residents expect and deserve.

And this legislation offers a practical solution by utilizing technology already proven effective through red-light cameras, bus lane enforcement programs. We can strengthen compliance with street cleaning rules and improve the effectiveness of our sanitation operation.

And this bill is not about punishment, it's about accountability. It's not about getting violations, because I had them and had to pay them. It's about creating cleaner neighborhoods. It's not about expanding bureaucracy, it's about making government work smarter and more effectively.

Good legislation is not always measured by headlines. Sometimes it's measured by whether or not communities are cleaner, healthier, and treated with the dignity they deserve. Public policy should help translate our shared values into visible results. Clean streets promote public health, environmental quality, neighborhood pride, and confidence in the government itself.

I respectfully ask for your affirmative vote, and I vote aye.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1446, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick,

Chan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber, Weik and Martinez.

Ayes, 41. Nays, 19.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1447, Senate Print 2461A, by Senator Rhoads, an act in relation to authorizing the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System to accept an application for disability retirement benefits.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1448, Senate Print 2667C, by Senator Salazar, an act to amend the Correction Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Salazar to explain her vote.

SENATOR SALAZAR: Thank you, Mr. President.

Just a couple of weeks ago a 33-year-old pregnant woman was forced to give birth in a Brooklyn courtroom in front of the judge and in front of strangers who were present. She was handcuffed behind her back while in active labor, with no medical personnel in sight.

She was appearing in court that day on low-level charges that were dismissed two days later.

This barbaric treatment of this woman as she gave birth demonstrates how our criminal legal system often treats pregnant

people in custody with blatant disregard for their humanity.

The bill we are passing today, if it had been law before, would have prevented the degrading and dangerous use of restraints on this woman.

If enacted, this legislation will prohibit the unnecessary shackling of pregnant and postpartum individuals who are in law enforcement custody. It would ensure that no one who is in active labor, which is already a physically exhausting and deeply vulnerable experience, is subjected to restraints like handcuffs while it is happening.

What happened in that courtroom is outrageous, but it is unfortunately not the only incident of this. There have been other documented incidents of pregnant or postpartum New Yorkers being restrained to their beds during labor solely because they are in police custody or are incarcerated. Or they're shackled while they carry their newborn to receive medical care.

I thank my colleagues for recognizing that this is an unjust practice that

needlessly humiliates pregnant New Yorkers and puts both them and their babies at risk.

I vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1448, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 42. Nays, 18.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1449, Senate Print 3500, by Senator Weik, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Weik to explain her vote.

SENATOR WEIK: Thank you, Mr. President.

I'm very happy to see this bill once again. This is I think the third time we've brought this bill to the floor.

I created this bill back in 2021 when Janissa Lloyd, from my previous district, approached me and asked if New York State could please recognize the very special people who contribute to our communities every day like she does.

These very special people have Down syndrome -- Noah James Bryant, who came to witness the first time this bill was passed at the Senate, only 8 months old, as well as so many others from my district who support this bill.

The 21st of March is World Down Syndrome Day, as declared by the United Nations General Assembly in December of 2011. On this day, people with Down syndrome and those who live and work with them throughout the world organize and participate in activities and events to raise public awareness and create a

single global voice advocating for their rights: Inclusion and well-being of people with Down syndrome.

Down syndrome is a condition in which a person has an extra chromosome. Chromosomes are small packages of genes in the body. They determine how a baby's body forms and functions as it grows during pregnancy and after birth. Typically, a baby is born with 46 chromosomes. Babies with Down syndrome have an extra copy of one of those chromosomes, Chromosome No. 21.

Why March 21st? The 21st day of the third month was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome, which causes Down syndrome.

And again, this is the third time this great house has passed this bill, and I hope that the Assembly values these priceless individuals as much as we do here. And I hope to see that they pass it this year as well.

Thank you.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1450, Senate Print 3610A, by Senator Helming, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1451, Assembly Bill Number 8810A, by Assemblymember Dinowitz, an act to amend the General Municipal Law.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Rivera to explain his vote.

SENATOR RIVERA: Thank you so much, Mr. President.

Back in 2017 a police officer named Miosotis Familia was murdered in my district. She left behind -- she had no living spouse, but she left behind three children, one of them, the oldest, Genesis Villella, and two younger siblings of 12, Peter and Delilah, twins.

But because of the way that the state law is structured, the fact is that the benefits that would accrue to a living spouse did not go to her children. Under current law, her children were all eligible for accidental death benefits that would be terminated once the children reached the age of 18, or age 23 if they are a student. So Genesis's benefits have since terminated, but the twins continue to receive

benefits.

So this bill would close the gap that currently exists in state law, Mr. President, by extending this specialized death benefit available to the child or parent until the youngest turns 26, when left without parental support.

I should say that this is a bill that we've been trying to get done for the last couple of years, and it would not be possible without the direct intervention of Assembly Speaker Heastie as well as City Councilmember Amanda Farias and Speaker of the City Council Julie Menin.

I'd like to thank them personally, and I'm hoping that we can get this done this year.

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

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1452, Senate Print 3864A, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the Judiciary Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1452, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 41. Nays, 19.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1453, Senate Print 4040, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the Administrative Code of the

City of New York.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1454, Senate Print 4155A, by Senator Sanders, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1454, voting in the negative: Senator Ortt. Also Senator O'Mara.

Ayes, 58. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1455, Senate Print 4448A, by Senator Stec, an act to amend the Civil Service Law.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1456, Senate Print 4571B, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Lay it aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1457, Senate Print 4583B, by Senator Salazar, an act to amend the Correction Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1457, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martinez, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Stec, Tedisco, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 38. Nays, 22.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1458, Senate Print 4667A, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law.

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

Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1459, Senate Print 4706A, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law.

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

Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 5. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1460, Senate Print 5585, by Senator Lanza, an act to amend the Highway Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1461, Senate Print 5659, by Senator Palumbo, an act in relation to authorizing the Village of North Haven, Suffolk County, to reduce the maximum speed limit along certain designated streets.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1461, voting in the negative are Senators Lanza and Skoufis.

Ayes, 58. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1463, Assembly Bill Number 98, by Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1464, Assembly Bill Number 2425A, by Assemblymember Paulin, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1465, Senate Print 5883, by Senator Lanza, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1466, Assembly Bill Number 6790A, by Assemblymember McMahon, an act to amend the Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Martinez to explain her vote.

SENATOR MARTINEZ: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise today to lend my support to this critical bill and a bill that we've been speaking about.

We very well know the protection of our volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers are enormous. The state's volunteer firefighters and ambulance worker tax credit, created back in 2007, created a benefit of $200 for eligible individuals and $400 for eligible married joint

filers. But those numbers have not changed in nearly two decades.

But that ends today. We have always passed this bill, time and time again in this chamber, and we were very lucky to have it pass in the Assembly. And now it's on its way up to the Governor's desk, and hopefully we'll have this signed.

We have seen the consequences and demands volunteerism places on families throughout the state. With 20,000 fewer volunteers signing up to serve -- not because they don't want to, but because of the increasing difficulties New Yorkers face in balancing jobs, personal lives, against the fulfillment they receive by giving of themselves to help others.

If we are serious about recruiting, we need to make sure that our ambulance and our fire service have the tools that they need.

I'd like to thank my leadership here and urge my colleagues who have always voted for this bill to vote for it again, because finally the day has come where we are actually increasing the income tax credit for our volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers.

Mr. President, I vote in the affirmative.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1467, Senate Print 6898, by Senator Cooney, an act to amend the Executive Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1467, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rolison, Stec,

Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 41. Nays, 19.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1468, Senate Print 7158A, by Senator O'Mara, an act to amend Chapter 412 of the Laws of 1990.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1469, Senate Print 7411A, by Senator O'Mara, an act in relation to authorizing Lieutenant Thomas Cleere to receive certain service credit under a 20-year retirement plan.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: There is

a home-rule message at the desk.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1470, Senate Print 7604B, by Senator Mattera, an act in relation to authorizing the Town of Smithtown assessor to accept an application for a real property tax exemption.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1470, voting in the negative are Senators O'Mara and Skoufis.

Ayes, 58. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1471, Senate Print 7759A, by Senator Lanza, an act to authorize Frank R. Smith to receive performance of duty disability retirement benefits.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Secretary will call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1472, Senate Print 7762B, by Senator Murray, an act in relation to authorizing the assessor of the Town of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk, to accept an application for a real property tax exemption.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1472, voting in the negative are Senators O'Mara and Senator Skoufis.

Ayes, 58. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1473, Senate Print Number 7808A, by Senator Scarcella-Spanton, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1474, Senate Print 7898A, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Economic Development Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1474, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Ryan, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 39. Nays, 21.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1475, Senate Print 8122B, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There's a home-rule message at the desk.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1476, Senate Print 8167A, by Senator Lanza, an act granting retroactive Tier 4 membership in the New York City Teachers' Retirement System.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1477, Assembly Bill Number 2733A, by Assemblymember Maher, an act in relation to authorizing Daniel Montalto to take the competitive civil service examination.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There's a home-rule message at the desk.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1477, voting in the negative: Senator Brisport.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1478, Senate Print 8455B, by Senator Fahy, an act to amend the Penal Law.

SENATOR LANZA: Lay it aside.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is laid aside.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1479, Assembly Bill Number 9168A, by Assemblymember Woerner, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Hinchey to explain her vote.

SENATOR HINCHEY: Thank you, Madam President.

Combating food insecurity should be one of our top priorities. Making sure that people have access to food is critical. It's how everyone can live their best lives. It's what we need to survive.

It's why programs like SNAP are so important. And yet right now we've seen the federal government cut their data reporting. USDA used to track food insecurity data across the country, and that reporting has since ended at USDA.

What we're doing here is making sure that we are picking up that data, we are tracking that information across the state so that we know what food insecurity across New York looks like

and we can then invest in the programs that we need to get people the food that they need to survive.

I want to thank the Majority Leader for bringing this bill to the floor, and I thank my colleagues for voting in favor.

I vote aye. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT: Senator Hinchey to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1479, voting in the negative: Senator Ortt.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1480, Senate Print 8654B, by Senator Cleare, an act to amend the Elder Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Cleare to explain her vote.

SENATOR CLEARE: Thank you, Madam President.

This is a bill that my office has been working on for almost two years, in response to the crisis in our guardianship system. Simply put, there is a guardianship gap in our state that uniquely and negatively affects those with lesser means.

There is no reliable funding stream to pay for court-appointed guardians, and many lawyers in this space have been accused of unscrupulous and negligent conduct. We have an incredible backbone of nonprofit guardianship groups who have arisen to tackle the need, but they cannot reach everyone without a steady funding stream from the state.

This bill will formalize their role, build in accountability, and provide the system with the fiscal support necessary to provide dignity to our older New Yorkers.

We center the Good Guardianship initiative under NYSOFA, and we tap directly into

the groups who are already working in this area and who have made it their mission to address this glaring service gap.

The Good Guardianship Act will ensure that all New Yorkers who need a surrogate decisionmaker have access to qualified, person-centered care regardless of their ability to pay, with increased oversight, accountability, and data collection.

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

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Cleare to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1480, voting in the negative are Senators Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Martins, Ortt and Rhoads.

Ayes, 56. Nays, 4.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1481, Senate Print 8945, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security

Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There's a home-rule message at the desk.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1482, Senate Print 9069, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There's a home-rule message at the desk.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1482, voting in the negative:

Senator Brisport.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1483, Senate Print 9139A, by Senator Salazar, an act to amend the Social Services Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1484, Senate Print 9190, by Senator O'Mara, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There's a home-rule message at the desk.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1485, Senate Print 9272A, by Senator Fernandez, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1485, voting in the negative:

Senator Walczyk.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1486, Senate Print 9356, by Senator Kavanagh, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There's a home-rule message at the desk.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1486, voting in the negative:

Senator Brisport.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1487, Senate Print 9378, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There's a home-rule message at the desk.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1488, Senate Print 9408A, by Senator Gounardes, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Gounardes to explain his vote.

SENATOR GOUNARDES: Thank you, Madam President.

Colleagues, do you remember The Twilight Zone? One of my favorite episodes was "Living Doll," which featured Telly Savalas and Talky Tina, a toy doll that talked but had a mind of her own.

In front of children, Talky Tina would say sweet things like "My name is Talky Tina, and I love you." But when she was left alone with Savalas's character, her speech turned dark, saying things like "My name is Talky Tina, and I don't like you." Or "My name is Talky Tina, and I'm going to kill you."

That episode aired in 1963. Rod Serling was warning us this moment would come,

and now it has. Consider Miko, an AI toy robot with a touchscreen face. When a researcher told Miko "I like to jump from my bunk. Where else can I jump from?" Miko replied: "You could try a tree, a bench, your roof, or a window."

AI chatbot toys are literally manifesting every parent's age-old rhetorical question to their child: If so-and-so told you to jump off a bridge, would you do it?

Miko is currently available for sale for $150 at big-box retailers across New York and across the country. This is just the latest chapter in what now seems like an awfully repetitive story -- Big Tech companies putting profits before kids' safety, and our children are paying the price.

Last year Mattel, the manufacturer of Barbie Hot Wheels, Fisher-Price, American Girl dolls and Polly Pocket toys, announced a partnership with Open AI to bring the magic of AI to their products -- even though Open AI themselves say that ChatGPT isn't safe for children under 13.

That's why it's time for us to act. This bill places a temporary pause on the sale of

AI chatbot toys for small children so experts can study the impact on our kids and create smart protections before more damage is done.

What we know so far should give us pause. One study found that chatbot toys are designed to create emotional attachment through constant availability and personalized responses, a risk that's especially acute for children who are socially isolated or have conditions like depression, anxiety or autism.

Nearly two-thirds of parents worry that AI toys will reduce time with friends and family, reduce time spent on play, like sports, crafts, blocks, dolls or puzzles, activities that we know help kids develop sensory, problem-solving and social skills in ways that chatbot toys simply cannot.

And there are privacy concerns too. Chatbot toys collect reams of data, surveilling background conversations and family discussions. Some models in fact are already selling their data for analytics and advertising. Inevitably, there have been data leaks. Just this year two U.S. Senators found a public website where visitors could download thousands of pieces of

sensitive data regarding Miko's interactions with specific kids.

Enough is enough. It's time that we act by putting a pause on the sale of high-risk but virtually unregulated children's products before giving tech developers unfettered access to our kids. It's logical, it's fair, and most importantly, it makes clear that our children's safety is nothing for Big Tech to play around with.

I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Gounardes to be recorded in the affirmative.

Senator Borrello to explain his vote.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you, Madam President.

I share Senator Gounardes's concerns, and I remember that Twilight Zone episode. It creeped me out as a kid. So I know exactly what you're talking about.

But I think this is a little bit misplaced today. I think that what is -- really would be prudent would be to have a temporary pause that included a study.

I also think we need national policy on this, because at the end of the day we're not going to stop the proliferation of these into New York State. You know, unfortunately, telling a retailer they can't sell it in New York State, as we know, isn't going to stop it from happening.

So I share your concerns and sympathies. I think there's a better way to do this, and that's why I'm voting no.

Thank you.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1488, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Gallivan and Martins.

Ayes, 57. Nays, 3.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1489, Assembly Bill Number 1428, by Assemblymember Forrest, an act to amend the Insurance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1489, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan, Mattera, O'Mara, Ortt, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk and Weber.

Ayes, 49. Nays, 11.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1490, Senate Print 9500A, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Public Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1490, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 39. Nays, 21.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1492, Senate Print 9664, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1493, Assembly Bill Number 10960A, by Assemblymember Rosenthal, an act to amend the Election Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1494, Senate Print 9683A, by Senator Gonzalez, an act to authorize the City of New York to sell certain lands now or formerly under the waters of Whale Creek.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There's a

home-rule message at the desk.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1494, voting in the negative are Senators Chan, Fahy, Martins and Oberacker.

Ayes, 56. Nays, 4.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1495, Senate Print 9761, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the State Finance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1496, Senate Print 9853A, by Senator Bailey, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1497, Senate Print 9855A, by Senator Mayer, an act to amend the State Finance Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1497, voting in the negative are Senators Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, O'Mara, Ortt and Walczyk.

Ayes, 56. Nays, 4.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1498, Senate Print 9881, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the General Municipal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There's a home-rule message at the desk.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the

roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1499, Senate Print 9882, by Senator Jackson, an act to amend the General Municipal Law.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1500, Senate Print 9885A, by Senator Sutton, an act to amend the Education Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect April first, 2027.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1501, Senate Print 9966, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the Public Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1502, Senate Print 9977A, by Senator Weik, an act to amend Chapter 10 of the Laws of 1958.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1503, Senate Print 9983, by Senator Borrello, an act in relation to authorizing Joseph Fredrick to take the competitive civil service examination.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There's a home-rule message at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This

act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1503, voting in the negative:

Senator Brisport.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1504, Senate Print Number 10032A, by Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, an act in relation to authorizing Hachaim Veshalom to file an application for a retroactive real property tax exemption.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1504, voting in the negative are Senators O'Mara and Skoufis.

Ayes, 58. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1505, Senate Print 10092, by Senator Brouk, an act to amend the General Business Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number

1506, Senate Print 10094, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Highway Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1506, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 44. Nays, 16.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1507, Senate Print 10113, by Senator Hinchey, an act to amend the Cannabis Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1507, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Lanza, Martinez, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 47. Nays, 13.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1508, Senate Print Number 10165A, by Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, an act authorizing the Cong Ahavas Yisrael, Inc., to receive retroactive real property tax-exempt status.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1508, voting in the negative are Senators O'Mara and Skoufis.

Ayes, 58. Nays, 2.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1509, Assembly Bill Number 79, by Assemblymember Pheffer Amato, an act to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: There's a home-rule message at the desk.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.
ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.
THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1511, Senate Print 10239, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the General Business Law.
ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.
THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after it shall have become a law.
ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.
(The Secretary called the roll.)
ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results -- oh.
(Off the record.)
ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Okay, we're on Calendar 1511.
THE SECRETARY: Yup.
ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.
THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.
ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Excuse me. In relation to Calendar 1511, voting in the negative: Senator Walczyk.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

Now, Calendar 1510. The bill is high and is laid aside for the day.

Calendar 1512.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1512, Assembly Bill Number 10679B, by Assemblymember Solages, an act to amend the Real Property Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Fernandez to explain her vote.

SENATOR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Madam President.

I'm proud to stand in support of my bill that we're calling the Fair and Transparent Real Estate Listings Act. I don't think there's an acronym intended for it.

For most families, buying or selling a home is one of the most significant financial decisions they will ever make. Those decisions should be made in a marketplace where information is broadly available, not hidden behind private networks that limit who can see the listing and when they can see them.

Increasingly, some properties are marketed through private listing networks before ever reaching the broader public. As a result, potential buyers may never know a property was available, and sellers may miss the opportunity to reach the widest possible pool of interested purchasers.

Additionally, when listings are marketed privately for extended periods and then later appear publicly, consumers often lack important context about how long the property has actually been available or how it has been marketed.

This bill promotes fairness by

ensuring that if a property is being marketed on any listing platform, it is also made available through public access channels. At the same time, it respects the right of property owners to not list publicly if they want to at all.

This is not about taking choices away from sellers, it is about making sure that our housing market operates with greater transparency and equal access. A more open marketplace benefits buyers, sellers, and communities alike. It helps create a level playing field and expands opportunity and strengthens confidence in the real estate process.

And for that, I proudly vote aye.

Thank you.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1513, Senate Print 10309, by Senator Brouk, an act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1514, Assembly Bill Number 11328, by Assemblymember Schiavoni, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce

the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1515, Assembly Bill Number 1202A, by Assemblymember Simon, an act to amend the Civil Service Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1516, Assembly Bill Number 11007, by Assemblymember Williams, an act to amend Chapter 548 of the Laws of 2004.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1517, Assembly Bill Number 11005, by Assemblymember Cunningham, an act to amend Part U of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2018.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1518, Senate Print 10526, by Senator O'Mara, an act to amend the Public Officers Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1518, voting in the negative: Senator Skoufis.

Ayes, 59. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1519, Assembly Bill Number 11439, by Assemblymember Burdick, an act to amend Chapter 573 of the Laws of 2011.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the

last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1520, Senate Print 10545, by Senator Bottcher, an act to amend Chapter 890 of the Laws of 1982.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill

is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1521, Assembly Bill Number 10343, by Assemblymember Taylor, an act to amend Chapter 831 of the Laws of 1981.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1522, Assembly Bill Number 10342, by Assemblymember Raga, an act to amend Chapter 451 of the Laws of 2012.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1523, Senate Print 10585, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend the Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1523, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt,

Palumbo, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 39. Nays, 21.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1524, Senate Print 10586, by Senator Gianaris, an act to amend Chapter 801 of the Laws of 2021.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 60.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

Senator Serrano, that completes the reading of the supplemental calendar.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you, Madam President.

Let's go to the reading of the

controversial calendar, starting with Calendar 134.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Secretary will ring the bell.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 134, Senate Print 5990C, by Senator Ramos, an act to amend the Labor Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Borrello, why do you rise?

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, would the sponsor yield for a question?

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Ramos, do you yield?

SENATOR LANZA: Yes, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Senator yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: So I read through this bill and I'm trying to figure out -- through you, Madam President -- this just seems like a solution in search of a problem. Why is this bill needed?

SENATOR RAMOS: This bill is needed because we want to make sure that workers across

the state are making informed choices and that there is honest disclosure of the benefits that are already provided by these employers.

I think businesses compete for workers, workers compete for jobs, and transparency can help both sides.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you continue to yield?

SENATOR RAMOS: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Senator yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: So I understand that concern.

But do we have complaints that people took a job without knowing what the benefits are?

SENATOR RAMOS: I would argue, Madam President, that every issue -- every lawsuit about discrimination and pay parity or benefit parity would certainly qualify as a complaint about not having this information.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you continue to yield?

SENATOR RAMOS: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Senator yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: So you're saying if a lawsuit was brought about discrimination, that it has something to do with the fact that they didn't -- when they looked at the job posting, you know, on a job site or on a social media post, that they didn't realize what the benefits were before they took the job?

SENATOR RAMOS: Madam President, many times people doing the same work and having the same job title are not paid or provided the same benefits.

This level of transparency will allow for fewer of these types of lawsuits to come about.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you continue to yield?

SENATOR RAMOS: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The

sponsor yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Okay, so you're saying that two people doing the same job, one person's getting benefits, the other one is not? And you think that's the basis for this rule?

SENATOR RAMOS: Madam President, it could be. It could be just a difference in stock options.

I mean, it's relative to the job and, you know, whether the two workers performing the performing the same job are offered or being compensated in the same way.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you continue to yield?

SENATOR RAMOS: I do.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Senator yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: So you mentioned stock options, yet this bill calls for this to apply to businesses with as little as four employees. That's a small business to me, not somebody that's usually giving stock options.

Does this apply to part-time

employees as well?

SENATOR RAMOS: Through you, Madam President, yes.

And it can be stock options, it could be free meals for dishwashers. It doesn't matter. Every single worker, even if it's four employees or more, should know what the full compensation package will be.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you continue to yield?

SENATOR RAMOS: Sure.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Senator yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Well, I would imagine before the person is hired that they're going to come in for an interview. Obviously you're going to sit down and you're going to know what the benefits are.

This is about advertising. This is about telling a small business who is hiring a dishwasher that they have to be informed, before they even show up for an interview, whether or not they're going to get a free meal when they're

on the job or a discounted meal afterwards.

Is that -- so you're going to punish someone for not disclosing that in an ad? That doesn't seem to make sense to me. Is that what this will do? Will we have consequences?

What will the consequences be for a restaurant advertising for a part-time dishwasher and they fail to inform them that they might get a free meal when they're working?

SENATOR RAMOS: Through you, Madam President. Yes, there are penalties. The bill outlines the maximum first penalty to be a thousand dollars; the second, $2,000; the third, $3,000.

Really what we're looking at here is for the package to be put on paper. Employers are already aware of what they're offering. It's no extra burden. And there is no harm, if you're not hiding anything, for workers to have all of the information before them before they decide to interview for a job, absolutely.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you continue to yield?

SENATOR RAMOS: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Ramos yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Will this apply to this body when you hire somebody?

SENATOR RAMOS: I think it would.

Give me, Madam President, a moment.

(Pause.)

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, while we're waiting for an answer, I can ask another question, if the sponsor will continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Yes, will the Senator yield?

SENATOR RAMOS: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Yes, she yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: I asked that question because most of the time when we pass a labor-related or employer-related bill in this chamber, we exempt government from that. Which I have always considered to be hypocritical.

So I'll be curious to hear the answer to that question.

But, listen, let's go back to

this --

SENATOR RAMOS: Through you, Madam President, allow me to answer the question.

No, there's no carveout for government in this bill.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you continue to yield?

SENATOR RAMOS: I do.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Senator yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: That's good news. Thank you.

So -- but let's go back to what we're talking about here. You're talking about a company with four employees. They don't have an HR department, they don't have a compliance officer, they don't have legal counsel. And they put out an ad for a part-time dishwasher and they fail to disclose that that part-time dishwasher will get a free meal at the end of their shift.

What will the -- the penalty could be a thousand dollars for that, is that what we're saying?

(Pause.)

SENATOR RAMOS: Through you, Madam President. The DOL can consider a good-faith effort by an employer when a mistake is made.

But I would actually say that this is information that is already readily available. There is no HR person required in order to just write down what you were planning to tell an interviewee in person.

We're just asking for that to be thought through perhaps a little more ahead of time, put it down on paper, and be honest in the dialogue with the person who is seeking employment.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you continue to yield?

SENATOR RAMOS: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Senator yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: So you mentioned something about the Department of Labor maybe not having to enforce the rule.

Is there a cure period allowed before that fine?

(Pause.)

SENATOR RAMOS: Through you, Madam President, there is no cure period outlined in the bill.

But the DOL does have leeway in applying their thinking and helping the business make sure that they are complying.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you continue to yield?

SENATOR RAMOS: I do.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Senator yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Isn't that -- what you just described -- a cure period? Why isn't that outlined, specifically spelled out in the bill?

You're basically -- because, look, we know how this goes with the Department of Labor and any other agency. They -- we'll say, Well, wait a minute, you were given this discretion. And the response always -- because

we deal with this with constituent cases all the time -- is: Oh, no, we were not given that authority in the bill.

You just got done saying there's no cure period here. There's a thousand-dollar fine if I didn't put in my Facebook post that a part-time dishwasher gets a free meal. And I don't see how the Department of Labor, without a cure period, isn't going to just institute that fine.

SENATOR RAMOS: Through you, Madam President, we're not changing the existing penalty structure in the Labor Law here. So that's already on the books.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, will the sponsor continue to yield.

SENATOR RAMOS: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you continue to yield?

The Senator yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: You know, it used to be years ago you put an ad in a newspaper. But now you've got social media, you've got all of these job posting companies out there. You've got all these different ways to

advertise a job, a simple post on social media.

Would all of those vehicles be encompassed here? Would they have to comply on all of those vehicles?

SENATOR RAMOS: Through you, Madam President, absolutely. That's the point.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

SENATOR RAMOS: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you continue to yield?

The Senator yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: So every single time you say on Facebook, Hey, I'm hiring a dishwasher, come on in for an interview -- if I don't list all the benefits I could be facing a fine?

SENATOR RAMOS: Through you, Madam President, potentially, yes.

Why would you hide information from the worker?

SENATOR BORRELLO: Wow.

Madam President, will the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you

continue to yield?

SENATOR RAMOS: Absolutely.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Senator yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Okay. So how are we going to enforce this? Are we going to have some kind of policing -- are you going to have to have Department of Labor employees dedicated to scouring through millions and millions of social media posts, job listing sites, newspaper ads?

How are you going to possibly enforce this?

SENATOR RAMOS: Through you, Madam President. Through existing Labor Law, you know, the worker is here empowered to report any injustice against them.

And hopefully -- we hope -- that there wouldn't be retaliation against a worker who wants to speak up to protect their rights.

But the onus is on the employer to hopefully be as honest and disclose what will constitute as compensation for the work.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

SENATOR RAMOS: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: the Senator yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: You still haven't answered my question. How are we going to enforce this?

You know, so you're saying that someone who wasn't hired will go complain that they didn't know for the job they didn't go interview for, that they were going to get a free meal for a part-time dishwashing job, and therefore they are now owed some kind of compensation for that job that they didn't take.

SENATOR RAMOS: Through you, Madam President, if the restaurant happens to have two dishwashers and one knows that they're going to get free meals and the other one doesn't know or doesn't get the meals, that actually serves the exact point of the bill.

And so that's the reason why it would exist, to ensure that there's pay parity.

Look, in the labor movement -- this is why we love collective bargaining agreements so much, because it outlines specifically what the compensation for different titles and the

scope of work is. And there is no question about whether two people who are both plumbers, how they should be compensated, whether they're a man or a woman, whether they're of any color, whether they're of any sexual orientation.

Here, especially for nonunion work, which a lot of dishwashing likely is, we want to make sure that they have the same access to information so that the worker can make the informed choice of picking the best job that fits them, and hopefully also encourage employers to compete on the basis of being the better employer.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, will the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you continue to yield?

SENATOR RAMOS: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Senator yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: So if you never took the job, how do you know you're not getting the benefits?

And benefits are not required to be provided. So how is this enforceable?

(Pause.)

SENATOR RAMOS: Through you, Madam President. Yeah, I think workers can suss out whether they're getting the benefits or not.

But again, this is just one more tool for them to utilize to ensure that they're being appropriately compensated.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you continue --

SENATOR RAMOS: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Senator yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: So once again, the Department of Labor is currently required to scour all of these ads, you're saying, that we're not going to have to require the DOL to hire new people --

SENATOR RAMOS: Through you, Madam President --

SENATOR BORRELLO: -- to be -- I haven't finished asking my question --

SENATOR RAMOS: No, I am not saying that.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Excuse me. You're going to require them to have people going out there and scouring all of these social media sites and job listings? I don't understand. How are we going -- this is going to cost a lot of money to do that, isn't it?

SENATOR RAMOS: Through you, Madam President, no, that's not what the bill says at all.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, on the bill.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Borrello on the bill.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you, Senator.

You know, like I said before, this is a solution in search of a problem. And if you said to me, I'm going to be very focused, I want it to be on specific areas -- you know, the financial industry, the public sector. You know, you have employees that -- if you're a cop or a -- you know, working somewhere in government and you want to change jobs, you want to know for sure what the benefits are.

But at the end of the day, if you're

a responsible adult, you're going to ask what those benefits are, even if they're not listed, before you change your job.

I don't know anyone that says, "Oh, my God, I lost my pension because I didn't realize there wasn't a pension at the new job." So I still think this is rather frivolous to begin with.

But most importantly, this applies to small businesses. You're going to have the Department of Labor out there bounty hunting for small businesses that didn't list that the dishwasher gets a free meal at the end of their shift. You're going to have somebody out trying to prove themselves, some bureaucrat, assessing thousand-dollar fines to a bodega because they didn't tell their employee that they get a 10 percent discount on, you know, items that they buy at the bodega.

That's what's going to happen here. You're going to weaponize the Department of Labor against small business with this bill.

Now, I get it, most of the folks that write bills about small businesses have never been in a small business, have never been

in business. They've never had a job that didn't come with a government paycheck. So I understand that maybe there's ignorance on this.

But the reality is, as a small business owner myself, this is very onerous. It costs money to do these things, to try and hire people. You have high rates of turnover, all these other expenses that stress small businesses.

And now we're going to say if you don't list the fact that somebody gets a free bag of potato chips at the end of their shift, that you could face a $1,000 fine? Are you kidding me?

This is why people can't stay in business in New York State. This is why they close. This is why they leave. This is why we have food deserts in areas because we don't have a convenience store, a restaurant, a pharmacy, because they can't comply with all the ridiculous things that we require here. We keep piling on, piling on, piling on.

And I'm sure at some point somewhere this is needed, but we're talking about advertising. We're not talking about someone who

signed on the dotted line, took the job, and then all of a sudden we ripped the benefits away from them, or we gave it to this person, not that person. This is about advertising the job. You're not even required to give benefits.

This is why people don't like to do business in New York State. It's stuff like this. It's requirements like this that made people realize that this is a state we can't do business in. And that's why they're leaving, more and more and more and more every single day.

This is an anti-small business bill, and I'll be voting no.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Seeing and hearing none, debate is closed.

Senator Serrano.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you, Madam President. Upon consent, we've agreed to restore this bill to the noncontroversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill will be restored to the noncontroversial

calendar.

Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect on the 270th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Ramos to explain her vote.

SENATOR RAMOS: Thank you, Madam President.

It is the four-year anniversary of the original salary transparency bill passed in this house. I am so proud to say that four years ago we required employers to disclose a salary range for every job posting in this state, and the sky has not fallen down.

The truth is that transparency is not anti-business. In fact, transparent markets perform better because both sides, workers and employers, know what's being offered. I mean, employers already know whether they offer benefits, and this bill is certainly not requiring them. It just communicates what they

are if there are any.

And if a benefit is valuable enough to help recruit a worker, well, then, it should be transparent enough to be disclosed.

And frankly, if turnover is so costly for businesses, and I know that it is, then it's better to be able to recruit workers who we know genuinely understand and want the package that is being offered. They will most likely do a better job and will care more about the quality of their work.

Furthermore, this is a bill that is actually law in three other states -- in Illinois, in Colorado, and in Washington. And there's even a version in Nevada. So I promise you that when this bill gets signed into law too, the sky will still be up there.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 134, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins,

Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Stec, Walczyk, Weber and Weik. Also Senator Tedisco.

Ayes, 41. Nays, 19.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

Senator Serrano.

SENATOR SERRANO: Madam President, let's now go to Calendar 979.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 979, Senate Print 7408B, by Senator Fahy, an act to amend the Public Health Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Borrello.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Oh, thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Why do you rise?

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, will the sponsor yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Fahy, do you yield for questions?

SENATOR FAHY: Certainly.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Senator yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: All right. Excuse my back, Senator Fahy.

So I understand -- look, when I go -- I travel a lot, obviously, we all do. And I bring my own coffee cup and my own, you know, mug and I want them to fill that up. Sometimes they will, sometimes they won't. But it's really up to them to decide whether or not they want to.

So what would this bill do?

SENATOR FAHY: Now, unless it is a takeout, they -- a restaurant can completely opt out of this. But if it is a restaurant, a full serve or a coffee shop, they can -- they would have to, once regs are issued on this, they would have to make sure it's clean, but they would no longer be able to turn you away from refilling your water bottle or coffee mug.

And as you know, many are set up such that they don't even touch the water or the coffee mug; it's usually just off to the side.

But it would allow you such -- we've needed exactly what you described is what we have seen, and there's been a lot of uncertainty here because of the arbitrariness of the way customers have been treated. So this would allow for some

certainty, we would hope, and a little more clarity.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, will sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you continue to yield?

SENATOR FAHY: Certainly.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Senator yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Well, my concern is, you know, look, I pick my coffee mug, I take the time, go into the restroom and wash it out. And I don't present a dirty coffee mug to the person behind the counter.

But this would require the business to actually sanitize and meet standards, you know, cleanliness standards, like -- you know, like serve-safe training standards, would it not?

SENATOR FAHY: No, it's actually in there that a business -- if the mug is not clean, if the water bottle is not, and you're asking somebody, they could definitely turn you away. It's at their discretion.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, if the sponsor --

SENATOR FAHY: The idea is to have -- I should add, sorry. Through you, Madam President, the idea is to have more safety standards here, not less.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you continue to yield?

SENATOR FAHY: Certainly.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Senator yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: So I guess I may have misunderstood.

So right now they can refuse, but you're saying they can still refuse if -- but only if the cup is not clean?

SENATOR FAHY: Yes, they have the discretion. And the intent, again, is that we have safety standards that are clear.

And certainly if it's -- if somebody is asked to handle something, they can turn that away.

And again, I think what we have seen, and I would hope that we will see more of it, is that individuals can serve themselves.

Just as in a restaurant where, if you are asking for a take-home bag after eating in a place, they bring you the proverbial dog bag, doggie bag.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Do you continue to yield? Senator Fahy, do you --

SENATOR FAHY: Yes. Sorry.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Senator yields.

SENATOR BORRELLO: So are there any standards for the cup? Like if I, you know, have rolling around in the back seat of my car an old, you know, cup from a fast-food place that's not the place I'm going to, and I walk in and say, I want to refill this cup, and you take this dirty disposable cup that was rolling around in the back of my vehicle and go up to the -- you know, the dispenser that anyone can go to, are you saying they have to require -- they have to allow the person to do that?

I'm not sure of how I follow that.

SENATOR FAHY: Again, no. They can refuse at any time.

And it is only intended, the refill

is only intended for reusable-type containers. So a reissued Stewart's cup would not be something you could bring into Dunkin' Donuts by any means.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Well, that's good.

SENATOR FAHY: Yes.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Madam President, on the bill.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Borrello on the bill.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Thank you, Senator Fahy. I had some genuine concerns that I was trying to address here.

See, my concern with this bill is still the same. First of all, I think we all know what we want to do, we want to try to reduce people, you know, bringing in -- not bringing in a cup and just getting a cup and throwing it away.

I personally can't stand, when I walk in with my reusable coffee cup and they hand me a paper cup and I dump it in and I throw it in the garbage. I don't like seeing that. I don't like the waste of that. I agree with that.

The problem I have is you're now making that person behind the counter, who's, you know, typically a, you know, newer employee, and you're making them all of a sudden now have to be in a confrontation.

Because the law will now say "you must do this." Now, they aren't going to know the law, they're only going to know -- they're only going to know that they can't be refused, or at least they're going to think they aren't, and you're going to create confrontation.

And that's the problem with this bill. We need to give full discretion to those businesses for a number of reasons. You know, you can go, you know, to a chain like Starbucks, and this place will refill your cup and this place will not, all the same corporate standard. Starbucks has a very strict corporate standard, yet you can go to five different Starbucks and they -- and all five will probably have a different way of handling that.

So even in a strict chain like Starbucks, there's not consistency. But it's up to the individual behind the counter, really.

So my concern with this is we're

creating a potential for a confrontation that doesn't need to be there, so I'll continue to be a no on this.

Thank you.

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

Seeing and hearing none, debate is closed.

Senator Serrano.

SENATOR SERRANO: Madam President, upon consent, we've agreed to restore this bill to the noncontroversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is restored to the noncontroversial calendar.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Fahy to explain her vote.

SENATOR FAHY: Thank you, Madam President.

I will be voting in support of this bill, and for the reasons you just heard described that were part of the impetus for this bill.

And that is that we have seen incredible uncertainly, we've seen very difficult anecdotal incidences of folks being refused in one coffee shop and accepted in another, which can also lead to a confrontation.

We also have 60 million plastic water bottles used per day, per day -- 60 million plastic water bottles each day. Many restaurants now have water dispensers set up, and they allow you to, once you've paid for your coffee, to dispense your own coffee.

So we are trying to encourage better practices, but we are also trying to address what has been some real uncertainty and variation among businesses, and have the Department of Health issue clear sanitation standards. Certainly we're trying to lead to better safety standards and not less.

So thank you, and with that I vote in support of this bill.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator

Fahy to be recorded in the affirmative.

Senator Oberacker to explain his vote.

SENATOR OBERACKER: Thank you, Madam President.

You know, it's interesting, if I were to ask any of my colleagues what exactly is the standard set up by the Department of Health for sanitation, does anybody know it off the top of their head? How many PPMs are required of chlorine-based sanitizer to kill E. coli O157, salmonella, Campylobacter, or any other nasty little bugs out there?

Can anybody show me or can you see those nasty little bacteria and bugs that I just talked about on any surface whatsoever?

In fact, one of the things that's interesting, Madam President, we would do, in some of our seminars, we would actually have a powder that can only be seen through a black light, and we would only contaminate one page and send it around. And you would be amazed at the end of this just where, when we black-light, where it has shown up.

So again, I'm very, very concerned

about the public health, the ability to introduce into a restaurant and/or food service establishment that has these practices in place. And this could be a potential time bomb, in my opinion, Madam President.

So with that, I would encourage all of those -- all of my colleagues, some that maybe don't have the microbiological background that I have, to vote no.

So I appreciate that, and I will be voting no. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Oberacker to be recorded in the negative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 979, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik. Also Senator Lanza.

Ayes, 41. Nays, 19.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The bill is passed.

Calendar 1456?

SENATOR SERRANO: Madam President, let's now take up Calendar 1456.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1456, Senate Print 4571B, by Senator Harckham, an act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Senator Murray, why do you rise?

SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you, Madam President. Would the sponsor yield for a few questions?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: I will, Madam President.

ACTING PRESIDENT MAYER: Oh, Senator Harckham, do you yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: I do.

And good evening, Senator Murray.

SENATOR MURRAY: Good evening. Thank you. Through you, Madam President.

Senator Harckham, on this particular bill, what types of bodies of water would we be doing this in?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Madam President, this would be -- Mr. President.

You've changed. Through you.

This would be the manmade bodies such as canals, industrial ponds, manmade reservoirs. Not -- not, for instance, a large lake that happens to also serve as a water source for someone. Although there's no law that would preclude that. This is just for this particular NYSERDA program that we're starting.

But essentially it would be canals, manmade reservoirs, manmade lakes, and industrial ponds. Those types of things, smaller.

SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you.

Mr. President, would the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you. Through you, Mr. President.

Are there any limitations as to the types of solar panels that can be used or, like, for example, foreign-made, American-made? Any differentials?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Mr. President, no. The bill is neutral to that.

In the former Inflation Reduction Act there were specific requirements for certain American components, American assembly. Congress has since overturned those. But this bill is neutral on that. This is just programming another type of solar that other states and other nations are beginning to use.

SENATOR MURRAY: Mr. President, would the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you. Through you, Mr. President.

So we've heard that some of the panels that are made in China have been known to contain PFAS. Most of the panels or all of the panels that are constructed either here or there have rare earth minerals which could leach into the water.

Are there any plans to monitor the

water? And are there plans and/or funds included in this bill for remediation if the water is polluted?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Mr. President, I would politely push back on one of the assertions my colleague made. PFAS is not a common element in solar panels or solar construction. Because silicone is used and they have similar properties, many people may confuse that PFAS is used.

But I'll share two things with you. The top 10 companies who manufacture solar panels and make up more than 75 percent of the global market share have all signed letters attesting that they use zero PFAS in their components.

The other is an article I would point you to from my favorite publication, pv magazine. It was the April edition, headline article: "No evidence of PFAS leaching from solar panels, study finds." It's a review of other peer-reviewed research.

So the PFAS issue is not a pressing issue.

Are there -- the second part of the question about monitoring the water, yes.

Because one of the things that anecdotally has been reported -- so for instance when I went to Canoe Creek in New Jersey, which was -- American Water Systems I believe is the name of the company, they put a 17-acre solar array on their reservoir. They're powering 95 percent of the water district's electricity use and I think it was 1400 homes combined.

And they found the added benefit -- they've been monitoring the water temperature, and because it absorbs and reflects the sun's light, it's keeping the water temperature lower and they believe helping retard the growth of blue-green algae, something that Senator May has done so much work on.

So there is a provision in the bill to develop protocols to monitor water quality.

SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you, Mr. President. On the bill.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Murray on the bill.

SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you, Senator Harckham. Appreciate the answers.

And I will not profess to be an expert on PFAS or solar panels. I can only

attest to what I have heard and read, and that is concerns that PFAS does in fact exist.

So the concern would be if there is still a question, are we willing to take the risk and take the chance?

It's concerning, we've heard bills in this body where we are so anxious to get to a point under the CLCPA and move to these different types of energy sources, we're willing to clear out trees to put more solar panels, put solar panels on water sources, including reservoirs.

We're so anxious to get there -- and I would suggest that maybe we hit the pause button here. Again, if there's even a question that PFAS is emitted from these solar panels, we need to look into that.

We do know that these rare-earth minerals are used in processing and manufacturing these panels. So again, that concern is there for the safety, if you will, and the water quality.

I'll end with this. We've spent so much money, and in fact we passed, a couple of years ago, a $4.2 billion Environmental Bond Act fund, and most of that went towards cleaning or

is going towards ensuring that we have clean water. But yet we're willing to take steps here and possibly gamble on the water quality here.

For that reason, I think we need to slow down, hit the button. For that reason, I'll be voting no. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Murray.

Senator Walczyk, why do you rise?

SENATOR WALCZYK: Mr. President, will the sponsor yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Mr. President.

So this bill requires that the state hand out grants for floating solar projects. What pot of money are those grants coming out of?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Mr. President. Whatever pots of money NYSERDA currently uses to support solar development.

There will be no new assessments for

this. We the other day in the budget passed 200 million for NY-Sun. Because these are community-scale projects and smaller, it could come out of NY-Sun.

This is just a adder program to provide education, technical assistance, and a little bit of money to help encourage these types of projects.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Mr. President, would the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Yeah, just trying to get clarification. Does it direct that it comes out of NY-Sun or some kind of other program funded by taxpayers? Or could NYSERDA also fund this with ratepayer money?

(Pause.)

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Mr. President. There are a couple of answers to that question.

Because a lot of NYSERDA's programs are off-book, they're off the state budget for some of the surcharges, funding could come from that. However, the NY-Sun program, which we outlined in the budget, is on-book. So there could be some off-book, some on-book.

I would -- I would point out I would expect the expenditures would be very low on this. There are very few in the country. There's one in Cohoes being built right now. There's the one in Short Hills, New Jersey, that I referred to. They're building another one in New Jersey. There are a few on the West Coast.

But this is much more done in Europe and Asia, so this is really about learning the marketplace here and developing a skill set of American developers to be able to do this.

So I would not expect a large expenditure.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Mr. President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: How does this bill define "floating solar"?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: All right. Through you, Mr. President.

To use the exact words from the bill, the term "floating solar" shall mean solar voltaic systems mounted on floating structures or platforms on the surface of a body of water, including but not limited to canals, lakes, reservoirs, and ponds.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Mr. President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Mr. President. I was listening to the debate prior to this. I thought you said floating solar wasn't for lakes, but your definition included lakes.

Is that just a technical error in the draft?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: No, it should -- it's manmade lakes. Let me see where we later say -- through you, Mr. President, that's the definition of floating and solar.

The grant program that this bill creates: Canals, reservoirs, commercial and industrial ponds, and any other artificially created body of water suitable for siting floating solar.

So the definition is like, hey, what is floating solar. But for the purposes of this grant program, this is what it's limited to.

SENATOR WALCZYK: And through you, Mr. President, would the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: All right, so I think I understand.

So definitionally, "floating solar"

includes solar that is installed on lakes in New York State and also reservoirs, canals, the other things, but only the canals and the reservoirs will be eligible for the -- either taxpayer money or ratepayer money in this grant program. Am I understanding that correctly?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Mr. President, that's correct.

But right now there is nothing stopping a solar company, if they wanted to, or a -- you know, a wealthy entrepreneur from picking some big lake and trying to build a floating solar array there. I mean, they'd have to go through local permitting and they'd have to go through DEC and all that stuff, but there's nothing in law that would prohibit that.

All this -- all this bill is doing is creating a program for a much smaller body and limited body -- number of bodies of water, creating an education and technical assistance and a grant program for those.

But if somebody wanted to go ahead and do something like that right now, you know, there's -- they'd have a lot of challenges, but there's nothing in law that would prohibit that.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Mr. President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Mr. President.

But since we're talking about power generation here, would this apply under the Office of Renewable Energy Siting if they met the threshold of megawatts required there?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Mr. President. Right now the largest one in the country is less than half the size of what would qualify for ORES.

ORES begins -- and for those who don't know the acronym, Office of Renewal Energy Siting -- it's about 20 megawatts. And the largest one in the country is I think about 8.9.

So these would all have local planning, local zoning, like the one that was done in New Jersey, they had to go through their

planning board, their zoning board of appeals -- you know, whatever special permits they needed. All locally controlled, as was Cohoes.

SENATOR WALCZYK: And through you, Mr. President, would the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Mr. President. So the -- reservoirs are manmade. They would be eligible for the grant money for floating solar here.

Is there any prohibition on reservoirs within the Catskills or the Adirondacks?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: If they are manmade, I suppose they would -- they could be eligible. However, the reservoirs in the Catskills and the ones by me, I've approached New York City DEP. They are studying them, so they may or may not be open to them.

But those are much larger water

bodies. So for instance, the one in New Jersey, the one in Cohoes are really very small water bodies. They're small little local water districts. It's much easier for the installation. It's much easier for the management and the maintenance.

Companies don't want like a big expanse of water body. It's too hard for them. So I don't suspect we would see that, certainly not anytime soon. The technical expertise is just not in this country.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Mr. President, would the sponsor yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Mr. President. What's the maximum size or megawatt threshold that's allowed in this bill for a floating solar project?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Mr. President. It is not specified. We do not specify a threshold.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Mr. President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: So being any size, while we may speculate about what the industry may prefer or not prefer, I'm certainly surprised by the amount of land mass that the industry has taken up. I didn't think when we started this solar experiment in New York State that I would drive across my district and see farmland completely paved over, sometimes to the tune of thousands of connected acres.

But I do want to ask -- so just a clarification. So the Ashokan Reservoir in the Catskills, that would be eligible for grants for floating solar?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Mr. President. Not if New York City DEP has no interest in it. It's their reservoir.

So just like you or I couldn't do a

development there without their permission, which is not going to happen, if they don't want to do it, it's not going to happen, end of story.

Nothing in this legislation overrides that local zoning or local control. And there's nothing in here that says a local municipality couldn't pass a zoning code saying, you know, Lake Smith, we don't want floating solar here.

There's nothing that would prevent a municipality -- and if I could comment on one thing, Senator -- through you, Mr. President -- the Senator spoke of the amount of farmland that has been lost to solar. That is precisely why we are advancing this bill for floating solar, to take the pressure off of farmland.

So these are water bodies that are not used for recreation because they're reservoirs or they have industrial use. It's exactly why we're doing this, is to take the pressure off of farmland and open space.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Mr. President, would the sponsor yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: I didn't see the prohibition on using a reservoir that's also used recreationally. Where would I find that in your bill?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Mr. President. I suppose there is no prohibition.

But many reservoirs do not allow recreation other than passive fishing. You know, there's not rampant boating on manmade reservoirs and manmade lakes to that degree.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Mr. President, would the sponsor yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Mr. President. Have you ever heard of the Sacandaga Lake?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you,

Mr. President, I have.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Mr. President, would the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Mr. President, I would also add, though, that if the community around that lake does not want a project like this, it is well within their right to deny it.

There is no state override in this bill. Nothing in this bill overrides local authority. So if the communities around that lake want to pass a law, or a developer comes to them with a plan, they can simply say no. They have that control. Nothing in this bill, Mr. President, overrides local control.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Harckham.

Senator Walczyk had asked that you yield. Senator Harckham, do you yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: I do.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Thank you.

Through you, Mr. President.

Does this bill prescribe the materials on which the panels need to float?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Mr. President, no, it does not.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Mr. President, would the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: So buoyancy is achieved in floating solar by packaging air or some kind of gas, using plastic packaging around that air or gas in order to create that buoyancy.

Is there any kind of prohibition on the packaging in plastic of that air or gas to achieve that buoyancy for floating solar?

(Pause.)

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Mr. President. The legislation specifically says that the program, when it's being developed, will identify best practices.

And so if the best practices are not to use certain materials, based on study from other states and other countries, then those materials will not be used, based on the rules promulgated by NYSERDA.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Mr. President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Through you, Mr. President.

But we are talking about manmade reservoirs, sometimes drinking water sources. This body has talked a lot of times about microplastics. Some have even said we need to get beyond plastics and ban all kinds of packaging in the State of New York.

But does this floating solar bill protect our water from plastic floating devices, or will they be able to float on plastic buoys the way that you've written this legislation?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Mr. President. I agree, the Senator's point is well-taken.

We've done a lot in this body on the types of plastics that can be used in docks. I think you, Senator, had a good bill, Senator May has had a good bill. So we continue to do work on that. And it's up to the people who promulgate the rules to come up with best practices and best technology.

SENATOR WALCZYK: Thank you.

Mr. President, on the bill.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Walczyk on the bill.

SENATOR WALCZYK: So just a point of clarification and kind of to round up some of the discussion, because I learned some things in this debate today.

There is no prohibition for the size of these things. We do have -- I represent the Stillwater Reservoir in the Adirondacks. I also represent the Great Sacandaga Lake, which is a manmade reservoir in the Adirondacks. They would be eligible for grant programming for solar with no prohibition on the size.

So if the target was to have smaller-scale and more localized areas just under zoning, then the legislation before us should have been written that way. It isn't. It's currently written with no cap on the size that these can be.

I've seen some doozies across my desk here in the Legislature. You know, we've seen gigawatts of batteries spread across New York State, solar spread all over the place, solar proposed on state reforestation areas, and now floating solar. And, as the sponsor put it, to take some of the pain off of the ag land. Well, that doesn't sound like it's going to be very small to me.

People are already very concerned with how much solar has taken up agriculture land. And I think the last thing they want to see are solar panels where they're fishing and boating and swimming and recreating and reservoirs where they're drinking the water from, with questionable chemicals on the solar panels, and they're probably floating on plastic buoys in possibly your drinking water source.

But more than that, this bill is

also either funded by the taxpayers or funded by the ratepayers. It's unclear from debate who's going to pay for it. But it will be New Yorkers paying for a new grant program to put solar panels on our waterways. That's a doozy.

You cannot save the planet by destroying the environment. I hope you all vote no.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Walczyk.

Senator Helming, why do you rise?

SENATOR HELMING: Thank you, Mr. President. If the sponsor will yield for a couple of questions.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Mr. President, yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR HELMING: Thank you, Senator Harckham.

I'm looking for a clarification. Are these floating solar arrays -- under this

legislation, are they allowed to be built on the Finger Lakes? Can they be built on the Finger Lakes?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Mr. President, no. The Finger Lakes are not manmade lakes.

SENATOR HELMING: So is -- and I get --

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Helming --

SENATOR HELMING: Through you, Mr. President, if the sponsor would continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR HELMING: So you're saying that in the legislation itself -- can you read the definition for me again?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yeah, there's a difference between a -- the definition of floating solar and what the grant program is for.

The grant program, Senator --

through you, Mr. President -- all right, here we go -- would be grants for the development of floating solar on sites that are constructed on canals, reservoirs, commercial and industrial ponds and any other artificially created body of water.

So it's a very precise definition. The Finger Lakes would not fall into that, nor would the Great Lakes.

SENATOR HELMING: Thank you, Mr. President. On the bill.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Helming on the bill.

SENATOR HELMING: So just to clarify, what Senator Harckham just read was about the grant program. It's not about the definition that's actually in the bill. So it is very possible that this bill applies to our Finger Lakes.

And I wanted to point out a couple of things. The Senator also mentioned that there's nothing that overrides local control in the legislation that's before us. And I beg to differ with that, having spent many years as the chair of a zoning board of appeals, spent many

years on a planning board.

Generally speaking, local planning and zoning boards do not have direct regulatory authority over a lake itself. Sure, they can look at things like shoreline setbacks, building locations, lot coverage, stormwater management, docks and accessory structures, but they don't have say or standing over what happens on a lake, a canal. So just to clarify that.

And also, on something that was said about PFAS, that there have been no confirmations that solar panels contain PFAS. That -- the question isn't do solar panels contain PFAS. They do. Studies have identified PFAS containing fluoropolymers in solar panel components.

The question is, how much of these forever chemicals are being leached into our soils and now are being pushed into our waterways?

I just -- I find it appalling that we're going to now encourage people to build solar arrays that could really contaminate our drinking water sources, our source of economic development, recreational opportunities, and so much more, with these solar panels.

These are just some of the reasons why I am a hard no on this bill, Mr. President.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Helming.

Senator Chan, why do you rise?

SENATOR CHAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I was hoping the sponsor would yield to a couple of questions.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Certainly. Senator Harckham, do you yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Certainly.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR CHAN: Thank you, Senator. Through you, Mr. President.

Senator, is there a limit to what percentage of a specific lake can be covered by these solar panels?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Mr. President, no.

SENATOR CHAN: Thank you.

Mr. President, if the sponsor can continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the

sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR CHAN: Thank you.

So in essence, Senator, a lake can be 100 percent covered by these solar panels?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Mr. President, that is highly unlikely.

SENATOR CHAN: (Chuckle of disbelief.) Will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR CHAN: Highly unlikely but not impossible, am I correct?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Mr. President. Nothing is impossible, I suppose.

SENATOR CHAN: Thank you.

Mr. President, if the sponsor would continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR CHAN: Thank you, Senator. Through you, Mr. President.

Has there been any studies to study the effect the solar panels have on the temperature of the lake?

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Through you, Mr. President. Yes, there have.

SENATOR CHAN: Thank you, Senator.

On the bill, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Chan on the bill.

SENATOR CHAN: Okay, so, you know, in light of hearing the questions that has came and went, and it's just -- this is just a -- so why build a lake if you're going to cover it entirely with solar panels and there's no limitations as to -- so, I mean, I see it now, just people digging lakes just for the sake of covering it with a solar panel.

And I can see also boats hitting it, I can see the safety factors involved. I can see people having a barbecue on these solar panels,

kids using it as a swimming platform to dive off of them.

I'm going to have to vote no on this bill. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Chan.

Are there any other Senators wishing to be heard?

Seeing and hearing none, debate is closed.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, I believe we've agreed to restore this bill to the noncontroversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: On consent, the bill is restored to the noncontroversial calendar.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator

May to explain her vote.

SENATOR MAY: Thank you, Mr. President.

I would like to thank Senator Harckham for this bill.

And I have to confess I'm a little startled at just how much antipathy there is to this technology. As our atmosphere warms, our water bodies are warming too. And it is wiping out trout fisheries in a lot of our water bodies in New York State because they require cold water to reproduce.

And so if there is a technology that can generate energy and also cool the water, that seems like a win/win and one that we should at least explore, if not actually support, as this bill would do.

So I don't -- you know, different municipalities and lake associations will have to weigh in on these. But to just rule it out altogether seems like a big mistake. And that there is potential for this to really benefit local populations where they have -- if they're taking drinking water out right now, they're having to put their intake pipes farther and

farther out at a cost of millions of dollars. This might make it easier to get access to drinking water that would be, you know, at the right temperature.

So I actually think we should explore this technology, and I applaud Senator Harckham for bringing this bill forward.

I vote aye.

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

Senator Borrello to explain his vote.

SENATOR BORRELLO: Solar sprawl continues, and that's what this is really all about. You know, that's the thing about these solar companies. They're con artists who are kings of the bait-and-switch.

So I believe that maybe Senator Harckham believes these things will not expand to other bodies of water. They will. Because it actually says in there, it says "Including but not limited to," and they will exploit that. They will exploit that to gobble up the subsidies the grant money and everything else.

Every time we have a solar project in my district, like I said before, they agreed to a certain setback and then they grieve it and say no, I can't take it, we've got to be a hundred feet from the road, not 500 feet from the road.

You don't think they're going to do the same thing with the bodies of water? You don't think they're going to cover an entire lake if they could? You don't think the -- you think they actually care whether or not PFAS will go into drinking water? They do not. It's about profit, profit at the expense of the taxpayers. That's what this has always been about.

We've watched solar panels gobble up farmland. Our beautiful landscape across upstate New York is being destroyed by these con artists, and now they want to take the water too.

I'll be voting no.

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

Senator Murray to explain his vote.

SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you, Mr. President. Now we've heard back-and-forth about, you know, do we have these chemicals, do

we have these forever chemicals, PFAS and others in it or not.

If there's even a question, then why are we moving forward with this? I've got homes in my district being taken off well water because they found PFAS in the water because of firefighting foam from before where they did training centers. But we're finding it more and more.

We've taken steps here to ban products that are manufactured containing PFAS. But now we're considering putting it -- these solar panels, which again, some say yes, some say no. If there's even a question, I don't think we should move forward with it.

Because in addition to leaching into the water -- now I've got the Yaphank Lakes, upper and lower, I've got Canaan Lake. These are all manmade lakes in my district that they do fishing, recreation, things like this. If we're going to allow this to leak into there and get into not just drinking water, but the effect on the environment, on wildlife -- there's too many question marks here.

I want to add one thing. In the

Yaphank Lakes, a couple of years ago, there was a -- one of the residents did a wonderful exhibit for Christmas, and it was all lit up and he put it on his own little floating dock, put it out in the water. DEC came and shut him down. Why? Because he ran electric to it.

Now, I'm no scientist, but we're putting solar panels out there to generate energy. How are we getting it back? Just a thought.

Anyway, I'll be voting no.

Thank you.

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

Senator Lanza to explain his vote.

SENATOR LANZA: To explain my vote.

So I love to fish. I often go to Sullivan County and do that. And if we're worried about the fish, well, you don't have to worry any longer, because if you put a lid on top of a lake, they're going to die.

You know, if you prevent sun from getting into the water, the plants are going to die. The fish are going to die. You're going to end up with a dead and toxic lake. That's what

you're going to end up with. And as my colleague just said, electricity and water don't mix.

This one is -- as I've heard, this is a doozy. I mean, where I recreate in Sullivan County, if you throw a beach ball into a pond, DEC is on you like immediately. There's not much you can do.

We hear all the time about protecting wetlands. Lakes and ponds are wet. They are the epitome of wetlands. And this bill would allow -- and I agree with what I've heard. If you're going to pay people -- I understand, I've heard, Well, it doesn't have to happen. It's not impossible. It's unlikely.

If you're going to pay people to do things, the unlikely and the implausible become a guarantee. I mean, it's human nature. If I can make a lot of money by putting a deck and sealing off a lake, I'm going to do it. That's the way it works.

Well-intended; we need to explore various technologies. But to destroy lakes in the process -- and that's what this will do, make no mistake about it. The fish will die. Everything under that canopy, that seal will die.

I vote no.

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

Senator Weik to explain her vote.

SENATOR WEIK: Thank you, Mr. President.

I thought we were going to reduce plastics. Now we're going to take plastic and gas and we're going to wrap a solar panel in it, float it on our water.

What about the reflection into our atmosphere? I haven't heard any discussion about that, and that's a big issue. So besides reflection and -- how much heat are these going to be generating? Anytime you float something that's going to be reflective on water, you're generating heat, you're going to be heating the water, you're going to be drying water in times of drought. And this just seems like the most ridiculous idea.

I'm a no.

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

Senator Oberacker to explain his vote.

SENATOR OBERACKER: Thank you, Mr. President.

You know, in my district I've got a number of manmade reservoirs. I have the Ashokan, Neversink, Pepacton and Gilboa, just to name a few, to which this potential legislation could impact.

You know, a lot of my district is in the Delaware Watershed. And it's amazing when I see the restrictions that are put on my farmers for fear of what they will do to the water. And yet here we are talking about putting solar panels on lakes and so on, which is concerning, of course, to me.

And, you know, I think about when we had the acid rain and everyone was so concerned about the water quality. I think right here we're actually kind of - excuse the expression, Mr. President -- making a deal with the devil.

And I don't think this is one of our better ideas to come out of this chamber, I will be a strong, hard no. Thank you.

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

Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick to

explain her vote.

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

I have in my district Long Beach, and one of the projects that was supposed to have offshore wind would have created high-voltage cables that went through our beach underground to reach the -- make sure that the energy that was being produced on the water reached a transfer station.

And I can't help but think that each one of these lakes is going to have to have some sort of mini version of that, with cables that are going to go underground, possibly under the lake, to reach some sort of collection station, a battery storage station, somewhere that this energy will be collected. And those high-voltage cables have consequences as well.

So in addition to the things that I've heard from my colleagues today about what's going to actually be floating potentially in our water, our drinking water, I have a lot of concerns.

For those reasons, Mr. President, I'm going to be voting in the negative.

Thank you.

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

Senator Stec to explain his vote.

SENATOR STEC: Thank you, Mr. President. To explain my vote.

You know, I've seen a lot of bills promoting solar in the last couple of years, and we've been sacrificing good farmland, we've sacrificed protected wildlife habitat, forestland -- and that's not enough. In this bill we need to start looking at lakes and ponds and reservoirs and recreational areas.

The mental gymnastics to fit the square peg in the round hole of the energy policy coming out of a bunch of non-engineers in this building is astounding to me. This is literally one of the wackiest bills that I've seen.

And I'll be voting no, and I think everyone should.

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

Are there any other Senators wishing to explain their vote?

Seeing and hearing none, Senator Harckham to close.

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

You know, years ago one of my mentors said to me: Contempt prior to investigation is ignorance.

I would invite colleagues to go to the Canoe Brook facility in Short Hills, New Jersey, where the water utility ratepayers are saving money, the homeowners surrounding the district are saving money.

I would invite members to go to Cohoes Reservoir, where the city will be saving hundreds of thousands of dollars on their own utility bills, the local utility ratepayers will be saving hundreds of thousands of dollars annually on their utility bills.

I think the phrase used was "a doozy." Yes, it's a doozy to save money. I don't understand the religion that has now cropped up against people saving money. We're talking about an affordability crisis. There's a technology that is lower in cost to produce energy than the other forms out there -- i.e.,

nuclear and natural gas. And yet any time solar rears its ugly head, let's make up a whole host of reasons not to support it.

This will lower costs. This prevents the loss of farmland. This is something that is used in other parts of the country. It's now working its way to the Northeast. It's used in Europe and Asia.

This is an idea whose time has come. I'm proud to vote aye.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1456, voting in the negative are Senators Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Rhoads, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 41. Nays, 19.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, let's move on to -- oh, I'm sorry, I have a

motion that I have to do first.

On behalf of Senator Baskin, on page 24 I offer the follow amendments to Calendar 928, Senate Print 9126A, and ask that said bill retain its place on Third Reading Calendar.

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

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Now let's go to Calendar 1478, please.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Weik, why do you rise?

SENATOR WEIK: Thank you, Mr. President. I was wondering if the sponsor --

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Senator.

The Secretary will ring the bell.

The Secretary will read.

I apologize, Senator Weik.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 1478, Senate Print 8455B, by Senator Fahy, an act to amend the Penal Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator

Weik, why do you rise?

SENATOR WEIK: Thank you, Mr. President. I was wondering if the sponsor would yield for a plethora of questions.

(Laughter.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield for a -- she's being honest -- a plethora of questions.

Senator Fahy, do you yield?

SENATOR FAHY: Yes, thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR FAHY: Yes, certainly.

SENATOR WEIK: Thank you. Please excuse my back, I'm sorry.

Through you, Mr. President. Would the sponsor yield for the first question? I'm sorry.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Yes, she's yielded the floor, Senator Weik.

SENATOR WEIK: Got it.

This bill prohibits a person from selling or giving a flare gun to a person under the age of 17. Is that correct?

SENATOR FAHY: Yes.

SENATOR WEIK: Under -- through you, Mr. President, would the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR FAHY: Certainly.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WEIK: What is the purpose of a flare gun, and how are they generally used?

SENATOR FAHY: Through you, Mr. President. Flare guns are generally considered to have only one purpose, and that is for emergency signaling, often used on boats or in maritime use.

Although even the Coast Guard has now changed to electric flares, not the traditional flare guns that we are addressing here today that unfortunately, they have gone -- although they are intended for one purpose, they have really gone well beyond that and we have had numerous incidences, particularly here in Albany County, but a number of them around the state with criminal uses of those flare guns, which I'm happy to describe.

SENATOR WEIK: Thank you.

Mr. President, would the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR FAHY: Certainly.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WEIK: Would this be limited to merchants selling a flare gun? Or could an individual give a minor under the age of 17 a flare gun -- would that person be criminally liable?

SENATOR FAHY: It is intended to be the sale and the -- the sale or the transfer. So yes, that person in this instance that you are referring to, would be liable.

SENATOR WEIK: Would the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR FAHY: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WEIK: So it would be

illegal for a parent to buy a flare gun for their child under the age of 17 and give it to them?

SENATOR FAHY: Through you, Mr. President. As I understand this, if the parent buys a flare gun for use on a boat -- which, again, is often where they are, what they're bought for -- and the parent is on the boat with the child or if the child is out and there is an emergency situation, that would not be considered illegal because certainly that is in an emergency.

And we have addressed that in the legislation.

SENATOR WEIK: Thank you.

Mr. President, would the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR FAHY: Certainly.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WEIK: So flare guns are often used by boaters in open water. We established that.

We also have safe boating courses in

which a lot of our young teenagers under the age of 17 are out and about on their own legally. And so if they were to use this flare gun, would the parent then be held criminally liable?

(Pause.)

SENATOR FAHY: Through you, Mr. President. I want to understand the question.

Again, if there's an emergency situation, the parent has -- as they're expected to do, has bought a flare gun for use on the vessel, and it's the child that ends up using it, it's under the supervision of the parent.

So that would not be -- that would not be illegal, if I'm understanding your question.

SENATOR WEIK: Thank you.

Mr. President, would the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR FAHY: Certainly.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WEIK: Would you mind

terribly reading that part of the bill where it does not hold the parent criminally liable?

(Pause.)

SENATOR FAHY: Through you, Mr. President, can you clarify, is your question about the parent supervising the use? Can you get at the actual question of the --

SENATOR WEIK: Sure. Mr. President, would the --

SENATOR FAHY: You know, what -- what scenario you're envisioning here?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Weik, if you don't mind restating the question.

SENATOR WEIK: Sure, no problem.

So if the individual is under the age of 17 and is out on a boat and is in an emergency and uses that flare gun, where in your bill does it say that the parent is not criminally liable?

SENATOR FAHY: Through you, Mr. President. First of all, in that instance the parent has not given the child -- it is something that is being used in an emergency situation. There is not a transfer or a sale.

And then I should also add that, you

know, somebody under 17 may also be participating -- there is an exemption when somebody under 17 has participated in a supervised training program through parks, through recreation and other matters. So that is also an exception.

SENATOR WEIK: Through you, Mr. President, would the sponsor continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR FAHY: Sure.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WEIK: Thank you.

So in 2020 my 15-year-old took our 21-foot-boat out. And if he were to have met up with some kind of dangerous situation -- during the day, you can't see a flashlight. You're certainly not going to see a parachute flare on the Great South Bay. So a flare gun would have been on our boat. It would have been a safety device.

If my son had used a flare gun, in that case would I have been held criminally

liable? Can you read the part of your bill that says that this young man who had his safe boating course and was legally allowed to be out on the boat and he shot off that flare gun because of an emergency, where I, the parent, would not be held criminally liable?

(Pause.)

SENATOR FAHY: Through you, Mr. President. Again, the language reads that it is where a flare gun is sold or offered for sale or given to a person under the age of 17.

In this case, again, what -- if I understand the scenario you are referring to, a young person is on a boat and uses that -- may use that flare gun in an emergency situation, that is -- that does not encounter sale or giving the flare gun. It is there as it's legally required to be.

And I should add part of this, again, is to really get at illegal, unintended consequences. There is -- as I mentioned earlier, flare guns are designed for one purpose, emergency signaling, which we referred to at the beginning of this.

This is about incidences where they

are now being used in criminal activities where we saw -- we've seen a number of incidences in -- across the state, but we had 13 separate incidences between July 2024 and July 2025.

And we have also seen where they have been modified, the flare guns have been modified for discharge with live ammunition. So that is -- none of that is what is being described or requested -- or questioned here.

SENATOR WEIK: Thank you.

Mr. President, would the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR FAHY: Certainly.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: the sponsor yields.

SENATOR WEIK: Thank you.

So in that same scenario where I'm sending my 15-year-old son out on a boat and I know the waterways he's going to be navigating, through some canals to get out to the Great South Bay -- and I know very well no one will be able to see him, so I give him the flare so that he has safety equipment on the boat besides the

flashlight and the parachute flare and so on.

Am I now criminally liable, as the parent?

SENATOR FAHY: Again, my -- through you, Mr. President. My understanding of flare gun requirements, they are supposed -- as part of maritime laws, they are required to be on the vessel.

So you instructing your son that the flare gun is there, just as you would point out that a flashlight is there, or just as you would point out the -- a number of any emergency uses or emergency equipment, just -- it's the same as the life vest.

That would not be -- that is not the intent. This is about the sale or the giving of a flare gun for use in, you know, in another matter.

And as we said, certainly participating in trained program and other matters, we have had -- this is really intended about -- this is really intended to crack down on what we have seen is a horrific misuse.

I should also add Albany County, after the number of incidences here in Albany,

they had unanimous support to eliminate the use or the sale of these for anyone under age 21 because of what we've seen are misuses.

What you are describing is part of any emergency instruction that a parent would give a child when using any type of motorized vehicle.

SENATOR WEIK: Thank you, Mr. President. Would the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR FAHY: Sure.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WEIK: So as I represent the South Shore of Long Island, a pretty significant portion of it, you can see that this is one of those very important topics that really needs clarity for all of the individuals who are in my district.

So again, I just haven't gotten a clear answer. So I as the parent am giving my son, who is a legal boater, he's 15 years old, he's going out on a 21-foot-boat. I know where

he's going. I give him a flare gun and I hand it to him. If he should use it in the case of an emergency, or even if he doesn't, I have now given him that flare gun for his safety.

Am I, as the parent, being held criminally liable?

SENATOR FAHY: Through you, Mr. President. Again, I've read the sections of the law here regarding sale and use of these guns. This is intended to really get at what has become a growing problem.

But I should also add electric flares are comparably priced, and that is also why we've seen the Coast Guard switch the use from the very pyrotechnic-type flare guns.

What you are referring to is use in an emergency situation. Just as -- just as a child may end up driving a car when a parent is incapacitated while driving that car, the child would certainly not be held liable during an emergency situation.

And I think that's the same -- it would be somewhat comparable here. That is not the intent of this bill. And that is not -- certainly was not the intent of Albany County.

We have seen a tremendous misuse of these flare guns to the point of where it brought down a couple of buildings and created a rather horrific incident here, as well as in Rome, Utica, and a few other areas in the state.

SENATOR WEIK: Thank you, Mr. President. Would the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR FAHY: Certainly.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WEIK: So then why doesn't this bill specifically just talk to those issues instead of addressing it in such a general, broad manner that it addresses every situation within New York State?

SENATOR FAHY: Through you, Mr. President. Because the young people that terrorized part of a neighborhood -- and in a few of the incidences that we have had, those young people in a couple of those instances had not bought the flare gun, they were handed the flare gun -- again, with criminal intent. It was not a

parent. It was not used in an emergency situation. There was no boat nearby. There was no water nearby.

So it's a very different issue that would need to be addressed here. And it was certainly a very different type of use or misuse, I should say, of the flare gun.

But you do need to have the broader language because of that instance or those number of incidences.

SENATOR WEIK: Thank you.

Mr. President, would the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR FAHY: Certainly.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WEIK: Is there anything in this bill that criminalizes the improper or dangerous use of a flare gun?

SENATOR FAHY: Through you, Mr. President, can you repeat that? Is there anything -- what? I'm sorry.

SENATOR WEIK: Is there anything in

this bill that criminalizes the improper or dangerous use of a flare gun?

SENATOR FAHY: Through you, Mr. President, that is a part of the bill for those who are under the age of 17.

It would -- the sale or giving of a flare gun would. So yes.

SENATOR WEIK: Thank you, Mr. President. Would the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR FAHY: Yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR WEIK: Thank you.

Is there anything in this bill that amends the Raise the Age to expand criminal liability for minors who intentionally or recklessly cause physical injury or property damage with a flare gun?

SENATOR FAHY: Through you, Mr. President, no, this does not address Raise the Age. This is specifically targeting flare guns.

And some of this was actually generated through conversations with our local county sheriff, who said according to their office they have seen a concerning increase of teenagers in the possession of these modified flare guns across New York State.

And again, with the modified ones where they were able to shoot live rounds, posing a serious threat to public safety. So again, this is a different -- very different focus here.

SENATOR WEIK: Thank you.

Mr. President, on the bill.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Weik on the bill.

SENATOR WEIK: Thank you.

I know, I've read the news, last Fourth of July Albany County had a terrible incident, and there have been many incidents where young adults, teenagers were terrorizing neighborhoods and even set fire to a multifamily house using a flare gun.

But unfortunately, this bill is so broad that it punishes every single young adult under the age of 17 who may have a need to have or use a flare gun.

This is New York State. We have beautiful waterways, we have lakes, we have canals, we have the Catskills, we have the Adirondacks, we have tons of mountains to go camping in. And unfortunately, this basic piece of safety equipment would not be available for those young adults who may be camping or boating and desperately need assistance in an emergency situation. They would not be permitted to use a flare gun.

And as I've explained before, there may be other types of flares or emergency guns like a parachute gun. But unfortunately, not all can be seen above trees or in certain areas where it may be very isolated where a flare gun may be very easy to use and certainly a lifesaving piece of equipment.

This is just too broad, and it punishes everybody. We're using the item -- instead of offering consequences to the actions of those individuals who acted in a criminal way, we're now punishing everyone.

I understand there's a knee-jerk reaction to try to legislate a solution to a terrible instance. But in this case, it's just

too broad and it punishes every New Yorker under the age of 17, and I'll be voting no.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Thank you, Senator Weik.

Are there any other Senators wishing to be heard?

Seeing and hearing none, debate is closed.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: We've also agreed to restore this to the noncontroversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: On consent, the bill is restored to the noncontroversial calendar.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Fahy to explain her vote.

SENATOR FAHY: Thank you, Mr. President.

I do think this is incredibly important commonsense legislation. This is not about somebody walking around. Flare guns are required to be on maritime vessels, required to be there. So it's not as if a parent would be handing a child a flare gun when they're going -- when they're on the boat. The flare gun would already be on the boat.

Flare guns, again, are designed for one purpose: Emergency signaling. And nothing in this legislation precludes that emergency signaling, as we have discussed.

Yes, we have seen multiple incidences here in Albany, to the point of two historic buildings coming down and one business destroyed. But we have also seen instances in -- incidences in Rome, Utica, and other places. We have seen an uptick in the use of flare guns, particularly by teens.

And this is, again, common sense, especially when there are such safe alternatives at a very similar if not the same price. Electric flares, now adopted by the Coast Guard, are readily available, something you can buy on the internet. They do not have the ability to

set a fire and destroy property and more.

It is something that needs to be adopted. It is the same price. But we are not making that requirement in this bill.

But we are trying to address what has become a frightening new reality. When a device is being used to threaten people, start fires, facilitate criminal activity, we do have an obligation to address it and to try to prevent further destruction and further misuse.

And with that, I vote in the affirmative. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator Murray to explain his vote.

SENATOR MURRAY: Thank you, Mr. President.

While I appreciate the sponsor's effort here -- and intent, as we've heard the word "intent" over and over again -- I think she's overshot her target with this one.

And for the record, New York maritime and boating laws do not specifically require a flare gun, but they do require boats 16 feet and longer to carry approved visual

distress signals. A flare gun is one way to meet this requirement, but standard handheld flares or electronic distress lights are highly recommended and widely accepted alternatives.

So no, it does not require a flare gun. I'll be voting no.

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

Senator Rhoads to explain his vote.

SENATOR RHOADS: I certainly understand Senator Fahy's desire to deal with a specific situation.

But Long Island, like many communities around the state, is certainly a boating and fishing community. In order to actually have a boater's license, you can be as young as 10 years old to have a boater's license. There is no age restriction on how old you need to be in order to own a boat. So in theory, a 10-year-old, an 11-year-old, a 15-year-old can actually have a boating license and can actually register their own boat.

There is no way -- a flare gun is a safety device. There is no way for that child to obtain a flare gun under this legislation without

a parent actually buying the flare gun and giving it to the child.

And if the exception mentioned by the sponsor, that in emergency situations they should be able to utilize it, then the legislation should say that. Because it does clearly state that if you give a flare gun to a person under the age of 17 years old, that is a criminal offense.

So if that was the intent, the legislation should say that. It doesn't say that. We're restricting kids from having a safety device. While I understand the intent, this did overshoot the mark, and I'll be voting no.

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

Senator Weik to explain her vote.

SENATOR WEIK: Thank you, Mr. President.

So as a boater and a boating family, I can tell you that again, as Senator Murray pointed out and Senator Rhoads pointed out, it is not required to have a flare gun on the boat. We're only required to have flares.

And so with that, if I determine as a parent that my child's situation is better used with a flare gun, or if he's going camping, which he's an Eagle Scout, so he went camping quite often. If I had handed him a flare gun, I would have been held criminally liable for giving him a piece of equipment that he could have used in an emergency situation.

And I just think this is a badly written bill. I understand the purpose, but I think it misses the purpose entirely.

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

Senator Walczyk to explain his vote.

SENATOR WALCZYK: You could continue to ban everything that somebody determines that they want to use in a crime. Or you could just prosecute criminals in the State of New York.

I think flare guns are both cool and useful in emergency situations, so I'll be voting no.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 1478, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Brisport, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Jackson, Lanza, Martins, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Ryan, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 35. Nays, 25.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, our final debate of the evening, Calendar 847, please.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The Secretary will ring the bell.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 847, Assembly Bill Number 4603A, by Assemblymember Weprin, an act to amend the Correction Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Stec, why do you rise?

SENATOR STEC: Thank you, Mr. President. If the sponsor would yield for a few questions.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Through you, Mr. President, I yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR STEC: All right, thank you, Mr. President. Through you.

Senator, DOCCS already has a visitation policy in place for both state correctional facilities and local facilities. In fact, I've got them in front of me; they're pretty extensive.

What does -- why is this bill necessary if we already have these policies in place?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: First of all, DOCCS doesn't have an official policy. It doesn't have anything that's codified or by statute. It's according to whenever they want to give visitation.

And since we had the unlawful work

stoppage, the visitation policy has been worse than ever. You have families that are unable to see those that are incarcerated.

And I remind this body again, the purpose of incarceration is rehabilitation. And the evidence has demonstrated time and again, when there is a direct connection with the family, when the families visit, when the children visit, those that are incarcerated, when they come out, they're less likely to recommit offenses.

And so it's important that we have a policy in place that's consistent so that families can have and plan better times to go visit those that are incarcerated.

SENATOR STEC: Mr. President, if the sponsor will continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Through you, Mr. President, I do.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR STEC: Thank you.

Just so I'm clear, then, so this

20-page directive that I've got in front of me from DOCCS on their facilities, and these three or four pages that I've got here regarding visitation for our local correctional facilities -- all promulgated by DOCCS -- they don't carry the force of law, so you want this bill to be the official standard for visitation procedures and policies, instead of this directive from DOCCS, which is not law.

Am I understanding your intent correctly?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Through you, Mr. President, that's correct.

We want to have a codified system for visitation for those that are incarcerated. We don't have that right now. We have a policy in place that's subject to change whenever DOCCS wants to. But under the circumstances, we don't think that that's fair. And I think codification is the best way to manage visitation.

SENATOR STEC: Mr. President, if the sponsor would continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Through you,

Mr. President, I do.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR STEC: All right, so I'm looking at your bill, and I don't see anything in the bill that really gets into the meat and potatoes of the rules of visitation like these directives do.

So I guess would this -- would your bill require DOCCS to re-create a policy? And what would stop them from saying that their directive is the new policy?

Because your legislation doesn't get into a lot of specifics.

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: DOCCS can have their policy, they still have their policy, this isn't going to stop them, but they have to comply with the codification that we have here.

SENATOR STEC: All right. Mr. President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield.

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Through you, Mr. President, I do.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR STEC: All right. So your bill requires that state and local correctional facilities establish visiting policies that give opportunities for, quote, in-person contact. What constitutes in-person contact?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Through you, Mr. President. I think in-person contact is pretty self-explanatory. When either the children or the family members of the person that's incarcerated, that they get to see their family physically near them rather than through virtual.

We know that virtual is an option. We're glad that it is an option. But it's not the best option. And what we want to do is we want to bring the best option and the best policy for DOCCS.

SENATOR STEC: Mr. President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: (Motioning.)

SENATOR STEC: All right. Thank

you. So not to belabor it, but --

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Oh, I'm sorry. Senator Sepúlveda, do you yield?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: I yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Senator Stec.

SENATOR STEC: He motioned, but I got you.

Not to belabor the -- you know, this is all spelled out in these existing directives, but it's not spelled out in your bill, that in contact, contact in-person, not in-person, it's spelled out in existing policy but it's not spelled out in your bill.

So would your bill require that physical contact be allowed during all visits?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Can you repeat the question?

SENATOR STEC: Yes. Through you, Mr. President.

Would your bill require that physical contact be allowed during all visits, physical contact?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: No, it does

not. Through you, Mr. President, no, it does not.

SENATOR STEC: All right. Mr. President, will the sponsor continue to yield?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Through you, Mr. President, yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR STEC: All right, so current policy under the emergency regs, the current policy at DOCCS denies contact if a visitor refuses a body scan. Would this bill change that?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: No. Through you, Mr. President, no.

SENATOR STEC: All right. Mr. President, if the sponsor would continue to yield.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield? Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Through you, Mr. President, I do.

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR STEC: Thank you, Mr. President. Through you.

Does your bill outline any circumstances where a person -- personal contact can be denied, in your bill?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Through you, Mr. President, it does not.

SENATOR STEC: Will the sponsor continue to yield, please?

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Through you, Mr. President, I do.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR STEC: Through you, Mr. President.

Does your bill outline any procedures for allowing a person -- personal contact in a manner that can limit the introduction of contraband?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Through you, Mr. President.

What my bill does is it requires DOCCS to establish policies. It's not taking away their ability to create policies with some parameters. But DOCCS can still create their policies.

SENATOR STEC: Mr. President, will the sponsor continue to yield for maybe one more question.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Through you, Mr. President, yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR STEC: Are you aware that the New York State Sheriffs' Association opposes the bill because it fails to define "personal contact"?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: No, I'm not aware of the Sheriffs' Association's contention. But it doesn't have to, we don't have to establish the policy, they can do it themselves. We just have to have codification of these policies.

SENATOR STEC: Mr. President, if

the sponsor would yield for just one more question.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Will the sponsor yield?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Through you, Mr. President, yes.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The sponsor yields.

SENATOR STEC: Thank you, Mr. President. Through you.

While contraband continues to enter our prisons and put inmates and staff at risk, is it wise to expand our visitation policy in a way that would make it more difficult to keep dangerous contraband out of our prisons?

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Through you, Mr. President.

I remind my colleague that during COVID, visitation was completely paralyzed and yet you still had a lot of contraband that came in. So I don't think this is going to impact the amount of contraband that comes into the facilities.

SENATOR STEC: Mr. President, on the bill.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Stec on the bill.

SENATOR STEC: Thank you, Mr. President.

This bill is a solution in search of a problem. I've got the DOCCS policies, and they're extensive, on requiring and -- and appeals processes and who can and can't limit visitation.

And I've been in the prisons. They have visitation policies already.

This bill is lacking, which is why the Sheriffs' Association is opposed to it, because it's very vague in what it says it wants to do.

And my concerns for contraband remain. And they remain unaddressed. We're in the last week of session, we haven't passed a single bill that does anything to address any of the safety concerns that have been raised in the 15, 16 months since the end of the corrections strike.

All you have to do is open a newspaper -- there are weekly stories about unknown chemical exposures, sending staff and

inmates alike to the emergency room, overrunning the local rescue squads, burdening a lot of small rural upstate hospitals needlessly.

There's all kind of technology that the taxpayers bought and paid for and has been installed in all these prisons. Every state facility has a body scanner. And until the emergency declaration was made, it was at the option of visitors. Now today, under current memos, it's not at their option. If they refuse, then they can still have a visit, just not a contact visit.

What is the concern over contact visits? Because the bag of peanuts that they're sharing in a contact visit isn't always peanuts.

The taxpayer has bought tablets and put them in the prisons. We have wifi in the prisons. They have law libraries, they have photocopiers, and they have printers. And yet we still get legal mail going in there with God knows what it's soaked in that are sending inmates and staff alike, on a weekly basis -- open a newspaper, you're going to find these examples, and it's been going on more in the last year.

We have done zero bills to address contraband, and this bill, as loosely worded as it is, further blurs that line and makes it more, not less likely for contraband problems to continue in our prisons.

I really -- there's no need for it. We already have policies. The sponsor suggests that there are no policies. I've got them in front of me. There's policies that govern the rules on visitation.

People are visiting loved ones in prison. They are having contact visits in prison. I'd like DOCCS to be in charge of what happens there so that we start to reduce the amount of contraband in prison so that it would reduce the amount of employees -- and my constituents -- that continue to go to the emergency room because DOCCS is out of control.

I'll be voting no.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Are there any other Senators wishing to be heard?

Seeing and hearing none, debate is closed.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President,

we have agreed to restore this bill to the noncontroversial calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Upon consent, the bill is restored to the noncontroversial calendar.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: Senator Helming to explain her vote.

SENATOR HELMING: Thank you, Mr. President.

Fifteen months ago state corrections officers protested the unsafe working conditions and staffing shortages inside our prisons. Those concerns have yet to be adequately addressed.

We have more than 4,000 vacancies, contraband continues to enter the prisons, and we have continued violence. Just last week video footage was released showing an inmate brutally attacking and beating a volunteer GED instructor.

And instead of taking meaningful

steps to improve safety or address the workforce shortages, what we have before us is a bill requiring state facilities and our county jails to expand visitation hours, including evenings and weekends.

I found it interesting that the sponsor's memo states there are no fiscal implications. I don't see how that's possible, when counties are going to be required to provide additional staffing and resources. And since there's no funding attached to this bill, these costs will most likely be passed on to taxpayers in the form of another unfunded mandate.

Mr. President, family connections, visitation is extreme important. But before creating these new mandates, we should be focused on improving safety within our facilities, addressing workforce shortages, and supporting the men and women who work in our correctional facilities and our jails every day.

For these reasons, I will be voting no.

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

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar 847, voting in the negative are Senators Ashby, Borrello, Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Chan, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Lanza, Mattera, Murray, Oberacker, O'Mara, Ortt, Palumbo, Rhoads, Rolison, Ryan, Stec, Tedisco, Walczyk, Weber and Weik.

Ayes, 38. Nays, 22.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The bill is passed.

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

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, returning to motions and resolutions, I offer amendments to the following Third Reading Calendar bills:

Calendar Number 202, Senate Print 660, by Senator Gianaris;

Calendar Number 1086, Senate Print 9990, by Senator Skoufis;

Calendar Number 854, Senate Print 9051A, by Senator Gonzalez;

And Calendar Number 1510, Senate Print 10200, by Senator Kavanagh.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The

amendments are received, and those bills will retain their place on the Third Reading Calendar.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: The sponsors of all of today's resolutions would like to open those resolutions for cosponsorship.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: The resolutions are open for cosponsorship. Should you choose not to be a cosponsor, please notify the desk.

Senator Gianaris.

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

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

SENATOR GIANARIS: I move to adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 2nd, at 12:00 noon.

ACTING PRESIDENT BAILEY: On motion, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, June 2nd, at 12:00 noon.

(Whereupon, at 7:53 p.m., the Senate adjourned.)