

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2018

12:03 A.M.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come to order.

In the absence of clergy, let us pause for a moment of silence.

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

Visitors are invited to join the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Whereupon, Acting Speaker Aubry led visitors and members in the Pledge of Allegiance.)

A quorum being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of Tuesday, June 19th.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move

to dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Tuesday, June 19th, and ask that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll give our schedule for the day in about nine hours.

(Laughter)

But in the interim, members do have, or will have momentarily, they do have on their desks an A-Calendar. I now move to advance the A-Calendar.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On Mr. Morelle's motion, the A-Calendar is advanced.

Mr. Morelle.

(Pause)

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to now go to page 3 and take up Rules Report No. 439 by Mr. Heastie.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11246, Rules Report No. 439, Committee on Rules (Heastie). An act to amend Chapter 88 of the Laws of 2009 amending the Tax Law relating to the imposition of an occupancy tax in the City of New Rochelle, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof; to amend Chapter 89 of the Laws of 2009 amending the Tax Law relating to the imposition of an

occupancy tax in the City of Rye, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof; to amend Chapter 62 of the Laws of 2015 amending the Tax Law, relating to the imposition of an occupancy tax in the City of Yonkers, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof; to amend Chapter 327 of the Laws of 2006, amending the Tax Law relating to authorizing the County of Essex to impose an additional mortgage recording tax, in relation to extending the expiration and repeal of such provisions; to amend Chapter 405 of the Laws of 2005 amending the Tax Law relating to authorizing the County of Albany to impose a county recording tax on obligations secured by a mortgage on real property, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof; to amend Chapter 368 of the Laws of 2008, amending the Tax Law relating to authorizing the County of Warren to impose an additional mortgage recording tax, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof; to amend Chapter 218 of the Laws of 2009 amending the Tax Law relating to authorizing the County of Greene to impose an additional mortgage recording tax, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof; to amend Chapter 98 of the Laws of 2009, amending the Tax Law relating to authorizing the County of Cattaraugus to impose an additional mortgage recording tax, in relation to extending the expiration thereof; to amend Chapter 105 of the Laws of 2009 amending Chapter 693 of the Laws of 1980 enabling the County of Albany to impose and collect taxes on occupancy of hotel or motel rooms in Albany County relating to revenues received from the collection of hotel or motel occupancy taxes, in relation to

the effectiveness thereof; to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to adjusted base proportions for assessment rolls; to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to the determination of adjusted base proportions in special assessing units which are cities for the Fiscal Year 2019; to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to allowing certain special assessing units other than cities to adjust their current base proportions, adjusted base proportions for assessment rolls, and the base proportion in approved assessing units in Nassau County; to amend the Local Finance Law, in relation to the sale of bonds and notes of the City of Buffalo; to amend the Local Finance Law, in relation to the sale of bonds and notes of the City of New York, the issuance of bonds or notes with variable rates of interest, interest rate exchange agreements of the City of New York, the refunding of bonds, and the down payment for projects financed by bonds; to amend Chapter 868 of the Laws of 1975 constituting the New York State Financial Emergency Act for the City of New York, in relation to a pledge and agreement of the State; and to amend Chapter 142 of the Laws of 2004, amending the Local Finance Law relating to interest rate exchange agreements of the City of New York and refunding bonds of such city, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and to amend the Local Finance Law, in relation to bonds and notes of the City of Yonkers (Part A); to amend the Education Law and the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to authorizing the installation and use of safety cameras on school buses for the purpose of monitoring overtaking and passing of school bus violations; to

amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to photo speed violation monitoring systems in school speed zones in the City of New York; to amend Chapter 43 of the Laws of 2014, amending the Vehicle and Traffic Law, the Public Officers Law and the General Municipal Law relating to photo speed violation monitoring systems in school speed zones in the City of New York, in relation to making technical corrections thereto; to amend Chapter 189 of the Laws of 2013, amending the Vehicle and Traffic Law and the Public Officers Law relating to establishing in a city with a population of one million or more a demonstration program implementing speed violation monitoring systems in school speed zones by means of photo devices, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law and the Public Officers Law, in relation to establishing in the City of Buffalo a demonstration program implementing speed violation monitoring systems in school speed zones by means of photo devices; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof (Part B); to amend the Public Authorities Law, in relation to the Nassau County Interim Finance Authority (Part C); and to amend part B of Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2018, amending the Public Health Law and other laws relating to registration of licensed home care services agencies, in relation to the moratorium on the processing and approval of applications (Part D).

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record

the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for a very productive day and for all your cooperation. We will see you in just a few hours, because I'm now moving that the Assembly stand in recess until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 20th, which happens to be today.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Assembly will stand in recess.

(Whereupon, at 12:08 a.m., the House stood in recess.)

* * * * *

AFTER THE RECESS

10:26 A.M.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come back to order.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No rising necessary.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Right.

MR. MORELLE: Mr. Speaker?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Morelle, we will

remind members that we've already been brought to Session earlier today.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you. And let me begin, Mr. Speaker, by thanking all of my colleagues for their continued cooperation. Those of us who have been through this before know that today will be a hectic and busy day, so I'd like to have as much attention paid by members so we can get through all of our work.

Before I give our schedule for the day, let me just note that on this day in 1936, American sprinter Jesse Owens set the 100-meter world record at 10.2 seconds. The record stood for 20 years until it was broken in 1956 by 1/10th of a second. No other 100-meter world record has stood as long as Owens' did.

And under the heading of "Did You Know," did you know that the New York State flag was once white, and then later the color "buff" -- a pale, yellowish hue -- as opposed to the blue we know it as today? The flag originally flew as white, but legislators in the late 19th Century argued for the flag to be changed to buff because it was the color soldiers from New York wore during the Revolutionary War. The color change, enacted in 1896, was short-lived, however. By 1901, the Legislature changed the color to blue, as we know it today.

We have a great deal to do today. Changing the color of our flag, however, will not be among those activities.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. -- Mr. -- did you

know we're going to miss you?

(Laughter)

MR. MORELLE: No, not as much as I will miss you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and gentlemen, you have on your desks a main Calendar as well as a debate list. After introductions and housekeeping, which we're going to do as though this were the beginning of the day, we will continue consenting the new bills on the Calendar beginning with Rules Report No. 362, which is on page 15 of that main Calendar. We will also work off the debate list. Members should prepared for the following committees to meet off the floor: Ways and Means and Rules. So, members of those two committees, the more you are near and available, the quicker this will go. Those committees will produce B- and C-Calendars, which we will take up today. And we will obviously keep all the members apprised of any announcements we need for party conferences if they become necessary or other rule -- or other committee meetings as they may become necessary as well.

So, with that, Mr. Speaker, if you have any housekeeping, I know there are a number of introductions, this would be the appropriate time to take them up.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. No housekeeping at the moment.

Mr. Raia for the purposes of -- no, excuse me. Mrs. Gunther for the purposes of an introduction.

MRS. GUNTHER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On

behalf of Mr. Raia, Mr. Ramos and myself, I would like to introduce to you Dr. Subhash Chandra to the New York State Assembly. Dr. Chandra is here from India to celebrate the grand opening of Yo 1 Luxury Nature Cure in Monticello, New York, located, of course, in my district. Dr. Chandra is Chairman of the Essel Group, which employs more than 10,000 people worldwide, and in 2016 he became a member of the Indian Parliament. Yo 1 will provide fully customized therapies that combine the ancient Indian disciplines of Ayurveda and Yoga, along with naturopathy, acupuncture and physiotherapy. Not only will Yo 1 offer high-quality health and well -- wellness services to our community and State, Dr. Chandra and the Essel Group have invested \$250 million into the facility, and it will create hundreds of jobs for my friends and my neighbors. Sullivan County and the mid-Hudson regions welcome him.

So, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you please extend to Dr. Chandra all the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mrs. Gunther, Mr. Raia, Mr. Ramos, the Speaker and all the members, Dr. Chandra, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. Certainly congratulate you on such a successful venture and what a great businessman you are. Thank you so much for being here. You are always welcome. Please return. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Raia for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. RAIA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to interrupt the proceedings. I rise today to introduce an individual that's no stranger to any of us holding elective office in Nassau, Suffolk or -- or Queens. Mr. Bobby Kumar Kalotee has been a friend of mine for almost 30 years, as well as many in this Chamber. And Bobby is a multi-talented gentleman who was born in Punjab, India and started out as a busboy after coming to America at the age of 21. Bobby has grown to become a respected leader in our society and an active humanitarian. He was honored by the United Nations Assembly for his work with the Montessori Model at the United Nations. He's a former trustee at SUNY Stony Brook, and Chairman of the Reform Political party of Nassau County. He's also the recipient of numerous awards for his human -- humanitarian relief efforts, such as bringing physicians and medical supplies to developing countries. He's also an author of two books: One about India and one about Ireland. So, Bobby actually has -- has some Irish heritage in him, as well, to his Indian roots.

So on behalf of many of my colleagues that have had the pleasure of knowing Bobby over the years, I ask please extend the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Raia, and I see Ms. Solages, Ms. Pellegrino, Mr. Ramos, Mr. D'Urso, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly. We again extend the privileges of the floor to you, congratulate you on so many successful ventures and

such an accomplished life. Thank you so much for visiting us. Please feel free to come back at any time. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mrs. Barrett.

MRS. BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to interrupt the proceedings for the purposes of an introduction. I am joined in the Chamber today by Ernest Henry of Poughkeepsie. Mr. Henry is standing there (indicating). Mr. Henry is a City of Poughkeepsie resident, and a constituent of our late colleague, Frank Skartados. And I'm very happy to recognize him today and thank him for his contributions to Poughkeepsie and beyond, because this is the 10th anniversary of Mr. Henry's radio show, "Voices Beyond the Wall," which broadcasts on Vassar College Radio -- Vassar being in my district -- to State prisons in the Hudson Valley. I thank Mr. Henry for his service to the Hudson Valley community, and I'm very pleased to have him join us today for the proceedings.

Please welcome him and offer him the cordialities of the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Henry -- and -- the Speaker and all the members, Mr. Henry, welcome to the New York State Assembly, the People's House. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. Thank you for the work that you're doing to help individuals understand the trials and tribulations of those who are behind the bars. Thank you so much for

that work. Continue that great work. Thank you so much.

(Applause)

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, sir. I would like to begin with resolutions on page 3. If we could begin with Assembly Resolution 1420 by Mr. Skoufis.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 1420, Rules at the request of Mr. Skoufis.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 18-24, 2018 as Pollinator Week in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 1421, Rules at the request of Mr. McDonald.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 2018 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State of New York in conjunction with the observe -- the observance of National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 1422, Rules at the request of Mr. Brian Miller.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim July 2018 as Traffic Safety Awareness Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to begin consenting on page 15 of the main Calendar, beginning with Rules Report 362 by Ms. Jaffee.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10510-A, Rules Report No. 362, Jaffee. An act in relation to authorizing Hatzoloh EMS, Inc. of Monsey to file an application for a real property tax exemption.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Yes. To be technically correct, this is not our first vote of the day, Mr. Speaker, but it is our first vote

of the -- this portion of the morning.

(Laughter)

So, let's settle for that. So, I would like to ask members to participate, and I would like those members who are not in the Chambers but can hear the sound of our voice, please, please, please come cast your vote of the day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Time to vote, members. Whatever time it is. Please arrive, come to the Chambers and vote. If you are in your seats, please vote now.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10512, Rules Report No. 363, Steck. An act to amend the General Municipal Law, in relation to the insurance reserve funds of the Niskayuna Central School District.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10548, Rules Report No. 364, Morinello. An act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating a portion of the State highway system as the "General William 'Wild Bill' Donovan Memorial Highway."

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Morinello, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10549, Rules Report No. 365, Gunther. An act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating a portion of the State highway system in the County of Sullivan as "The Woodstock Way."

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mrs. Gunther, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10587, Rules Report No. 366, Lupardo, Friend, Crouch. An act to amend the Correction Law, in relation to authorizing the Broome Correctional Facility to

also be used for the detention of persons under arrest being held for arraignment in any court located in the County of Broome.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Lupardo, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly -- Assembly No. A10590, Rules Report No. 367, Lupardo, Crouch. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to adding the Nanticoke Creek to the definition of inland waterways.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Lupardo, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10607, Rules Report No. 368, Solages, Jaffee, L. Rosenthal, Cahill, Barron, Gottfried, D'Urso, Simon, Vanel, Mosley, Pellegrino, De La Rosa, Davila, Arroyo, Blake, Rozic, Perry, Williams, Colton, Weprin, Jean-Pierre, Dickens, Crespo, Ortiz, Hyndman, Lavine, Bichotte, Rivera, Dinowitz, Pichardo, Peoples-Stokes, Richardson. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to ensuring that temporary protected status beneficiaries continue to receive Medicaid benefits.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10679-B, Rules Report No. 369, Thiele, Murray. An act to authorize the Town of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk, to alienate certain parklands and to dedicate other lands as parklands.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Thiele, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home rule message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10680, Rules Report No. 370, Murray. An act in relation to authorizing Yaphank Presbyterian Church to file an application for exemption from real property taxation.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Murray, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Raia to explain his vote.

MR. RAIA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know I promised I wouldn't speak anymore today, but I lied.

(Laughter)

But I -- I do this for all the right reasons. I really don't know a whole lot about the Yaphank Presbyterian Church, but what I do know is the sponsor has been a member of this House, has actually had a checkered history as a member of this House --

(Laughter)

For serving -- serving as a member, then not serving as a member, then coming back and serving as a member again.

Well, Mr. Murray is hopefully off to -- I won't say "greener pastures," because I still think the People's House is the best House -- but he has chosen to move on in his political career, and I just wanted to wish him all the best, and thank you for -- for being part of the fabric of the People's House. God bless you, Dean, and Godspeed.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Murray, Mr. Raia votes affirmative on your bill.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10704, Rules Report No. 371, Santabarbara. An act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law, in relation to dog licensing in the Village of St. Johnsville.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Santabarbara, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10705, Rules Report No. 372, Stirpe, Hunter, Magnarelli. An act to validate certain acts of the North Syracuse Central School District with regard to certain capital improvement projects.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Stirpe, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. DiPietro to explain his vote.

(Pause)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to introduce a great former member of this Assembly. Annie Rabbitt served admirably in this Assembly for many years, did a phenomenal job, went on to be the County Clerk in her county where she's continuing to do a great job, and even now is looking to serve our State in a different capacity.

So, if you would please extend the warm hospitality

and cordialities of our Chamber of our great former member, Annie Rabbitt.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Goodell, the Speaker and all the members, Annie, welcome back to the New York State Assembly. As a member, you always have privileges of the floor. So great to see you. So great to hear that you have enjoyed life and prospered beyond these halls. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10743-A, Rules Report No. 373, Byrne. An act to amend the Town Law and the Public Officers Law, in relation to the residency requirements for the persons performing the functions of building inspector/code enforcement officer and assistant/deputy building inspector/code enforcement officer for Putnam Valley, Putnam County.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10752, Rules Report

No. 374, Barclay. An act relating to legalizing, validating, ratifying and confirming a transportation contract of the Fulton City School District.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Barclay, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10753, Rules Report No. 375, Galef. An act to validate certain acts of the Hendrick Hudson Central School District with regard to certain capital improvement projects.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mrs. Galef, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask members of the Ways and Means Committee to join Ms. Weinstein in the Speaker's Conference Room. Ways and Means in the Speaker's Conference Room.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ways and Means Committee, Speaker's Conference Room immediately. Thank you.

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10787-A, Rules Report No. 376, DiPietro, Mikulin, Johns, McDonald, Errigo, Morinello, Norris, Montesano, Giglio, McDonough, B. Miller, Hawley, Crouch, D'Urso, Bohlen, Pellegrino, Lawrence, Cook, Blake, Oaks. An act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating a portion of the State highway system as the "PFC David P. Coveny Memorial Highway."

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. DiPietro, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record

the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10824-A, Rules Report No. 377, D'Urso. An act relating to legalizing, validating, ratifying and confirming a transportation contract of the Port Washington Union Free -- Union Free School District.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: On a motion by Mr. D'Urso, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10915, Rules Report No. 378, Morelle, Kolb. An act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, in relation to reducing the number of overnight rooms and suites at a certain premises in the City of Canandaigua, County of

Ontario, for purposes of an exemption on restrictions on manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers from sharing an interest in a liquor license.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: On a motion by Mr. Morelle, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10918, Rules Report No. 379, Hunter. An act to amend the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, in relation to exempting Nedrow Fire Department from the requirement that the percentage of non-resident fire department members not exceed 45 percent of the membership.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: On a motion by Ms. Hunter, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: The Clerk will

record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10922, Rules Report No. 380, Thiele, Englebright, Raia, Fitzpatrick, Murray, Blake, Gunther, McDonald, Lavine, Magnarelli, B. Miller, Mosley, Ortiz, Pellegrino, Seawright, Simon, Stern, Taylor, D'Urso, Gottfried, Cook, McDonough. An act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating a portion of the State highway system in the County of Suffolk as the "Jolly 51 Memorial Bridge."

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: On a motion by Mr. Thiele, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 30th day.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10926, Rules Report

No. 381, Englebright. An act to authorize The Reboli Center for Art and History to file an application for retroactive real property tax exemption.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: The -- the Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10928, Rules Report No. 382, Ashby. An act to authorize Stride, Inc., to file an application for retroactive real property tax exemption.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: On a motion by Mr. Ashby, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Congratulations, Mr. Ashby, on your first bill.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10956, Rules Report No. 383, Santabarbara. An act to amend the Village Law and the Public Officers Law, in relation to authorizing the Village of St. Johnsville to hire a village clerk/treasurer and code enforcement officer who is not a resident of such village.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: On a motion by Mr. Santabarbara, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10975, Rules Report No. 384, Goodell. An act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating a portion of the State highway system as the "Sergeant Jonathan Gollnitz Memorial Highway."

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: On a motion

by Mr. Goodell, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last sect -- oh -- read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10978-A, Rules Report No. 385, Zebrowski. An act to authorize the assessor of the Town of Haverstraw, County of Rockland, to accept an application for exemption from real property taxes from Iglesia Pentecostal 3RA Nueva Jerusalem, Inc.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: On a motion by Mr. Zebrowski, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11001-A, Rules Report No. 386, Ashby. An act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating a portion of the State highway system as the "Chief George Bell Memorial Highway."

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Goodell for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to interrupt our proceedings today. Visiting us on -- and I want to make the introduction on behalf of Assemblymembers Brian Miller and Marc Butler -- visiting us today are Kevin and Jill Snell. They're visiting the Capitol from -- and they reside from Manheim. Of course, as I hope they appreciate this is a typical day here in the Capitol, we're doing the People's business and adopting laws every few minutes, and I hope they take that impression back and share it with all their friends and how busy we are.

If you'd extend the cordialities, I'd certainly

appreciate it.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: Of course. On behalf of Mr. Goodell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Butler, the Speaker and all the members, we'd like to welcome you here today to the New York State Assembly, the People's House. We hope you enjoy the proceedings, and we would like to give you the cordialities of the House. Thank you very much for coming.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11005, Rules Report No. 387, Cahill. An act to authorize the Commissioner of General Services to convey certain unused State lands to MCB-Eagle New Paltz, LLC.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: On a motion by Mr. Cahill, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11008, Rules Report

No. 388, Byrne. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to designating court attendants employed by the Town of Somers as peace officers.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: On a motion by Mr. Byrne, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER DENDEKKER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask members of the Rules Committee to make their way to the Speaker's Conference Room. Join the Speaker in the Speaker's Conference Room, members of Rules.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Rules Committee, Speaker's Conference Room.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Mr. Goodell for an introduction.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you very much, Mr.

Speaker. It's my pleasure to introduce on behalf of Assemblyman Marc Butler a gentleman from Herkimer, Keith Rubino. Mr. Rubino is a -- an employee who works with people with disabilities in New York State, so he brings a very interesting background in that area. And I'd wish that you extend the cordialities on behalf of Mr. Butler and the rest of us to Mr. Rubino.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Butler, the Speaker and all the members, Mr. Rubino, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. We appreciate the work that you do in this -- in that sector, and we hope that you continue in your success. You're extended the cordialities of the House, and we hope that enjoy the proceedings and come back and visit us very soon. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11033, Rules Report No. 389, Committee on Rules/Gunther, Skoufis). An act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating a portion of the State highway system as the "Gold Star Families Memorial Highway."

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On a motion by Mrs. Gunther, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11037, Rules Report No. 390, Committee on Rules/Englebright. An act in relation to granting the State University of New York the authority and power to enter into a lease with the Ronald McDonald House of Long Island, Inc.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On a motion by Mr. Englebright, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11039, Rules Report No. 391, Committee on Rules/Fahy, Steck, L. Rosenthal. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to the powers

and duties of the Albany Pine Bush Commission.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On -- on a motion by Ms. Fahy, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11054, Rules Report No. 392, Committee on Rules/Jenne. An act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating a portion of the State highway system in the Village of Philadelphia, County of Jefferson, as the "New York State Trooper Joel R. Davis Memorial Bridge."

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On a motion by Ms. Jenne, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11059-A, Rules Report No. 393, Committee on Rules/D'Urso. An act to authorize Chabad of Great Neck to file an application for exemption from real property taxes for a certain parcel of land in the Village of Great Neck, County of Nassau.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On a motion by Mr. D'Urso, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11061-A, Rules Report No. 394, Committee on Rules/Barclay, Oaks. An act to amend the Public Officers Law, in relation to authorizing a person holding the office of assistant district attorney in the County of Oswego to reside in an adjoining county within the State.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On a motion by

Mr. Barclay, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11128, Rules Report No. 395, Committee on Rules/Jones. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to the accreditation of persons appointed as Indian police officers.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11137, Rules Report No. 396, Committee on Rules/D'Urso. An act to authorize the

assessor of the County of Nassau to accept an application for exemption from real property taxes from Spectrum Designs Foundation, Ltd., for a certain parcel in the hamlet of Port Washington in the Town of North Hempstead.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On a motion by Mr. D'Urso, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11156-A, Rules Report No. 397, Committee on Rules/Butler. An act to amend the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, in relation to exempting Pleasant Square Fire Company, Inc. from the requirement that the percentage of non-resident fire department members not exceed 45 percent of the membership.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On a motion by Mr. Butler, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Kolb to explain his vote. Mr. Goodell to explain his vote, excuse me.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you very much. It's a pleasure speaking from my own desk for a change. I just wanted to note that this is Mr. Butler's last bill. He's been serving with us admirably for many years. As you may know, he is the Ranking Member on the Committee on Committees. A very prestigious position that we all aspire to, I'm sure. If you would congratulate Mr. Butler on this momentous accomplishment of having his last bill passed, exempting a fire company from certain requirements.

I will be voting, by the way, in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Mr. Goodell in the affirmative.

And, Mr. Butler, thank you for your service to this State. Congratulations, sir.

(Applause)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11223, Rules Report No. 398, Committee on Rules/Abbate. An act to amend the Civil

Service Law, in relation to providing that certain persons holding a position in the labor class shall not be removed or otherwise subjected to any disciplinary penalty except for incompetency or misconduct.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On a motion by Mr. Abbate, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11241, Rules Report No. 399, Committee on Rules/Abbate. An act to amend the Civil Service Law, in relation to provisional employees of certain public employers; to amend Chapter 5 of the Laws of 2008 amending the Civil Service Law relating to provisional employees of certain public employers, in relation to extensions of certain negotiated agreements and extending the provisions of such chapter; and to amend part I of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2008 amending the Civil Service Law relating to excess provisional employees of a city having a population of one million or more, in relation to extending the provisions thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00297-C, Rules Report No. 400, Gunther, Ortiz, Titone, Simon, Galef, Taylor, Castorina. An act to amend the Public Health Law, the Insurance Law and the Workers' Compensation Law, in relation to enacting the "Living Donor Protection Act of 2018."

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mrs. Gunther, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect in 90 days.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01118-A, Rules

Report No. 401, L. Rosenthal, Titus. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to the creation of a reference list of businesses that provide locator technology designed to assist in the expedited location of individuals afflicted with Alzheimer's disease or dementia who become lost or disoriented.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Rosenthal, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect January 1st.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03892-A, Rules Report No. 402, Titone, Lupardo, Thiele, Schimminger, Englebright, Fahy, McDonald, Walter, Raia, Seawright, Cook, Gottfried, Blake, Joyner, Otis, Crespo, Abbate, Cusick, Jaffee, Lawrence, Ra, Crouch, Woerner, Pheffer Amato, Ortiz, L. Rosenthal, Solages, De La Rosa, Walsh, Walker, Gunther, Jean-Pierre, Lifton, Niou, Morinello, Murray, Hyndman, D'Urso, Skoufis, Rodriguez, Cahill, Barrett, Castorina, Jones. An act to amend the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, in relation to providing educational services aid to eligible museums,

historical societies and other cultural institutions chartered by the Board of Regents for the provision of curriculum-based educational programs for students and teachers in grades pre-kindergarten through 12 and adults enrolled in continuing education programs in low-income urban, suburban and rural communities.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Titone, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect in 365 days.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Titone to explain his vote.

MR. TITONE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is kind of a bittersweet moment here. Today, I -- I don't know if anyone noticed, but I'm wearing a Staten Island tie. It was my dad's years ago. I'm wearing a tie clip that is in the shape of Staten Island that my mom had given to him when he became a Court of Appeals judge. And I'm wearing custom-made cuff -- cufflinks that say "Yay" and "Nay." Those were given to me by my husband -- who couldn't be here today -- when I first got elected. Throughout the past couple of years, I've endured many, many good-humored jokes about Staten Island from many of you, and I -- I want to thank you all for that. But I do also want to remind you that there are some really cool things that did

come from Staten Island. So as you take your jabs at the stereotypes, also think about this: That the very first time that a -- a gay couple was recognized as a family in the State of New York, well, that came from Staten Island. That the very first -- that our official State dog, the service and working dog, well, that comes from Staten Island. Vietnam Veteran's Day. That came from Staten Island. And New York City, when you see Food Bank NYC going around delivering fresh produce to our food deserts throughout New York City, well, that comes from ano -- the first not-for-profit commercial farm whose mission is to feed the hungry throughout New York City, and that comes from Staten Island.

I know that I've said a few things that have made people cringe throughout the years, but I want to thank Mr. Cusick, the dean of my delegation, because God knows, it could have been worse but for him restraining me. To my colleague, Ms. Malliotakis, God help me if they ever name a bridge after you, as God is my witness, it will be spelt with one L.

(Laughter)

Mr. Castorina, thanks for stopping by.

(Laughter)

And to -- to my two colleagues in -- in the Senate, thank you for all that you've done. I want to thank the Speaker and the staff and everyone who helped me to bring this bill to the floor for a vote. And I hope that you'll remember when you think about Staten Island, that the Museum Education Act of New York came from

Staten Island.

So, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Cusick to explain his vote, ostensibly.

MR. CUSICK: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I -- I rise to explain my vote, but, you know, I guess now I won't have to worry about Matt Titone upstaging me anymore.

MR. TITONE: There you go.

(Laughter)

MR. CUSICK: I wanted to -- I wanted to congratulate the -- the sponsor on this bill. I know that he has worked very hard to get this bill passed. It's fitting that this will be his final bill in this -- this Chamber. This is something that is near and dear to his heart. I know that he's worked very hard to get this bill here. But it's -- it just indicates how much Matt works for the people of Staten Island and the State of New York, and he will be missed. And it will give me a rest now; I won't have to monitor what he says.

(Laughter)

So, Mr. Speaker, I -- I proudly vote in the affirmative for this bill, and I wish my good friend all the best in his future endeavors. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Mr. Ra to explain his vote.

MR. RA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a good

bill. Museums benefit kids.

On this, I vote yes.

(Laughter)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Ra in the affirmative, Mr. Titone in the affirmative, Mr. Cusick in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

(Applause)

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04093, Rules Report No. 403, Hooper. An act to amend the General Municipal Law, in relation to providing coverage for injuries while in the line of duty by bay constables in the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Home rule message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04933-B, Rules

Report No. 404, Weprin, Colton, Skoufis. An act to amend the Civil Service Law, in relation to enacting the "State Workforce Injury Reduction Act."

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Weprin, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08411-B, Rules Report No. 405, Castorina, Cusick, Titone, Lentol, Malliotakis, Lawrence. An act granting retroactive membership in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System to Joseph J. Maltese.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Malliotakis to explain her vote.

MS. MALLIOTAKIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I

wanted to congratulate my colleague, Ron Castorina, on what is both his first and his last bill in the New York State Assembly.

(Laughter)

He has been a wonderful partner to work with.

We've had a lot of fun, and also did a lot of good for the people of our community, working alongside each other. And with his departure, we are now losing 50 percent of the Republican Assembly delegation from New York City. And so, he will be missed. And I'm going to have to, I guess, debate speed cameras on my own next year.

So if you will please wish Mr. Castorina well, and good luck on all his future endeavors.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Castorina.

(Applause)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

(Applause)

THE CLERK: Assembly --

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: So --

(Applause)

Well, Mr. Castorino (sic), in and out. That's what it's called. First bill.

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08524-A, Rules Report No. 406, Ortiz, Davila, Pichardo, Taylor, Mosley, Cook,

Seawright, Carroll, De La Rosa. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to the designation of sex by applicants for driver's licenses and learner's permits.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08855-E, Rules Report No. 407, L. Rosenthal. An act to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York and the General Municipal Law, in relation to requiring restaurants that offer online delivery services to post their most recent sanitary inspection letter grade on their website.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08900-A, Rules Report No. 408, Hunter, Lupardo, Colton, Cook, Raia, D'Urso, Williams, Errigo, Jean-Pierre, Ra, Hyndman, Wallace, Palumbo. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to establishing a Lyme and tick-borne diseases working group.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read -- On a motion by Ms. Hunter, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect in 90 days.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09967-B, Rules Report No. 409, Hunter, Cook, Colton, Williams, Hyndman, Blake. An act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to real property tax exemptions for certain property owners who are required to participate in the Federal flood insurance program.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Hunter, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Hunter to explain her vote.

MS. HUNTER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In 2016, in the -- one of the highest concentration of poverty zones in the country, in Syracuse, in one of the most impoverished concentration of poverty for people of country -- color in the country, in Syracuse the Federal Emergency Management Asso -- Agency incorporated flood zones into this impoverished area. And I have been working with the local municipalities and mostly the neighbors to identify means in order to assist them with this high flood insurance cost. And I am pleased to be able to have worked with my Senate sponsor and the City of Syracuse and the neighbors and the City of Syracuse in order to be

able to bring something meaningful back to this district that is in such dire need.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Hunter in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10015, Rules Report No. 410, Jenne, Brindisi, Skoufis. An act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law, in relation to death benefits for certain members; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Jenne, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10030-B, Rules

Report No. 411, Barclay. An act authorizing the Village of Phoenix to alienate and convey parklands to the Phoenix Central School District.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Barclay, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home rule message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10191-A, Rules Report No. 412, Pellegrino, Seawright, Barron, Lavine. An act in relation to authorizing the West Babylon Church of God of Prophecy, Inc. to file an application for exemption from real property taxes for certain assessment rolls.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10331-B, Rules Report No. 413, Schimminger. An act authorizing the alienation of certain parklands in the Town of Tonawanda, County of Erie.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Schimminger, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home rule message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10670, Rules Report No. 414, Hooper, Abbate, D'Urso. An act to amend the Public Authorities Law, in relation to salary adjustments according to plan and step-ups or increments.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Hooper, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record

the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10677-B, Rules Report No. 415, Thiele. An act to provide procedures relating to the adoption and submission of an annual budget by the Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonalty of the Town of Southampton.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Home rule message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10684, Rules Report No. 416, Jenne. An act granting retroactive Tier IV membership in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System to Scott Goodfellow.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Jenne, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is

advanced. Home rule message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10695, Rules Report No. 417, Abbate, Pellegrino, D'Urso. An act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law, in relation to providing accidental disability retirement benefits for chief fire marshals, assistant chief fire marshals, division supervising fire marshals, supervising fire marshals, fire marshals and fire marshal trainees in Nassau County.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Abbate, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home rule message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10721, Rules Report No. 418, Abbate. An act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law, in relation to providing performance of duty disability retirement benefits for ambulance medical technician supervisors, ambulance medical technician coordinators and ambulance medical technicians in Nassau County.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Abbate, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home rule message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10756-A, Rules Report No. 419, Steck, McDonald, Fahy, Woerner. An act to amend the Public Authorities Law, in relation to authorizing the Dormitory Authority to construct and finance regional juvenile detention facilities.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10799, Rules Report No. 420, Buchwald. An act to amend Chapter 511 of the Laws of 2016, amending the Tax Law relating to the imposition of an occupancy tax on the Village of Mount Kisco, in relation to extending the provisions of such chapter.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Buchwald, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home rule message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10877-A, Rules Report No. 421, DiPietro. An act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating a portion of the State highway system as the

"SGT Brian K. Baker Memorial Bridge."

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr DiPietro, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10881-A, Rules Report No. 422, Pellegrino. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to providing Long Island residents with water usage information.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Pellegrino, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect January 1st.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10935-A, Rules Report No. 423, Perry, Taylor, Barron, Hyndman, Walker, Bichotte, Lentol, Wright, Rivera, Dickens, Richardson, Ortiz, Williams, Simon, O'Donnell, DenDekker, De La Rosa, Seawright, Gottfried, Carroll, Epstein, Fernandez, Cook, Glick, Niou, D. Rosenthal, Arroyo, Joyner, Nolan, M.G. Miller, L. Rosenthal, Davila, Mosley, Pheffer Amato, Simotas, Rozic, Weprin, Kim, Colton, Hevesi, Dinowitz, Hikind, Espinal. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to providing for the automatic enrollment of employees of the City of New York eligible to join the New York City Board of Education Retirement System.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Perry, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect July 1st, 2019.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10950, Rules Report No. 424, Abbate. An act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law, in relation to providing county correction officers with a special optional 20-year retirement plan.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Abbate, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10999, Rules Report No. 425, Mikulin. An act to amend the Nassau County Civil Divisions Act, in relation to the Volunteer and Exempt Fireman's Benevolent Association of East Meadow, Nassau County.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a message -- motion by Mr. Mikulin, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record

the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

First bill, Mr. Mikulin.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11021, Rules Report No. 426, Committee on Rules/Stern. An act to authorize the State Commissioner of Transportation to convey real property to the Town of -- Town of Huntington, County of Suffolk.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Stern, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home rule message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11062-A, Rules Report No. 427, Committee on Rules/B. Miller. An act to extend the

tentative and final assessment roll filing dates for the Town of Neversink, in the County of Sullivan.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. B. Miller, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11115-A, Rules Report No. 428, Committee on Rules/Stern. An act to incorporate the Cold Spring Harbor Volunteer and Exempt Firefighters' Benevolent Association and providing for its powers and duties.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11152, Rules Report No. 429, Committee on Rules/Zebrowski. An act to authorize the assessor of the Town of Haverstraw, County of Rockland to accept from Hi Tor Animal Care Center, Inc. an application for exemption from real property taxes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11154, Rules Report No. 430, Committee on Rules/Hooper. An act to amend the Nassau County Administrative Code, in relation to a partial exemption granted to certain real property on Nassau County assessment rolls.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a -- read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

MR. GOODELL: Mr. Speaker, my apologies --

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: My apologies. Please lay the last bill aside.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Roll call removed.
The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11167, Rules Report No. 431, Committee on Rules/Jaffee. An act to amend Chapter 420 of the Laws of 2013 relating to authorizing the Town of Orangetown, County of Rockland, to discontinue use of certain lands as parklands and sell such lands, and dedicate certain other lands as parklands, in relation to making technical corrections.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Jaffee, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home rule message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11174, Rules Report No. 432, Committee on Rules/Skoufis. An act to validate certain acts of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District with regard to certain capital improvement projects.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11175, Rules Report No. 433, Committee on Rules/Skoufis. An act to validate certain acts of the Chester Union Free School District with regard to certain capital improvement projects.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11177, Rules Report No. 434, Committee on Rules/Finch. An act to authorize the Town of Camillus, in the County of Onondaga, to offer certain retirement options to police officer Erik Sauer.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr.

Finch, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home rule message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11183, Rules Report No. 435, Committee on Rules/Jenne. An act to amend Chapter 349 of the Laws of 2015, relating to authorizing the Village of Clayton, County of Jefferson, to transfer and convey certain parklands to Dean Hyde in exchange for certain lands owned by Dean Hyde which will be used as parkland, in relation to adjusting the location of lands conveyed to the Village of Clayton.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Jenne, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home rule message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11227, Rules Report No. 437, Committee on Rules/Abbate. An act implementing an agreement between the State and an employee organization; providing for the adjustment of salaries of certain incumbents in the professional service in the State University; providing for the adjustment of salaries of certain employees of the State University of New York who are excluded from collective bargaining and certain employees of the contract colleges of Cornell and Alfred Universities; and making an appropriation for the purpose of effectuating certain provisions thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

ACTING SPEAKER FERNANDEZ: Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11240, Rules Report No. 438, Committee on Rules/Englebright. An act to establish the Adirondack Park Forest Preserve Study Commission to examine land

management practices for certain classifications of State forest preserve lands; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

Mr. Morelle.

(Pause)

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to take up the following four bills in this order off the debate list, if I may: I'd like to begin with Rules Report No. 265 by Mr. Pretlow. It's found on page 12 of the main Calendar. Then I would like to go to Calendar No. 692 by Ms. Glick, page 82. Follow that with Calendar No. 1038 by Mr. Englebright, which is on page 100. And then conclude this grouping with Rules Report No. 306 by Mr. Lavine, which is on page 14 of the main Calendar.

ACTING SPEAKER FERNANDEZ: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11169, Rules Report No. 265, Committee on Rules/Pretlow. An act to provide for the payment of the annual contributions owed to (sic) -- to and on behalf of the New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation to the New York City Employees' Retirement System.

ACTING SPEAKER FERNANDEZ: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER FERNANDEZ: The Clerk will

record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Goodell to explain his vote.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. The New York City OTB was formed in the '70s, 1970s. It promptly gained a well-deserved reputation of being a political patronage dumping ground. Although it produced a lot of revenue in its early years, what was generally known as gross incompetence resulted in the only lawful betting operation in the City of New York eventually losing millions of dollars. Can you imagine that? They're the only lawful betting operation in the City of New York and you're losing millions of dollars. It is a public benefit corporation. None of its employees were ever State employees. Finally, the State took over the appointment of the Board of Directors, appointed a new Board of Directors. They were unable to save it from itself, and it went bankrupt. This bill asks the New York State taxpayers to make a contribution to the New York City Employment Retirement Fund to cover the obligations of a corporation that was never part of New York State government while we have every other OTB paying their own share, on their own basis. There's no effort by New York City to return all the millions and millions and millions of dollars that they collected in revenue. And then in my opinion, New York City should step up to the plate. They were the one that was -- ones that were responsible for the operation of the New York City OTB. They're the ones that authorized the employees to be in the New York City

Employee Retirement Account, and they are the ones that should step up to the plate and make sure that these employees in the City of New York are taken care of, and not the taxpayers all across New York State that had nothing to do with the mismanagement, never ran the corporation, had no obligation to employees that aren't even in the State Retirement System.

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll be voting no.

ACTING SPEAKER FERNANDEZ: Mr. Goodell in the negative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I -- in my exuberance, I didn't realize Calendar No. 692 is high, so I would like to skip and go to Mr. Englebright's bill.

ACTING SPEAKER FERNANDEZ: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10143-A, Calendar No. 1038, Englebright. An act to authorize the Family Services (sic) League to file an application for retroactive real property tax exemption.

ACTING SPEAKER FERNANDEZ: On a motion by Mr. Englebright, the Senate -- the bill -- the Senate bill is before the House and the Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER FERNANDEZ: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11217, Rules Report No. 306, Committee on Rules/Lavine. An act to amend the Public Authorities Law, in relation to the Nassau County Interim Finance Authority.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: An explanation has been requested by Mr. Lavine.

MR. LAVINE: Certainly. This bill will allow the Nassau Interim Financing Authority's bonding power -- bonding authority, to be increased from \$400 million to \$800 million; the reason being that there is a pressing need in Nassau County to satisfy real estate property tax grievance judgments in the amount of hundreds of millions of dollars.

ACTING SPEAKER FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ra.

MR. RA: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

On the bill.

ACTING SPEAKER FERNANDEZ: On the bill.

MR. RA: Thank you. So, we have a -- a few bills on

the Calendar dealing with Nassau County, and let me -- let me start with something that is obvious to all of us that represent parts of Nassau County, and it's something that, you know, we're well aware of probably even outside of Nassau County. We've had major issues with our assessment system for years and years and years. There have been different types of measures done to try to fix the system over the years, but you know, we continue to have inequities. We continue to have a system where individual homeowners really don't quite understand why they're -- they're being taxed at a certain rate because of the value their home, which doesn't necessarily mesh with what it is actually worth, and it's created a -- a situation where there are, you know, huge amounts of residents, as well as commercial properties, that challenge the assessment on their properties. And this particular bill, you know, would increase NIFA's bonding authority, and I -- I understand that there was not a legal requirement for home rule on this. But the County Legislature considered home rule on this the other day, and the County Legislature rejected home rule on this the other day. So, where there has been, you know, action taken by our Nassau County Legislature to affirmatively reject this proposal, I do not think it is prudent for us, in the Legislature, to go ahead and -- and pass it anyway.

Now, there are a number of concerns. Part of it is NIFA themselves. We've been under this control board for many years. There were concerns raised in the County Legislature the other day about whether this helps perpetuate that system of having NIFA

over -- overseeing our finances. So, well, our County Legislature and our new County Executive hopefully can work together to continue to -- to work on these issues. We do have the bill that we passed yesterday, which was another bill that was requested with regard to commercial properties, that will hopefully assist in -- in, you know, writing the assessments with regard to those. But I would ask my colleagues, you know, where we have a situation that the local county legislature is rejecting a bill, that -- that we do not act in Albany to pass it.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER FERNANDEZ: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER FERNANDEZ: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Hooper to explain her vote.

MS. HOOPER: Thank you. And I thank my colleague, Assemblyman Ra, for really making this clear. But I need to amplify exactly what this bill does. In Nassau County -- for the first time in the history of Nassau County, we have a woman who is the County Executive. The first time in the history of Nassau County, we have a woman who is the County Executive. And in my working with her, I have found her to be intelligent, very bright, integrity and definitely attempts to bring all of us together, regardless of race, creed

color or income bracket. Our County Executive, my County Executive, introduced a package of bills, three bills. One of the bills that we are discussing now is that would allow the County to double up to \$400 -- up to \$800,000. So that means that the County would be borrowing \$400 million through NIFA because NIFA has a better credit rating. When this happens, the County residents will have an increase in their taxes. However the second bill that I -- that she introduced would protect persons who own shopping malls like Roosevelt Field or Crossgate (sic), which is here in Albany, car dealerships, utilities and corporations. The third bill she introduced is a bill that would address the minority communities. It would address those communities that -- is my time out? I have to go, right? Can I just vote it? I want to wrap up and say that the tax bill for the third -- the third bill -- and I'll talk about it later when that bill comes up -- will make it equitable for everyone in Nassau County to pay the same amount.

I am going to vote yes on this bill, but I have a problem with the fact that minorities are going to pay double and an additional tax because of something that happened against her will. Thank you. I -- I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

Ms. Hooper in the affirmative.

Mr. Curran to explain his vote. You have two minutes.

MR. CURRAN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just

really quickly on the bill. Like my colleague said, I'm going to be voting against this bill, not because -- there's certainly and obviously a problem in Nassau County with regard to the assessment system which needs a solution and a fix. However, it's my understanding, first and foremost, that the Legislature has not provided a home rule for this, thereby, the Legislature saying that this is not a solution that they want. Second, more importantly, I don't believe that doubling the bonding authority of NIFA to address the problem is actually the solution that we should be pursuing. It is my understanding that they're doing this because the County can't bond because of their credit rating, and NIFA gets a better rate. So this is just, obviously, you know, paying Peter and robbing Paul at the same time.

So because of that, Madam Speaker, I'm going to be voting in the negative and implore my colleagues to do the same.
Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER FERNANDEZ: Mr. Curran in the negative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Yes, sir. I'd like to take up the following two bills in this order: Rules Report No. 430 by Ms. Hooper, which is on page 29 of the main Calendar. Follow that with

Rules Report No. 201 by Mr. Gottfried on page 9.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11154, Rules Report No. 430, Committee on Rules/Hooper. An act to amend the Nassau County Administrative Code, in relation to a partial exemption granted to certain real property on Nassau County Assessment rolls.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: An explanation is requested, Ms. Hooper.

MS. HOOPER: Yes. Yes, this bill is a part of the package bill that was submitted to the Legislature by the first woman County Executive in Nassau County. The County Executive submitted a package of three bills. I've already discussed the two bills that she -- that she submitted, but this is in reference to the third bill. The third bill was a bill that would address the inequity of the tax assessment in all of Nassau County minority communities. All of Nassau County. What the County Executive was doing was representing all of the persons; the working-class, those who are struggling, and also, the wealthy. This bill would have addressed the inequity as it relates to the rich communities pay half as much in real assessment taxes as does the minority community. So, a house in, say, the Village of Hempstead, would be taxed at the assessment rate of \$12,000, whereas the exact same property in another wealthy community -- may I use your name -- your community as an example?

MR. RA: Franklin Square.

MS. HOOPER: Franklin Square. The exact house in

his community -- which does not have the same minority representation in terms of quantity -- the exact same property in Hempstead that would be assessed at \$12,000 would be assessed in Franklin Square at \$6,000. What this bill was attempting to do with the integrity of the Nassau County Executive, was to give the minority community an opportunity to equa -- to equalize the tax rate. In other words, over a period of time, bring the higher tax brackets -- bring the higher -- well, the highers will come down, the lowers will come up, and they would be equal. So, both houses, representing the same type of structure, would both be taxed at \$6,000. It might go up \$3,000 more, but both would be taxed at \$9,000. The house in Hempstead could not be sold -- cannot be purchased and cannot be sold for more than \$3,000 -- \$300,000, where the exact house in Franklin Square could start at \$1.5 million. So when -- okay, maybe just half-a-million.

(Laughter)

When the County Executive produced this bill, there was an agreement with -- negotiations between the Senate and the Assembly that would permit the \$400 million bond to have a lockbox set aside for seniors and the youth. But we were keeping that until we could get the Senate to agree, and we knew the Senate was going to say no. Sometimes passion gets in the way of reason, and so we lost the opportunity to do that lockbox, which would have been negotiated with Nassau County and with the Assembly and the Senate. So now we have a situation that I am introducing this bill that would assure,

because the Senate did not introduce this bill in the Senate. They did the bill for the corporations, the shopping malls, car dealerships, utilities. They did the bill for the \$400 million to raise the cap for NIFA, but they did not do this bill. And because they did not do this bill, that meant that the County Executive, in all of her zeal to do the right thing, was left hanging out without having the bill that we need for the minority community.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Hooper, your time for an explanation is over, but you certainly can come back and speak on the bill.

MS. HOOPER: Yes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Ra.

MR. RA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Deputy Speaker yield?

MS. HOOPER: Absolutely.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The sponsor yields.

MR. RA: Thank you. So you went through a little bit of the bill, and I just want to get into, you know, a little bit of the detail of who is impacted by this. So, do you know, you know, in terms of -- this applies if you're over, I believe -- there's -- there's two categories. You're the exempt category and then non-exempt, based on a home value of \$500,000. Is that correct?

MS. HOOPER: This bill -- this bill is for those who are under \$500,000. However, there are communities in areas that are definitively 1 percenters, and they pay less taxes on their really

property than those who have less than \$500,000.

MR. RA: Okay.

MS. HOOPER: And the County Executive, in her wisdom, was trying to make sure that the minorities were represented, as well as the other members in the community are represented.

MR. RA: Okay.

MS. HOOPER: And we had -- we had an agreement that we were going to negotiate so we could take some of that \$400 million and put it into a lockbox for capital project for the seniors and youth programs. That would have helped Nassau County not to have to negotiate -- when they negotiate their budget, they would not have to deal with removing or reducing the programs for seniors and youth.

MR. RA: Sure. I think that -- that certainly is a -- is a good idea. And as you know, those are areas that are always on the chopping blocks, so --

MS. HOOPER: Yes.

MR. RA: So I thank you for your efforts on that behalf. Do -- do you know, just in terms of numbers -- I believe there are about 300 -- a little under 365,000 of these properties -- of Class 1 properties in Nassau County. How many might be on the kind of giving end of this that are going to be impacted, that are going to be brought up to a level, and how many are going to be on an end that are going to have their taxes reduced?

MS. HOOPER: They did not give -- even though you requested it -- the exact estimate numbers of those -- I'll use this word:

The rich would have to pay more, but they already know that the minorities throughout the County would have -- would be able to pay less. So you are bringing it -- you're bringing the -- those who pay more, the minorities, you're bringing them down, and you're raising the rich a little bit so it would be equitable based on the property. Not on the minority community or on the race or the locality. But equitable in terms of the type of property, the assessment.

MR. RA: Okay. Thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker, on the bill.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the bill, Mr. Ra.

MR. RA: Thank you. So, you know, this -- this is an -- an issue, as I mentioned on the previous bill. And one of the big things that's going to come into play here is properties that have been grieved by their owners over time and have not, which certainly has created kind of a, you know, maybe somewhat of a two-tiered system in Nassau County. But -- but the problem is going to be, they are going to be communities -- and I don't think they're necessarily wealthy communities -- I think they're -- they're middle-class communities that are going to be impact -- impacted negatively on this. I grew -- I grew up in the community of Franklin Square, and, you know, that was one of the ones mentioned earlier. It's news to me if there's any properties that are \$1.5 million there. But, you know, some of those communities are going to be drastically impacted, and there's going to be some serious sticker-shock when -- when these individuals get their property tax bills, because I -- I think we've done

some studies and we have some data to try to figure out where this is going to ultimately impact. But -- but they are going to be people that are going to be facing what is essentially going to be a -- a kind of a back-door tax increase on them. We are one of the most heavily-taxed counties in the nation. We certainly believe, as representatives of that county, that we need to get our assist -- assessment system correct for the fairness of all the property taxpayers. But I don't think that a solution -- if you want to call it that -- that basically puts the onus on the backs of those people who were doing nothing more than availing themselves of their legal right to challenge their assessment, and they were doing it because they know that the system is broken. It's been broken for a long time. So people that were just availing themselves of their right to challenge their assessment should not be penalized as a way to try to fix the system. And, unfortunately, I think that's what this bill is going to do. And I think it's going to be felt throughout Nassau County if this bill were adopted. It's not just going to be wealthy communities. It's not just going to be middle-class communities. It's going to include some of the poor communities as well, as these taxes shift in the way that they do.

So, look, this is a difficult int -- issue. I -- I applaud, you know, the County Executive for trying to come up with solutions. I would implore her to work with the County Legislature to try to come up with solutions for a long-term solution. And -- and I am thankful, certainly, for my colleagues in this House in this bill and the

previous bill who -- who are trying to be a part of that solution as well. But I do not believe that this bill is one that is going to, by and large, benefit my constituents and the constituents of many of our colleagues in Nassau County.

So, I'm going to be voting in the negative on it, and I -- and I urge my colleagues to do the same. A solution of this nature has to be one that is done in the proper manner, has to be done, you know, through the County Legislature in a bipartisan manner so that we come up with a long-term solution that maybe will finally put Nassau County on firm financial footing going forward.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Barron.

MR. BARRON: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. On the bill. I want to thank Assemblymember Hooper for this bill and for your remarks. The same thing is happening in New York City. I just did a property tax assessment in my district last week. And even on NPR radio, the Mayor was on there, and a caller called in from Cambria Heights, a predominantly black community, and said, *Mayor, for the same property that you have, I'm paying such-and-such amount of tax, and you're paying what?* And the Mayor said his amount, and the Mayor even admitted that his tax was lower and hers was higher. The discrimination is there. I think it has to be faced. I think you're hitting on something that we need to look at across the State, across the City, because it's happening everywhere.

I want to commend you. We don't know all perfect

solutions, but this is a step in the right direction, and I think you should be commended for bringing this forward, and for your remarks in making it very, very clear about what's happening. I'm certainly going to take it back to New York City and look at some of more of those disparities to see if we can join you in coming up with some solutions. So, I commend you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Hooper.

MS. HOOPER: On the bill.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the bill, Ms.

Hooper.

MS. HOOPER: The history of a disparity and the -- as my colleague just discussed -- the discriminatory type of taxes that have been levied against minority communities goes back dozens, dozens of years. Maybe -- I think it's 1937. Those properties have been in the minority communities, and Nassau County is one of the most segregated communities in the United States. Those properties that pay and have been paying for all these years, more taxes than those who are in a more wealthy community who have properties that are worth more than \$500,000. They have been paying all these years more than those properties who can sell their homes for \$1.5 million. I'll use myself as an example. I live in Hempstead, two streets from a very wealthy community -- and I don't want to say that name of the community on the floor, because I have not gotten permission -- but I'm two streets from this particular very wealthy enclave. My taxes for the exact same house in that community is twice as much as that

house in the -- in the wealthy community. Two streets difference, exact same house. Not only that, those persons who have access to attorneys, knowledge, know how to challenge their properties. They know how to do (inaudible) challenges. Those persons in the minority communities are intimidated. Sometimes they can't afford it, so they don't challenge. So, those in the wealthy communities have been challenging their taxes every year, and their taxes go down. And when their taxes decrease, it increases the tax again in the minority community. Because taxes don't disappear, they're just set aside -- they just go elsewhere, to someone else. What has happened is, when we received what the County Executive was attempting to do for the entire Nassau County community, she addressed not only for those who are wealthy, for those who are working-class, but she also submitted a bill that addressed these persons in these minority communities so that they would have an opportunity, more quickly, to become equitable with the taxes. In Nassau County, when you challenge your taxes you can only do it six percent to go down. So, if someone in Nassau County, a minority community, were to challenge their taxes, it might take 12 years, maybe 15 years, to even get a 25 percent decrease. This bill would have helped that community to expedite that problem of getting equity. Now, when the County Executive sent these bills, we knew that there is a debt in Nassau County of over \$400 million for those who were wealthy enough and had the knowledge to challenge. There's a debt that Nassau County has to pay to those persons who successfully challenged their property

taxes. The \$400 million would double the cap for NIFA. NIFA would remain in Nassau County until that debt is cleared. However, those persons who were in the minority community would still have to pay more taxes because a debt means you have to pay for the debt. So their tax would go up. But they did not get anything to deal with the inequity. When the Senate refused to do this one bill, I decided that we needed to do it for everyone. So I supported the bill for the \$400 million, and I supported the bill that deals with the home -- with the automobile dealerships, the owners of shopping malls and large corporations. I support that. But I was holding out until we could do something for the seniors and the youth, because those are the two areas that only Nassau County has that is discretionary. So every time we have a budget issue in Nassau County, the one area that they can change and reduce are the youth and seniors. I had made -- I -- I would say a substantial move in that direction, but sometimes passion when one wants to do something overrules reason and moves in an attempt without the full information to address the bill. So we were holding off for those two bills in the Senate until they could give us this bill in the Senate. But we lost that opportunity. So this bill, this bill that I'm introducing is the third bill that protects the least of the least. It's a bill that our very competent County Executive was trying to do for all of the people in Nassau County. Nassau County has some of the richest people who live there in some of the areas called the "gold coast." The gold coast. And South Hampton is where the celebrities and the very wealthy spend their time during the summer.

Their taxes, those persons who live in Nassau County where -- I believe the Great Gatsby was located in Nassau County, in Glen Cove, if I'm correct -- Nassau County, I believe. The Great Gatsby, if you're familiar with that novel. The Great Gatsby home could have been taxed at an assessment of \$500,000, and the same house in Roosevelt, Uniondale or Hempstead would have been taxed at double the amount. So, this addresses the inequity, and I have to say, the discriminatory type of assessment that has happened since 1937. And it also addresses what our competent, first woman Executive, county leader, was trying to do. And so, I am not able to get something out of the \$400 million, because we were going to do something out of the \$400 million that would have addressed the seniors and the youth. But I need to do this, and I'm asking my colleagues to demonstrate what the People's House represents. We're the People's House. And these are people who have been under the burden of double taxes on their property without the ability to even sell their property as though they -- equitable to what they pay in taxes.

Are there any questions?

(Pause)

I encourage my colleagues to vote in the affirmative on behalf of those of us who are the burden -- double burden of real property taxes without the ability to see any result from it.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mrs. Galef to explain her vote.

MRS. GALEF: Yes, thank you. From the real property tax area, I'd just like to say I think the solution to all this problem for all of us, in all of our districts, whether we have schools that are in various districts and that share towns. And so when we come up with these problems of equity, what we need to do is have reassessment throughout the State of New York, and many and most of our states require it every number of years. We've had bills here to require reassessment of properties every five years. We even had a bill for 20 years; it doesn't get out of here. We just need to change our system. And we, frankly, here, need to be brave to be able to do it. It will impact New York City in a positive way. It will impact the rest of the State. There will be equity in our taxing. Maybe we can force some of these businesses out that keep coming to all of our homes with mail saying, you know, *You're taxed too high. Let's appeal your taxes.* A lot of people in many communities may not get those letters. They may not know how to do that. They may not know how to hire somebody that's going to get a certain percentage of it. It's just -- our taxing system in New York State is so unfair, and we, here, can do something about it. But again, we have to be brave. We have to stand up and say yes or it's not ever going to change.

Thank you very much. I support this bill.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mrs. Galef in the affirmative.

Mr. Curran to explain his vote.

MR. CURRAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, real quickly. I'm going to be voting no against this bill for a couple of reasons. But first and foremost, there was a preliminary analysis of how this will affect the -- the areas in my -- in my district, and it was based off the \$650,000 estimate. And just real quickly, my -- my district's a middle-class, blue-collar district. I have Baldwin, the Village of Baldwin. It will be 88.8 percent of the homes going to be affected by this and -- and incur -- raise taxes. Rockville Centre, 96.5 percent raised taxes. Lynbrook, where I'm from, middle-class, 95.2 percent of the homes going to be increased in taxes. Malverne, 97.7 percent -- percentage of the homes increased by taxes. Oceanside, 94.7 percent.

I can't vote for this bill. This is going to raise, significantly, the home -- the home taxes of middle-class, hard-working families in my district, and I implore my colleagues to vote no accordingly. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Curran in the negative.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes to explain her vote.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to explain my vote, and to offer to the sponsor of this legislation a really valiant support, because it takes a

lot of courage to step out and say that something is not only not fair, but that she has a proposal to try and help change that. No one, no one, Mr. Speaker, likes to pay taxes. And as my other colleague, Mrs. Galef, said, we don't have a structure in New York State that would make this thing equalized on a regular basis year-round. We don't. And we don't even want to try to figure out how to do that. But I think it's -- it's -- it's a challenge that we should be willing to take, because they're not -- my father told me this a long time ago: *You're always going to be paying taxes.* And even though you know you're going to be paying them, you don't want to be paying more than the other person who lives in a neighborhood different from yours. You want to be able to pay -- excuse me -- the same amount based on the property that you live in. And so, I -- I think it's fair what she's asking here. I take a lot of pride and pleasure in supporting her in it. And I would say that I don't think the assessment rates have changed in the community that I live in in at least 10 years. That's too long, because there are a lot of property values that have increased, and a lot of property values that have gone down. Yet some people whose property values have gone down are paying more than they really should be, while other properties have gone up and they're not paying as much as they really should be.

So I want to commend her on bringing this to the forefront. And I hope that, as Mrs. Galef said, we can, you know, be as bold and courageous as she is and take the challenge to try to figure this out Statewide.

With that, I remove my request and vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mrs. Peoples-Stokes in the affirmative.

Ms. Solages to explain her vote.

MS. SOLAGES: To explain my vote. I just want to thank the Speaker, as well as -- as Assemblywoman Earlene -- Earlene Hooper, for putting forth this bill. I've been through the trials and tribulations of when the county and the prior administration wanted to cut our bus services, our youth services, our after-school programs. And seeing community members in strife really, you know, caused me to realize we need to fix this assessment problem. We need to make sure that we get our -- our county in a good financial state, and also protect our fellow Nassau County residents. And so I thank Earlene for always thinking about the community aside from her district, but thinking about my community and trying to put forth this legislation. And I wish we could have come to a place where we could have got this done, to make sure that we protect our homeowners. But the fight continues.

So I thank you, Earlene Hooper, and please continue what you're doing.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Solages in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Morelle.

Excuse me, the Clerk will read.

(Pause)

THE CLERK: Assembly Bill No. A11011-B, Rules Report No. 201, Committee on Rules/Gottfried, Lupardo, L. Rosenthal, Epstein. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to allowing for the use of medical marihuana as an alternative to opioids for pain management and substance use disorder.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Gottfried, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

An explanation is requested, Mr. Ra, or on the bill?

MR. RA: If the sponsor would yield.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Gottfried, will you yield?

MR. GOTTFRIED: Certainly.

MR. RA: I -- I wasn't going to ask for an explanation, because I think it's fairly obvious who anybody that reads the board what bill does. So, the -- so just with regard to this, we, you know, we've done a number of these that increase the authorization for medical marihuana for different types of ailments and illnesses. So, you know, if you could just -- is -- is there -- what type of research or data is there to show that this is an appropriate extension of -- of the use of medical marihuana?

MR. GOTTFRIED: Well, there is longstanding evidence that medical marihuana is an effective treatment for pain. I don't know that anyone has ever doubted that. The -- previously, the law has said that it may only be used for treatment of pain if that pain is associated with one or more particular conditions. I think there's a -- just a growing recognition that that limitation doesn't particularly make any sense. That has become especially apparent because, as the bill says, use of marihuana for treatment of pain is an important alternative to using opioids for pain. There is extensive documentation by -- studies by the RAND Corporation and studies in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* that states that have use of medical marihuana for pain have substantially lower rates of opioid use and opioid overdose deaths. So, that part of the bill I think is pretty straightforward. Also, by the way, the State Health Department has announced that they will shortly be issuing, by regulation, authority for the use of medical marihuana for treatment of -- of pain. The second piece of the bill authorizes use of medical marihuana for treatment of substance abuse disorder. Earlier this Session, we passed by an overwhelming vote a stand-alone bill that authorizes use of medical marihuana for opioid abuse disorder. This bill, at the urging of Senator Amedore, adds that concept to the -- the piece about treatment for pain.

MR. RA: Okay. So you mentioned -- and -- and that was going to be my next question, so you must have been reading my mind about the Department of Health. The Department of Health

does have the authority, and you're saying is acting to add pain management to the list of eligible conditions. Is that correct?

MR. GOTTFRIED: Yes.

MR. RA: Are-- is the substance abuse part of that included, or that is not?

MR. GOTTFRIED: That is -- is apparently not in the regulation they're looking at, although I -- it is possible they may be also looking at that, because their press release announcing it was kind of ambiguous on the point and makes me suspect that -- that they may also be looking at the -- the abuse disorder or treatment topic. But in any event, there are studies that have found that it is useful for that purpose. This House has voted for that concept, and so I -- I think it makes sense to include that in this bill, as the Senate has urged. The bill, by the way, passed the Senate a couple of days ago, 62 to nothing.

MR. RA: Okay. Now, is this not -- and correct me if I'm wrong -- is this not more expansive than that bill we passed previously? I thought that one specifically talked about opioid use disorder. This one seems to say "substance abuse."

MR. GOTTFRIED: Yes. A slight difference in wording, slightly broader scope.

MR. RA: So could that include alcohol, different types of drugs?

MR. GOTTFRIED: Well, if -- if -- if the certifying physician or other practitioner certifies that in his or her professional judgment, medical marihuana can produce therapeutic benefit in that

circumstance, then, yes.

MR. RA: Okay.

MR. GOTTFRIED: I mean, frankly, I think what the law should say -- the law should have no list of conditions. We don't have statutory lists of conditions for any other medication. I don't see why we should have a list for medical marihuana, which is one of the most benign therapeutically-active substances known to man or woman.

MR. RA: Okay. Thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker, on the bill.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the bill, Mr. Ra.

MR. RA: So -- and -- and let me start by saying, you know, I have on, I think, only one occasion voted for -- for a bill dealing with medical marihuana. I still have concerns, given a lot of uncertainty Federally that perhaps will be cleared up in -- in the, you know, coming months or years. There is a lot of talk about maybe doing something that would allow, you know, this to become more of a state's decision, which I think makes things much more cleaner. But, you know, we -- we talked about using it for opioid use disorder in a bill a few weeks ago, and, you know, I had my concerns with that. I do know that there is, you know, some -- some evidence, anecdotal and otherwise, regarding the effectiveness of treating pain. You know, states that have utilized medical marihuana for pain having lower incident -- incidences of opioid use. So certainly, that is a -- a good goal, and it's one I would support in terms of the pain

management. And as was mentioned, the Department of Health, who has the authority to add conditions, which I'd always rather see conditions added through the Department of Health rather than the Legislature, because we are not, by and large -- there are some folks in here who have a medical background; I certainly am not one of them. But -- but, you know, it's always better to have experts making those types of decisions. But that previous bill took it another step to say, *Once you're addicted to the opioid, we want to treat it with medical marihuana.* Now this takes it yet another step further, that you're basically allowing it for any substance abuse disorder, which is really a concern for me that we would say, *You are -- have demonstrated that you're addicted to some type of substance, and we are going to prescribe you another drug to treat it.* So, I -- I'm not comfortable with that concept. Like I said, I'm supportive of the use for pain. But I -- I think that this takes this another step further, and I don't think the data really supports it. I think -- I think we're kind of taking evidence in terms of treating pain, and we're kind of taking another couple of steps with it to come to this conclusion.

So I'm going to be casting my vote in the negative. I know there are others with concerns with this piece of legislation as well. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Glick.

MS. GLICK: Briefly, Mr. Speaker. I believe that the sponsor has done due diligence and has ensured that this is an appropriate way to mitigate the -- the problems that we are facing that

are epidemic in our State. We have in the past utilized other somewhat addictive substances, like methadone, in order to reduce dependency on heroin. And so, this is an appropriate approach, and I believe that the sponsor has brought before us an excellent measure.

So, I hope, I hope that everybody will join us in supporting a measure that can help us attack this dreadful epidemic.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Lentol.

MR. LENTOL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also want to congratulate the sponsor on this bill. And I -- I really don't understand how much more evidence we need in our lives to make a determination that there are a lot of people in pain in this country. There are a lot of people in pain around the world. There are a lot of people who are suffering from opioid disorders and that can be helped. But more importantly, I want to focus my attention on the people in pain who can't get mari -- medical marihuana. And we have a substance that we treat worse than alcohol, which has destroyed more lives than marihuana ever could, and we don't allow them to use marihuana for anything that's therapeutic at all. And as far as this bill goes, I would like to see it go further. And the reason I say that is, as I said in the beginning, there are a lot of people in pain. They don't know whether marihuana will help them or not. And maybe it will and maybe it won't, but why not try it? Why should we let them have pain and suffer with it? But more importantly, why should we allow them to become addicted to opioids instead of trying marihuana? So it makes perfect sense to me to have a bill like this as a stepping stone

to the true legalization of marihuana so we can get pain out of people's lives, hopefully once and for all, and get opioids out of their lives altogether. And I think this is an excellent measure and ought to be adopted.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Rosenthal to explain her vote.

MS. ROSENTHAL: To explain my vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to commend the sponsor of this legislation for understanding deeply the needs of people whose lives are wracked with pain, and people who have substance use disorder and need access to more harm-reduction methods. Using marihuana to relieve some of the suffering that goes along with substance use disorder will advance New York State in -- as a compassionate place, use the latest tools in the harm-reduction sphere. And I -- I'm very happy that this issue that the sponsor and I have discussed over the months will finally become a law in New York State.

I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Rosenthal in the affirmative.

Mr. Mosley.

MR. MOSLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To

explain my vote. I want to thank our Assemblyman and Health Chairman for having the commonsense approach and courage to put this bill forward. I want to thank -- obviously, I want to thank Linda Rosenthal for conducting a multitude of hearings all throughout our State as we deal with this opioid and heroin epidemic. Sometimes when we're facing a critical mass that is unique, sometimes we have to think outside of the box to come up with some unique solutions. So, as we move from the medical to the recreational adult use pattern of applying this form of -- of usage in terms of herbs, marihuana, legalization of marihuana, I just want you -- all of you to remember this day in which we expanded upon our outlook as to how do we treat pain in New York State, and how do we step beyond the boundaries of big pharma and -- and in other medicines in which people have become, again, addicted to those as well.

So, again, I want to thank the sponsor. I want to thank Linda Rosenthal. I want to thank the leadership of Ms. -- Crystal Peoples-Stokes and all of my colleagues for remaining engaged in this critical issue as it relates to pain management. And I proudly vote in the affirmative. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Mosley in the affirmative.

Mr. Bronson.

MR. BRONSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, to explain my vote. The opioid crisis has taken lives at an alarming rate. In Monroe County alone, hundreds of reported overdoses since the beginning of

this year in January, many of those resulting in death. One of the most significant causes of this epidemic is the over-prescription of painkillers. It's time we recognize this and learn from these tragic consequences. We need to do better. We need better options. Medical marihuana has proven to be a fair and a safe option for relieving chronic pain without the risks that come along with opioids. It can also be an effective treatment option to help those struggling with substance abuse disorder. That's why I'm supporting this legislation and why we need to make this become law. States with legalized medical marihuana saw a decrease in opioid-related hospitalizations, accidents and fatal overdoses last year. Too many lives have been lost already. Addiction doesn't discriminate, but we can keep more New Yorkers out of its grip with this vital legislation.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Bronson in the affirmative.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr.

Speaker, for the opportunity to rise in support of this legislation and to thank the sponsor for putting it before us. And quite frankly, thank the sponsor for putting the entire issue before us. It took -- took us some time, Mr. Speaker, to get to the point as a state where we realize that there's value in using something that is naturally grown to help people deal with clinical issues. I am recalled of a nurse who lived in Buffalo, and she had a -- she had chronic migraines her -- in most of

her entire life. And but because she could not get the kind of help that she really needed to deal with those migraines, once the State of Colorado legalized the use of marihuana for medical purposes, she moved. She went to Colorado. She has not had a migraine since. She has not only developed further use of cannabis through science, but she's created an entire cookbook around the use of -- of this product, not only for medical purposes, but for her to sustain her life. And so, I -- I agree with the sponsor of this legislation. I think we're going in the right direction with it, and I'm almost confident that the number of people who live in all of our communities, who, on a regular basis, self-medicate because they don't want to take opioids to relieve pain in their life, that they will be relieved when they have this opportunity.

So, thank you, Mr. Gottfried, and thank you for those who realize the vision in it and are supporting it. And I encourage those who are still unsure to give it some more consideration. It's my pleasure to vote in the affirmative, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mrs. Peoples-Stokes in the affirmative.

Ms. Melissa Miller.

MS. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to explain my vote. In just speaking with Mr. Goodell, he brought up a good point. While I really don't agree that any of this should be done through legislation, years ago when I was advocating for medical marihuana in general, I felt that I really should have been fighting for medicine with doctors, not legislators. But yet, here we are again,

having legislators make decisions that I really feel should be made by the Department of Health or doctors. However, here we are. I can say that where I live, down by me there is a horrendous epidemic of opioid abuse and addiction, and it is out of control. People are dying, and this medical marihuana can help that. I've seen it firsthand. There is a doctor who is using medical marihuana to wean people off of the opioids and get them out of the crisis that they're in. When you go to a doctor, when you go to a hospital, even if you tell them, *I'm an addict, please don't prescribe*, it's being prescribed -- they're being prescribed opioids because there are no -- they think are no alternatives legally. This gives them the legal alternative of medical marihuana. My son is living testimony that the side effects compared to an opioid, there are none. It's ridiculous. So that -- that argument or that concern is none.

So, I will be voting in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Miller in the affirmative.

Mr. Rivera.

MR. RIVERA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to congratulate the sponsor of this bill. Exactly six years ago, my daughter passed because of ALS. Before she passed, she was very active in New Jersey for medicinal marihuana. Now, she knows that when it comes to any kind of drugs, I -- I don't -- I don't go into that. And she said, *Pop, this is different. The -- the pills that I'm being given for pain is terrible. It takes away my appetite. I cannot sleep.*

But medicinal marihuana can help me relax, builds up my appetite, I have no pain. She became a hero in New Jersey. She walked into the office of Governor Christie on a wheelchair, and she took us along. And it's kind of strange or sad that the State of New York continues not to provide leadership. The State of New Jersey, under Christie, did the right thing. And they created a dispensary, meaning, you want to have medicinal marihuana, you come to a place where they specialize in giving you the medicinal marihuana -- marihuana treatment. That first dispensary, I think it was in the Town of Egg Harbor, was named after Diane Riportella-Rivera (sic). Look it up on the internet. Diane Rivera-Riportella.

So, I -- I am definitely voting yes. I encourage everyone to vote yes. And I encourage this Governor of the State, let's continue to -- if we're going to follow, then let's the continue to follow and do the right thing. I vote yes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Rivera in the affirmative.

Mr. McDonald.

MR. MCDONALD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I do also want to join my colleagues and thank our sponsor for his long-stead advocacy on this effort. You know, it's true some people will have reservation about expansion, but really, we have to look at this in the course of patient care. And what many people don't realize is that we're customarily used to hearing about opioids used to treat pain, but there are many other medications that have always been

used. Medical marihuana fits the bill. It helps reduce a lot of the stress and the anxiety that can be impinging and exacerbating the pain. And I think we need to be very mindful of that. I think the other thing that should not be forgotten is that this still is a very prescriptive and controlled process. It's a process that we need to continue to have greater expansion of more dispensaries throughout New York State, because probably the biggest challenge we hear about is the fact that the affordability can be still a challenge. I can tell you, I have patients in my practice that will admit to me that they'd rather buy marihuana -- marihuana on the streets to help relieve their pain than pay for some of the prices of the medical marihuana. That's not really the behavior we want to really be encouraging. We want to continue to have a controlled process that's prescriptive. And obviously, with more dispensaries, greater competition, and the patient will be the benefactor.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. McDonald in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr....

(Pause)

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Members have on their desks both a B- and C-Calendar. I'd now like

to advance the B- and C-Calendars.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On Mr. Morelle's motion, the B- and C-Calendar are advanced.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Yes, sir. If we could now go to the B-Calendar and begin consenting on page 3 of that Calendar, starting with Rules Report No. 440 by Ms. Rosenthal.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00273, Rules Report No. 440, L. Rosenthal, Dinowitz, Titone, Mosley, Jaffee, Finch, Thiele, Galef, Skoufis, Rivera, Simon, Ortiz, Vanel, Dickens, D'Urso, Carroll, Lavine, Seawright, De La Rosa, Crespo, Bichotte, Glick, Lifton, Fahy, Weprin, Zebrowski, Taylor, Perry, Abinanti, Paulin, Cook, Gottfried, Epstein. An act to amend the Public Health Law, the Penal Law and the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to increasing the purchasing age for tobacco products from 18 to 21.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00358, Rules Report No. 441, Braunstein, McDonald, Lupardo, Crespo, Woerner, Steck, Bronson. An act to amend the State Finance Law and the General Municipal Law, in relation to requiring full payment for delivered and accepted materials pertaining to public work projects; and to amend the General Business Law, in relation to prohibiting the retention of any payment due and owing a material supplier for a construction

project.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02015-A, Rules Report No. 442, Cusick. An act to amend the Transportation Law, in relation to the enforcement of provisions relating to carriers of household goods by motor vehicles.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 60th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06320-A, Rules Report No. 443, Montesano. An act to grant Danielle Galasso a retroactive membership date in the State of New York and Local Employees' Retirement System.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Home rule message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08245-C, Rules Report No. 444, O'Donnell, Fahy. An act to amend the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, in relation to the sale of tickets to places of entertainment; to amend Chapter 704 of the Laws of 1991, amending the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law and Chapter 912 of the Laws of 1920 relating to the regulation of boxing and wrestling matches relating to tickets to places of entertainment; and Chapter 151 of the Laws of 2010, amending the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law relating to resale of tickets to places of entertainment, in relation to extending the effectiveness of the provisions thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. O'Donnell, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 180th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. O'Donnell to explain his vote.

MR. O'DONNELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I'm

sure many of you are aware, the ticket reselling statute was passed by our Majority Leader in 2010, and the world has changed a great deal since then. This was a very, very long effort undertaken by the staff here in the Assembly, which started with a roundtable conversation, I believe in December, where all the primary players, but not their lobbyists, were around a table to talk about what they needed. This is not a perfect bill. Everyone is a little happy, everyone is a little unhappy. But I would be remiss if I did not shout out the praises of Aaron, Terry, Yolanda and Dan, who were just extraordinary in making sure that everyone's needs were heard. And I also just want to say that it was an absolute pleasure to walk -- work across the aisle with Senator Murphy to get this done.

Thank you very much. I'll be voting in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. O'Donnell in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.
(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08293-A, Rules Report No. 445, Morelle, Lupardo, Thiele, Schimminger, Santabarbara, Weprin, McDonough, Crouch, Johns, Steck, Woerner, Taylor, Hyndman, Cusick, Stirpe, B. Miller, Rodriguez, D'Urso, Pellegrino. An act to amend the General Municipal Law, the Public Authorities Law and the State Finance Law, in relation to liability of

design professionals.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Morelle, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08383, Rules Report No. 446, Woerner, Blankenbush, Finch, Magee. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to substances containing chorionic gonadotropin.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Woerner, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 180th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08729-A, Rules Report No. 447, Skoufis, Barnwell, Hunter, Simon, Jones, Jean-Pierre, Castorina, Seawright, Englebright, Gottfried, Richardson, Pichardo, Raia, Errigo, Lawrence, Palmesano, Stec, Barclay, Palumbo, Niou. An act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to establishing a tax exemption for improvements to the property of severely injured members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect January 2nd.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08738-A, Rules Report No. 448, Lifton. An act to amend the General Municipal Law, in relation to insurance reserve funds of certain school districts.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09576-B, Rules Report No. 450, Gunther, Thiele, Ortiz, Englebright, Steck, Stirpe, Hunter, Colton, Pellegrino, Pheffer Amato, Brindisi, Curran, Abinanti, De La Rosa, Galef, Fahy, Magnarelli, Lifton, Jaffee, Hyndman, Carroll, Mosley, Gottfried, O'Donnell, Stern, Lupardo, Glick, Bronson, Skoufis, L. Rosenthal, Dinowitz, D. Rosenthal, Jones, Seawright, Woerner, Paulin, Bohen, Barnwell, Taylor, Weprin, Arroyo, McDonough, Santabarbara, Finch. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to enacting the Drug Take Back Act.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mrs. Gunther, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 180th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mrs. Gunther to explain her vote.

MRS. GUNTHER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to explain my vote. Studies show that between 60 and 70

percent of teenagers who abuse prescription drugs get it from their parents' medicine cabinets. The opioid crisis is crushing our communities, and this is another tool in fighting this terrible epidemic. We've made tremendous strides over the years in expanding the number of options that consumers have to take back their unused medications. But this is by far the biggest step. This bill will be used as a model for other states to emulate. It gives customers a take-back option in every single chain pharmacy in the State, and it does so without any cost to the consumers. This legislation will also lead to cleaner waterways. We've seen the rise of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, and flushing drugs down the toilet contributes to this problem.

So I want to thank my colleagues who have supported this legislation, and I vote in the affirmative. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Mrs. Gunther in the affirmative.

Ms. Walsh to explain her vote.

MS. WALSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very quickly. After a -- a very busy day of voting on an awful lot of bills, I'm so happy to see this one. I held a drug take-back program in my district last year, and was abso -- I was absolutely amazed at the cars, one after the other after the other, pulling up, and bags and bags of these prescription drugs were coming out and filling up these boxes. It was amazing what's already out in our communities, and I think that a bill like this will really go a long way to helping pharmacies be a part of the solution.

So, many thanks to the sponsor for bringing this bill forward.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09655, Rules Report No. 451, Byrne. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to designating Oceola Lake and Lake Mohegan as inland waterways for purposes of waterfront revitalization.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On a motion by Mr. Byrne, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10172, Rules Report No. 452, Barclay, Oaks. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to adding Lake Neatahwanta and the Oswego River to the definition of inland waterways.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On a motion by Mr. Barclay, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10378, Rules Report No. 453, Schimminger. An act to amend the General Municipal Law, in relation to permitting the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District to establish an insurance reserve fund.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10380, Rules Report

No. 454, Schimminger. An act to amend the General Municipal Law, in relation to permitting the Tonawanda City School District to establish an insurance reserve fund.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10382-A, Rules Report No. 455, Fitzpatrick, Raia, Stern. An act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating certain portions of the State highway system as the "Lt. Christopher J. Raguso FDNY-CFD Memorial Highway."

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On a motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 30th day.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Raia to explain his vote.

MR. RAIA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to thank the -- the sponsor on this legislation. I, along with Assemblyman Steve Stern, are -- are proud to -- to sponsor this resolution. The -- this renaming -- a couple of days ago, I spoke on the life of Christopher Raguso, and this certainly is a -- a fitting memorial. It's -- the street that we're renaming is a very busy part of Jericho Turnpike that happens to run in front of the Commack Fire Department, where Chris was also a lieutenant. And it will be very special for those that are responding to fires to have a -- a little bit of Chris in their heart every time they leave the firehouse.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I withdraw my -- I -- I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Mr. Raia in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10424, Rules Report No. 456, Wallace, McDonald, Brindisi, D'Urso, Solages, Dickens, Gottfried, Pellegrino, Barron, Fahy, Galef, Glick, Hunter, Mosley, Lupardo, Epstein, Lavine, Santabarbara, Rodriguez, Ortiz, Simon, Pretlow, Ryan, Magnarelli, Gunther, O'Donnell, Thiele, Buchwald, Weprin, Titone, Vanel, Morinello, De La Rosa, Walter, Aubry, Rozic,

Woerner, Abinanti, Carroll, Bronson, Williams, Wright, Blake, Seawright, Cahill, Barnwell, Paulin, Crespo, Joyner, Errigo, Hyndman, Schimminger, Jean-Pierre, Steck, Raia, Crouch, Giglio, Byrne, Norris, Hooper, B. Miller, Arroyo, Davila, Magee, Hikind, Zebrowski, Ra, Pichardo, Walker, Taylor, Lentol, Skoufis, Abbate, M.G. Miller, Otis, Richardson, Fernandez. An act to amend the General Municipal Law and the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to warranties of fire vehicles and ambulances.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On a motion by Ms. Wallace, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect January 1st.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10717, Rules Report No. 457, Hawley. An act granting retroactive Tier III membership in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System to Steven R. Grice.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On a motion by Mr. Hawley, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is

advanced. Home rule message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10771, Rules Report No. 458, Palmesano. An act in relation to legalizing, validating, ratifying and confirming certain transportation contracts of the Corning City School District.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On a motion by Mr. Palmesano, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10831-A, Rules

Report No. 459, Zebrowski, Peoples-Stokes. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to registration of real estate appraisal management companies by the Department of State.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On a motion by Mr. Zebrowski, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 120th day.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10904, Rules Report No. 460, Hunter. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to the imposition of an occupancy tax in the Town of DeWitt; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Home rule message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10976, Rules Report No. 461, Goodell. An act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating a portion of the State highway system as the "Sergeant James C. Matteson Memorial Highway."

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Goodell, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing a brief interruption so I can extend greetings and introduce a couple of different groups that have joined us here this afternoon. First of all, I'm delighted to have our Banks Analyst, Peter Hoffman, who's with Program and Counsel, he is with and brought his beautiful

wife, Kasy Hoffman, to the Chambers today. She's visiting, and they're here with their six-and-a-half -- don't forget the half -- -year-old daughter, Mabel Hoffman, who graduated from kindergarten today, and she wanted to come see Dad and watch what he did.

(Applause)

We'd like to extend all the cordialities of the House, and wish her a very, very, very good summer vacation.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Morelle, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome the Hoffman family here to the New York State Assembly. You are family, you are always afforded the privileges of the floor. And six-and-a-half is mighty gorgeous to me. Thank you so very much. Enjoy. Thank you for being here.

(Applause)

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also want to acknowledge two dear friends of mine who have joined us in the Chambers today. My former Legislative Director, and someone who is known to many people here in the Chambers, Vincent Esposito. And he's joined by his beautiful wife, Jennifer Johnson, who's the morning anchor of our ABC affiliate's morning program, Channel 13. They're in Albany today, and wanted to stop by the Chambers. And Mr. Esposito was hoping there was a basketball game going on, but apparently not.

(Laughter)

So he settled for watching the proceedings. And if you'd please extend all the cordialities of the House.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Morelle, the Speaker and all the members, welcome back. And so pleased to have you. You're afforded the privileges of the floor. And clearly, we have a lot of out-of-bounds and fouls going on here. So, don't feel bad if you missed the basketball, because you've got us. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

Mr. Morelle for a three-peat.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have one other introduction. She's been darting around the Chamber the last day, but I haven't had a chance to introduce her because she's elusive. But we're delighted to have Latrice Walker's daughter, Nile Anderson in the Chamber. She's six years old, she's smart as heck and she's entertaining us. If you'd please extend all the cordialities of the House to Nile.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly.

(Applause)

On behalf of Mr. Morelle, the Speaker and all the members, Nile, we welcome you to the New York State Assembly, extend to you the privileges of the floor. As family, you always have

that. And clearly, you have the wave down already. We expect you to be on the presidential arcade someday. Thank you so very much.

(Applause).

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11068, Rules Report No. 462, Committee on Rules/Dinowitz, Crespo, Nolan). An act in relation to certain examinations taken by funeral directors.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Dinowitz, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing another brief interruption. I -- I would be remiss if I didn't notice that -- that Ms. Richardson's son, Isaac Bohem, has been here. And I had a hard time finding where he was, but he's sitting at the back of the Chamber. And he's such a polite young man, and he has been with us the last several days. And I don't know quite how he has

the patience for it, but he's here observing, paying attention. I think he probably could cast some votes himself, but we'll wait a few more years before we let that happen. But, please extend all the best to Ms. Richardson's son, Isaac. And I want to continue to urge -- wish him very well during his summer break.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On behalf of Mr. Morelle, the Speaker and all the members, Isaac, welcome to the New York State Assembly and to our Chamber. You are no stranger here. As family, you always have the privileges of the floor, which you have taken, literally, over the last couple of days.

(Laughter)

And we're happy about that. We're glad to have you. Hope you're doing well. Hope you'll have a great summer, young man. Take care.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11096, Rules Report No. 463, Committee on Rules/Crespo. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to a television writers' and directors' fees and salaries credit.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11112, Rules Report No. 464, Committee on Rules/Englebright, D'Urso. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to penalties and

enforcement in the Long Island Pine Barrens Maritime Reserve.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Englebright, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home rule message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect June 1st, 2019.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11113, Rules Report No. 465, Committee on Rules/Schimminger, Lupardo, Magee, Fahy, Jenne, Bichotte, Hawley, Norris, Giglio, Crouch. An act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, in relation to the production and control of mead; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Schimminger, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 90th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11186, Rules Report No. 466, Committee on Rules/Skoufis. An act to amend the Town Law, in relation to authorizing the Town of Chester, County of Orange, to establish community preservation funds; to amend the Tax Law, in relation to authorizing the Town of Chester to impose a real estate transfer tax with revenues therefrom to be deposited in said community preservation fund; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. --

Shh. Please, a little quiet in the Chamber. Shh shh shh.

Mr. Morelle to explain his vote.

MR. MORELLE: I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. I request permission to abstain in order that I might explain my vote. I do want

to note that while I don't have certainty about this, there's a -- a -- at least a reasonable chance that this may be Mr. Skoufis' last bill as a member of this House. And --

(Cheers)

Just a moment, give me a moment here. I want to thank him for his energy, his enthusiasm with which he serves. He can be dogged -- I would never use the word "annoying" to describe a colleague, because that wouldn't be at all --

(Laughter)

But he is endless in his pursuit of the interests of his constituents. We're delighted that he has future plans, and I suspect that we're going to hear a lot from James Skoufis in the future. And just wanted to acknowledge that this may be one of his last votes and wanted to make sure that we stood and recognized his considerable contributions to this House and thank him for his service.

With that, I withdraw my request and vote in the affirmative.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. --

(Further applause)

Mr. Morelle in the affirmative on Mr. Skoufis' bill.

Mr. Barnwell to explain his vote.

(Inaudible)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

(Pause)

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take the following four bills up off the main Calendar in this order, if I might: Beginning with Rules Report No. 352 by Mr. Abinanti, which is on page 15 of the main Calendar; then Calendar No. 155 by Ms. Joyner, which is on page 43. I'd like to follow that with Calendar No. 954 by Ms. Dickens on page 57; and then conclude this group with Rules Report No. 283, Morelle, on page 13.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Senate No. S08118, Rules Report No. 352, Senator Tedisco (A10337, Abinanti). An act to amend the General Municipal Law, in relation to providing notice of health insurance contracts for retired officers, employees and their families.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Goodell to explain his vote.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. This is the third time this bill has come up. Maybe the third time will be a charm, I'm not sure. The Governor has vetoed the other two versions. The first version required 90 days notice of any material

change in the health care contract be sent to all retirees, as well as active employees. That was vetoed on two grounds, one of which was the length of time. The second shortened the timeframe to 45 days. That was also vetoed on both grounds, including the time. This brings it down to 30 days, which is certainly an attempt to address the Governor's concern on timing.

The other issue, though, that the Governor mentioned is that this bill requires fairly extensive information to be sent to all employees, including past employees, including any change that would require a full text of any contract change, plan or amendment, the cost, a financial analysis and substantial other information. The Governor correctly pointed out that this could result in multiple mailings over the course of a year. Each one of which, as we know, is fairly expensive if it includes this amount of information. The Governor noted there was no funding for this. As a result, it would be an unfunded mandate on local governments to provide the notice. So, because of our concern in maintaining -- or reducing unfunded mandates, our concern is we want to reduce them, not increase them. And we want to leave this area to the local wisdom of the local governing body.

I will be voting against it, and I know some of my colleagues will as well, although I certainly appreciate the sponsor's desire to improve the information flow and his willingness to try to address some of the Governor's concerns. Thank you, sir.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02102, Calendar No. 155, Joyner. An act to amend the Domestic Relations Law, in relation to solemnization of marriages by a civil celebrant.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Joyner, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Goodell to explain his vote.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. This bill would allow basically anyone, a civil servant who is certified by the Secretary of State, to perform marriages. While many of us think that marriages are a rather informal ceremony amongst people who are in love, as we heard extensively yesterday, there's also a very serious concern if the marriage is not properly solemnized, because it could be the ground for fraud or -- or deceit. And so I think it is important for us to recognize that this ceremony should be performed in a very serious manner, and that anyone who is performing it should be taking the necessary steps to ensure that that marriage is valid and not fraudulent.

So, for those reasons, I'm reluctant to authorize anyone in the State of New York to perform a marriage merely by registering with the Secretary of State and completing a short course. Thank you very much, sir.

(Pause)

The roll call is withdrawn. The bill is laid aside.

(Pause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08158, Calendar No. 954, Dickens, Blake, Skoufis. An act to amend the Public Officers Law, in relation to the accessibility of public hearings and meetings.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect January 1st, 2019.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Ra to explain his vote.

MR. RA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, I -- I think the intent of this bill is -- is very laudable, to make sure that all of our -- our residents have the opportunity to participate in different levels of government, making sure that the hearing impaired have -- have that ability. There have been representations in past years that the cost could be as high as \$10,000 per room that would have to be equipped with this equipment. But -- but I did speak with the sponsor

earlier, there is some new technology that perhaps would mitigate that cost, but -- but I do want to note going forward on this that perhaps we could find ways to -- to help, you know, our municipal governments, whether they're local school boards, counties, towns, villages, to make sure they have the resources to provide these services so that everybody can participate in their public hearings.

Thank you very much. I'm going cast my vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Ra in the affirmative.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are close to the end of this long journey, I hope. But we will not get there if we cannot hear ourselves. So, we ask for a little quiet, particular visitors. Hold your conversations down to a minimum. Thank you.

Ms. Niou to explain her vote.

MS. NIOU: Um, so, while we're milling around a little bit, I just figured I'd explain my vote because I just wanted to let people know that I think it's a really important bill because, you know, when we are doing public hearings, when we are actually having events and things like that, I think it's really important to make sure that folks -- everybody has a chance to be able to enjoy the proceedings. Um, for a little while -- I don't know if people know this about me, but I actually taught at the Vancouver Deaf School, and I think that it's really important to make sure that folks understand some of the things that some of these small children go through. Because,

you know, when you're at the Vancouver Deaf School, you get to see, you know, that everybody has an amazing time because they're learning language for the very first time, and I think that that's something that touches everybody. So, for all of you, I just wanted to let you guys know how important this bill is, because it's important to make sure that everybody can communicate and everybody has a chance, an opportunity, to be able to let their loved ones know that they love them.

So, for all of you, *I love you* (signing). And I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Niou in the affirmative.

Ms. Walsh to explain her vote.

MS. WALSH: All right, so after the last explanation of vote, I feel a little bit hardhearted with my explanation. I have a great deal of -- of respect and love for the people in the disabled community, believe me. I just -- I come from town government. I come from a very small town, and I just believe that without the money to back this up, this is going to be a significant cost and an unfunded mandate that's going to be placed on some very small communities. I mean, to -- to require these places to be equipped if they can accommodate 100 or more people, that -- that's most community rooms. And even in a small town board. So, I -- I would be completely in support of this if we could back it up with a little bit of money to help out the localities. So, until that gets done, I'm going

to be in the negative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Walsh in the negative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10639-A, Rules Report No. 283, Morelle, D'Urso, De La Rosa, Hevesi, Magnarelli, Colton, Gottfried, Barron, Abbate, Galef, Jaffee, L. Rosenthal, Rozic, Bronson, M.L. Miller. An act to amend the Workers' Compensation Law, in relation to paid family leave and bereavement.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Morelle, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Withdraw that.

Mr. Morelle, an explanation is requested.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Back in the Executive Budget of 2016-17, the State created a Paid Family Leave program which is eligible for employees of the State who are caring or bonding with a new child, or who are caring for an ill family member or on active military duty. This bill would expand that to include people who are grieving for the loss of a loved one. It follows the same parameters in terms of who's eligible, in terms of family

members, same funding mechanism, same number of weeks of eligibility. It just adds to that people who are dealing with the loss of a loved one.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Ra.

MR. RA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Will you yield, Mr. Morelle?

MR. MORELLE: Yes, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The sponsor yields.

MR. RA: Just -- just a -- a couple of quick questions. I mean, really, most of it is -- is based upon the question of cost. I know -- you know, we did this a few years ago. I don't know if we have yet to this point added any new situations that would qualify, but I know that businesses throughout New York State, you know, are -- are able to make -- make plans to provide this benefit through insurance and things of that nature. So, do you have any idea as to what the impact might be on the cost of those policies when -- when people are -- are buying them?

MR. MORELLE: Well, the -- the -- as we follow the original bill, I will say the effective date on this is January 1st of 2020, and would give the Department of Financial Services the opportunity to measure and calibrate the cost of this and expected participation. They have to set rates by September of 2019 and we thought that would give them ample time. The program is paid for by a deduction

out of employees' paychecks. That is, those dollars are provided to employers who will purchase insurance policies through the -- from -- from Disability, through Disability. And the rationale for this is that, you know, many of us who have sadly experienced loss in our family, some are able to, by virtue of a relationship that they have with an employer or an employer-based benefit to -- to be able to deal with that loss. Others cannot. And the truth is that, as I've observed, and -- and other people have seen loss, people deal with this differently. For some people, going back to work quickly is -- is the way to -- to deal with the emotional challenges of -- of the loss of a loved one. Others need more time. I think -- you know, I've learned that people grieve in different ways. This will allow the opportunity for people who don't have a benefit to have some weeks to -- to be able to -- you don't ever get over loss, but you do find ways of coping with it and dealing with it, and some people need more time and this would allow them that opportunity and not have to take a huge economic loss.

MR. RA: Just one -- one other question with regard to -- to this and -- and what qualifies. Would it include, like, a -- a stillbirth? Would that be included?

MR. MORELLE: It includes anything that involves a death certificate. You need to have a death certificate in order to be able to claim the benefit.

MR. RA: Okay. Thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker, on the bill.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Ra, on the bill.

MR. RA: We -- we all know, you know, that when we adopted this a few years ago, you know, it was -- it was a policy that was bringing something to New York. You know, it's -- it's obviously something that, you know, many are proud that we provide this benefit, and certainly we should be. But there's -- there's also always the -- the cost side to these things. So, over time, you know, we're going to probably be considering any number of things that could be added to -- to the Paid Family Leave Law. But certainly, as the sponsor indicated, you know, these types of situations, everybody deals with differently. There -- there are some measures in this bill just in terms of, you know, ensuring that, say, if you're in a situation where a loved one's suffering a prolonged illness and you're -- you've utilized some leave caring for them or being with them at that time, you know, that -- that you could use -- use whatever's left here rather than it triggering a new situation. But -- but I do think there -- there is always, when we deal with these issues, the concern of cost.

So, thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Morelle on the bill.

MR. MORELLE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very briefly. I -- I do want to thank a number of family members in my community who came forward. It's just no coincidence that Senator Funke and I have both experienced loss where bereavement may have been appropriate, but wasn't available. But a number of community members came forward. I was blessed to be able in a

situation where I -- I had the ability to take some time to grieve what happened in my family, I know others have experienced that here in the Chambers as well. This will simply give to members of -- to people in this State the opportunity to -- to go through that process. And I appreciate Mr. Ra's comments. We're always mindful of whether or not these -- these are affordable, these programs. I believe that this is, and we'll be able to, as I said, use the experience in the next year-and-a-half to -- to come up with rates that are appropriate. So, I -- I thank the folks who, from the community who came forward, I thank the staff who put together what I hope is a -- a very good bill.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Nolan to explain her vote.

MS. NOLAN: Yes. Just -- Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, I want to commend the Majority Leader for this important legislation, and remind colleagues that in our initial discussions in this House almost 15 years ago on Paid Family Leave, in the work that the Labor Committee and other committees in our House did, the issue of using some time in this tragic circumstance was discussed, and was in some versions of our original proposal. As time went on, in an effort to work with the Senate and the Executive, different language was adopted. But this is a very important addition, and something that

many members in this House, when we had the original working group at that time, had discussed.

So, I want to thank the Majority Leader and cast my vote very strongly in the affirmative. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Nolan in the affirmative.

Mr. Bronson to explain his vote.

MR. BRONSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to be able to vote in favor of this measure, and want to thank the Majority Leader for bringing it forward. I know how difficult this must be, given his own personal experience recently. And it -- it really shows that the Majority Leader has, throughout his career and his time here in the New York Assembly, put family first. And that's what the People's House is all about. It's about putting families first and passing policies that will help families. And this certainly is one of those policies. To lose a loved one is very difficult, and to have the ability to take the time to deal with that emotional turmoil and to deal with that loss is vitally important.

So, to my good colleague and friend, Joe Morelle, thank you so much for this bill. Thank you for doing it for the families that are affected by losing a loved one. But also, Joe, thank you so much for all of the work that you've done here in the Assembly, for being a friend, and for being a mentor. It's been a pleasure working with with you, Joe Morelle.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Bronson in the affirmative.

Ms. Melissa Miller.

MS. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to just commend the sponsor. As Assemblyman Bronson just said -- and I've only been here a short time, but I've followed him for quite a while because of his advocacy for families, and families who have family members with special needs. And he truly, truly always does put them first and put family first. And so, I commend him on this bill. And we are really going to miss you here.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Miller in the affirmative.

Mr. -- no.

Read the last section.

I'm sorry. Are there any other votes? Excuse me.

Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

(Applause)

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to take the following three bills up in this order: Rules Report No. 309 by Ms. Rosenthal on page 15 of the main Calendar; and then Rules Report No. 286 by Mr. Bronson on page 13; and follow that up with Calendar No. 162 by Mr. Bronson on page 43.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Senate No. S03491-A, Rules Report No. 309, Senator Bailey (A04903-A, L. Rosenthal, Glick, Jaffee, DenDekker, Hooper, Cook, M.G. Miller, Abinanti, Weprin, Gottfried). An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to disclosure by principal creditors and debt collection agencies of the legal obligations of a deceased debtor's family and household members.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 90th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Goodell to explain his vote.

MR. GOODELL: Thank -- thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, to explain my vote. This bill has two components: One, it says you won't violate the Federal Fair Debt Collection Acts. We don't need a state law that says you won't violate Federal law. The Federal law is self-enforcing. So, I'm not going to talk about that, but focus on the second. The second component of this act says that the debt collector cannot make any representations or misrepresentations about a family member's obligation to pay any debts of the decedent. Well, that sounds simple on its face. The problem is that the vast majority of wills with married couples name the surviving spouse as

the executor or executrix. I mean, it's -- it's, I would guess, 95 percent of spouses. Which means that the surviving spouse will eventually become the executor or the executrix, but it's not immediate. It typically takes several weeks, sometimes even a few months, before the will is probated and that appointment is made. In the meantime, if a debt collector acting honestly in New York State calls and talks to the surviving spouse and says there was a debt from -- unfortunately, from the decedent, that is not improper or -- and it should surely not be illegal, recognizing that that spouse who is surviving will almost always be the executor or the executrix of the estate, and will indeed have a responsibility to address the decedent's debts. So, we're always trying to strike a balance. I don't think this bill does it, because we need to recognize that calls to a family member following the death are not necessarily improper, it's often the only approach that can be done.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Thank you.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10707-A, Rules Report No. 286, Bronson, Mosley, Abinanti, Hyndman, Cook, Gunther, L. Rosenthal, Hunter, M.G. Miller, Crouch. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to making care and services provided by licensed mental health practitioners eligible for coverage

under the Medicaid program.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: An explanation has been requested, Mr. Bronson.

MR. BRONSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker. This bill is about ensuring mental health practitioners can more easily participate in the Medicaid program, and expanding access to critically-needed mental health services. Throughout Upstate New York we have a shortage of mental health practitioners and the access to their services is being denied because of that --

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: I'm sorry, Mr. Bronson.

Can we get a little bit of quiet in the Chamber, please? It's hard to hear him.

Thank you. My apologies, Mr. Bronson.

MR. BRONSON: No problem, Mr. Speaker. So, the shortage of professionals in the behavioral health field and the rising demand for those services is why we have put this bill forward, and it will allow mental health practitioners to bill Medicaid directly.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Mr. Ra.

MR. RA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield for a few questions?

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Do you yield, Mr. Bronson?

MR. BRONSON: Yes, I will.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The sponsor

yields.

MR. RA: So, as I'm sure you're aware, there is, you know, some opposition to this, particularly from within the insurance industry. And one of the concerns they're raising is that by allowing this, that we would be essentially treat -- treating, you know, mental health counselors and -- and, you know, licensed psychologists, and you know, other -- other individuals who might be covered by this, as -- as equivalent. Do you have -- I know you -- you talked about trying to provide access due to shortages. Is -- is that really what we're trying to get at? That maybe some parts of the State don't have as many of -- you know, licensed individuals?

MR. BRONSON: Well, certainly, mental health issues can be addressed through the services of various disciplines. You have psychiatrists who provide those services, but they also can prescribe medications. Psychologists provide services, but they can't prescribe medications. Social workers provide that (sic) services, but there's certain things they can do, certain things they can't do. Marriage and family therapists provide services. There's certain things they can do and can't do. This bill in no way, in no way, changes the scope of practice. So, the training you receive to get your license, the certification and licensure that authorizes you to provide particular health care services, all that remains the same. This bill will merely allow health care practitioners to bill Medicaid directly.

MR. RA: Okay. And then would there be, I guess, some type of, you know, regulatory structure or -- or something to

figure out what those rates would be that would be billed to these individuals?

MR. BRONSON: That's already established. There's billing that goes through employers and non-profits and agencies. What this bill would -- would allow is the professionals to bill directly. The billing set-up in Medicaid would follow the same system that they do. They have an entire very complex coding system regarding what the service is and what that code is. All of that remains the same.

MR. RA: Okay. Thank you very much.

MR. BRONSON: Thank you.

MR. RA: Mr. Speaker, on the bill.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On the bill, Mr. Ra.

MR. RA: Thank you. So, you know, there -- there are some issues that -- that have been raised on this bill similar to, I think, one of the bills we talked about yesterday in terms of how, you know, coverage is not working in New York State when we're -- when we're adding different types of things. But, you know, I -- I do think it is a very laudable goal to provide mental health services to as many individuals as we can. Certainly, there could be issues with access if there are not, you know, and sufficient amount of -- of different types of mental health professionals in -- in parts of the State. But -- but I -- I do understand the potential -- or -- or the objections from -- from different trained professionals who go through very lengthy schooling

and training in order to gain those licensures. So I -- I did want to raise some of those points. But -- but I know that, you know, many people will be voting in the favor -- in favor of this. There are some that -- that are going to be voting no for those reasons.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Mr. Montesano.

MR. MONTESANO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield for a question?

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Do you yield, Mr. Bronson?

MR. BRONSON: Yes, I do.

MR. MONTESANO: I -- I just --

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The sponsor yields.

MR. MONTESANO: Thank you, Mr. Bronson. I just want to cover something. I wasn't sure when Mr. Ra asked about something. Some of these mental health providers, I think you mentioned before, are employed by certain non-for-profits or certain organizations that provide mental health treatment?

MR. BRONSON: That's correct.

MR. MONTESANO: All right. And they're salaried by those providers?

MR. BRONSON: I -- I'm not sure how they're compensation is structured.

MR. MONTESANO: Right. But is the provider also

billing Medicaid for the service?

MR. BRONSON: The -- as I understand it, the organization is -- is billing Medicaid.

MR. MONTESANO: Okay. So, now, if this -- if -- if this bill now provides the provider to bill Medicaid directly, does the non-for-profit or organization still have the ability to -- to bill Medicaid for additional services?

MR. BRONSON: Not for the same service. There's -- there's not a -- the intent -- nor do I think that Medicaid would allow there to be double billing here. The idea is it would be one or the other, depending on the circumstances. What we're finding in Western New York and throughout Upstate New York, indeed, is that there are scenarios where a practitioner would like to provide services for a -- a child of a family, but the organization that that family is going through is limited on -- on what their internal parameters will allow. So, what this bill would authorize is for that practitioner to provide additional services and then bill directly.

MR. MONTESANO: All right. And then one last question. These -- these providers, these mental health providers, do they possess the requisite licensing and certification for the services they provide?

MR. BRONSON: Yes. They -- the -- you know, we have a very complex structure that sets up educational requirements, continuing educational requirements, on-the-job training, things of that nature. All of that remains in place, and that, presumably,

translates into the services that you are authorized to provide. All of that remains the same. And, indeed, in the language of the bill, we expressly state there will -- there is no intent, nor is there going to be a change in scope of practice by passage of this legislation. This is merely a billing mechanism and the logistics of allowing billing so that people can be compensated for services, thus allowing more access to those services.

MR. MONTESANO: Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. BRONSON: Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 90th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Abinanti to explain his vote.

MR. ABINANTI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to thank the sponsor of this legislation. I hear that there is a shortage of mental health practitioners who accept Medicaid in Western New York and Upstate New York. Let me just chime in and say we have a similar problem in Westchester County. It is very hard for people who have Medicaid and rely on Medicaid to get their medical services, to find mental health practitioners who will accept Medicaid. So, if we can add to the list of those who can bill Medicaid and provide mental

health services, we're doing a great service for people in -- in Westchester and -- and the northern suburbs of New York City.

So I commend the sponsor, and I urge everyone to vote for this legislation. And I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Abinanti in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02163, Calendar No. 162, Bronson. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to health insurance coverage of outpatient care provided by a mental health practitioner.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect January 1st.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Goodell to explain his vote.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you very much, sir, to explain my vote. This bill would require all health insurance policies and health plans to provide reimbursement for ancillary mental health practitioners, including mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, creative art therapists, psychoanalysts and others. And while these individuals and groups undoubtedly provide a very

valuable service to their clientele and their patients, we need to be mindful that every time we add another mandated coverage to New York State insurance, we bring the cost of that insurance yet higher, making us one of the most expensive states in the nation. And every time our insurance rates go higher, the number of people who can afford it goes lower, and every employer considers increasing deductibles. And so, while we're busy congratulating ourselves on this incredibly broad-based insurance policy, the net effect is that thousands and thousands of New Yorkers are losing coverage of even basic insurance as a result of no longer being able to afford it, or no longer being able to afford the deductibles or co-pays.

So, while I certainly appreciate the value of these services, I think the better approach is to allow this type of coverage to be offered as an option. Maybe it's an old-fashioned concept about insurance riders, but all of us who have insurance on our house and our car know that you can buy additional coverage if that's appropriate or desired or negotiated, and that's how we should treat this type of coverage as well.

Thank you very much, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Bronson to explain his vote.

MR. BRONSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to point out that this bill is extending insurance coverage for mental health practitioners in general. Under current law, that coverage is extended to psychiatrists and psychologists is -- and that's what we developed

when we developed our exchange programs. The New York State Attorney General has brought a number of lawsuits where coverage by health care prac -- practitioners have not been paid by insurance company (sic). The Attorney General's Office has entered numerous settlements with those insurance companies where they have voluntarily agreed to include that coverage. When mental health practitioners provide services, the cost for those services generally are less expensive than the cost of a psychiatrist or a psychologist. So, indeed, by having the services, it's not going to increase the cost to the insured and the insurance companies and the premium payers, it's going to reduce that cost. But more importantly, more importantly, there are folks out there who need mental health services. And we have moved, as a state, to create parity between our medical health services and insurance coverage and our mental health services. This bill is another extension of creating that parity, and most importantly, making sure that people who need mental health services are getting those services.

I encourage all my colleagues to vote in the favor -- in favor of this bill, and I withdraw my request and vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Bronson in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take up Calendar No. 931 by Ms. Pheffer Amato, which is on page 96 of the main Calendar.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10160, Calendar No. 931, Pheffer Amato, Seawright. An act to amend the Uniform Commercial Code and General Business Law, in relation to prohibiting auto lenders from remotely disabling a vehicle without first giving notice of the disabling to the borrower.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Pheffer Amato, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Goodell to explain his vote.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, to explain my vote. This bill -- a very interesting bill. It says that if a car is equipped with a remote starting disabling device, which is used when a lender -- when you have a leased car, that the lender cannot disable the starter on the car unless they give the delinquent borrower at least 10 days notice. Or more. And the problem is that

what's happening is, lenders who are leasing cars are leasing cars to people who have lower credit ratings, and they equip the car with a GPS and a remote starter disabler so that if they have to repossess the car, they can find the car and repossess it. Now, the disadvantage, and I think the sponsor's reason for this, is that there's a concern that even though you've gotten multiple notices that you're in default and you've got to pay right away, the concern is that the car might be disabled when you're in an uncomfortable situation, or in a bad neighborhood or something of that nature. Now, it will not shut off the car while you're driving, but if you turn off the car, it won't allow the car to be restarted. That's the negative side of remote starting, disabling it. On the positive side, the unanticipated consequence is if we eliminate the effectiveness of this by giving the borrower 10 days notice that they need to disconnect the device or -- because their car is going to be repossessed or -- or otherwise delay the repossession, what happens is, the market responds by increasing the credit requirements for a leased car. And so the people who will suffer from this bill are those who have lower credit ratings and will no longer be able to lease a car.

Thank you very much, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Goodell in the negative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask you to go to Mr. Otis for the purposes of an announcement.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Otis for the purposes of an announcement.

MR. OTIS: For purposes of a change of scenery, we will have an immediate Democratic conference in our Conference Room.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Democratic conference room (sic), Speaker's Conference Room.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Yes, sir. I'd also ask you to call on Mr. Crouch so that he may make an announcement as well.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Crouch for the purposes of an announcement.

MR. CROUCH: Also for a change of scenery, there will be an immediate Republican members-only conference in the Parlor.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Republican conference in the Parlor. Members only.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I move that the House stand at ease until the conclusion of party conferences.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will stand at ease.

(Whereupon, the House stood at ease.)

* * * * *

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come to order.

That's why we heard music last night, Mr. Morelle, same situation.

MR. MORELLE: Oh, boy; that was really bad.
Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, sir. The C-Calendar has already been advanced. So, what I'd like to do is take up the C-Calendar on consent, beginning with page 3, Assembly Bill No. 1423 by Mr. Heastie.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 1423, Rules at the request of Mr. Heastie. Assembly Resolution establishing a plan setting forth an itemized list of grantees for a certain appropriation for the 2018-19 State Fiscal Year for grants in aid for school based health centers, as required by a plan setting forth an itemized list of grantees with the amount to be received by each, or the methodology for allocating such appropriation. Such plan shall be subject to the approval of the Speaker of the Assembly and the Director of the Budget and thereafter shall be included in a resolution calling for the expenditure of such monies, which resolution must be approved by a majority vote of all members elected to the Assembly

upon a roll call vote.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill (sic) is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 1424, Rules at the request of Mr. Heastie. Assembly Resolution establishing a plan setting forth an itemized list of grantees for certain appropriations for additional grants-in-aid to certain school districts, public libraries, and not-for-profit institutions in the 2018-2019 State Fiscal Year.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 1425, Rules at the request of Mr. Heastie. Assembly Resolution establishing a plan setting forth an itemized list of grantees for certain appropriations for additional grants-in-aid to certain human services organizations in the 2018-2019 State Fiscal Year.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00416-A, Rules Report No. 467, Magnarelli, Hunter. An act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to authorizing the City of Syracuse to add unpaid housing code violation penalties, costs and fines to such city's annual tax levy in accordance with applicable law.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect January 1st.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02490-A, Rules Report No. 468, McDonald, Fahy, Gottfried, Otis, Raia, DiPietro, Peoples-Stokes, Woerner, Gunther, Palmesano, Steck, Friend, Morinello, Wallace. An act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to the redemption of real property subject to a delinquent tax lien.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. McDonald to explain his vote.

MR. MCDONALD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for an opportunity to interrupt the proceedings to explain my vote. This bill addresses what is unfortunately a very common problem, especially in our urban centers in Upstate New York, but also happens in our rural communities, as well, and that problem being vacant and abandoned properties. This bill allows for residential property that is determined by local code officials to be vacant and abandoned with appropriate documentation and notice to be foreclosed upon by a local foreclosing government on one year after delinquency in taxes, as opposed to the current law which is two years. This will help reduce the glut of properties that are present in our communities that are blighted and have been left for our community to struggle with. You drive around here in the City of Albany, you see plenty of buildings with the red X's, which actually in reality are white X's. They are in position to protect our first responders to make sure they know how dangerous these buildings are, but they are also a beacon for drug activity and other activity.

I want to thank the Chairs of Real Property, Codes, Judiciary, Ways and Means, and Rules - that's you, Mr. Speaker - for making this bill a reality. And also, I want to thank the staff, as well, because this bill will give our communities an effective tool to help

eliminate blight, preserve many of our historic properties and revitalize our communities. I therefore vote in the affirmative on this bill.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. McDonald in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09012-A, Rules Report No. 469, Hunter, Cook, Colton, Lawrence, Gottfried, Galef, Hyndman. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to the removal of all distinctive markings and affixed lights from a police vehicle prior to decommissioning and sale.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Hunter, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 60th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09965-A, Rules

Report No. 470, Morelle, Kolb, Palmesano. An act to amend the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law, in relation to leasing and licensing of property.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Morelle, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

(Applause)

Are there --

More bills, Mr. Morelle?

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10063-B, Rules Report No. 471, Joyner, Hyndman, Jean-Pierre, McDonald, Ortiz, Walker, Mosley, Seawright, Barron, Rivera, Williams, Taylor, Niou, D'Urso, Arroyo, Lavine, Cook, Blake. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to authorizing and directing the Commissioner of Education to conduct a study on the effects of trauma on child development and learning.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms.

Joyner, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10498, Rules Report No. 472, Pheffer Amato, Abbate, Brindisi. An act to amend the General Municipal Law and the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to sick leave for officers and employees with a qualifying World Trade Center condition; to amend the Civil Service Law, in relation to the review of certain claims; and to amend Chapter 273 of the Laws of 2017 amending the General Municipal Law relating to granting sick leave for officers and employees with a qualifying World Trade Center condition, in relation to the reimbursement of any public authority or municipal corporation in a city with a population of less than one million people for the cost of certain line of duty sick leave.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Pheffer Amato, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10618-A, Rules

Report No. 473, Peoples-Stokes, Bohen. An act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to authorizing the City of Buffalo to add unpaid housing code violation penalties, costs and fines to the city's annual tax levy in accordance with applicable law.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes to explain her vote.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for -- to explain my vote and to offer my gratitude to several people in our Legislature who have helped us through what I think was a bit of an obstacle. Mr. Speaker, as you know, the City of Buffalo has been going through a pretty decent resurgence in our economy, and a huge piece of that was some legislation that we passed last year to allow the city to -- a land grant legislation that would allow the city to take property that was in rim as opposed to putting it up for auction, allow them to keep it and sell it at low rates to people who live -- had been living in the community. And, in fact, Mr. Speaker, started a housing rehab program through people who were reentering the community to restore these homes for folks to live in it.

The next obstacle was how do you make people who own property and don't live in the city, don't live in the house and

enforce them or make them take care of the property. And this is our next step to be able to try and do that. It's just -- it was going to present some challenges in order to get it done, but I am grateful for the opportunity to allow us one more opportunity to restore the integrity of the neighborhoods in the City of Buffalo and add value to the economy, like much -- the rest of the city is doing. With that, Mr. Speaker, I remove my request and vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mrs. Peoples-Stokes in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10788-A, Rules Report No. 474, DiPietro, Mikulin, Johns, McDonald, Errigo, Morinello, Norris, Montesano, Giglio, McDonough, Bohlen, B. Miller, Crouch, D'Urso, Pellegrino, Lawrence, Cook, Blake, Oaks. An act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating a portion of the State Highway System as the "T Sgt Henry "Hank" Dylong Memorial Bridge".

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. DiPietro, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11002-A, Rules Report No. 475, Ashby. An act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating a portion of the State Highway System as the "Roger J. Mazal Memorial Bridge".

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Ashby, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11017-A, Rules Report No. 476, Committee on Rules (Weinstein). An act to amend the Social Services Law and the Abandoned Property Law, in relation to the transfer of unclaimed support collections and unidentified payments; and repealing certain provisions of such laws relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11055-A, Rules Report No. 477, Committee on Rules (Jaffee). An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to the licensure, registration and required inspections, background clearances and training for child care providers; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect September 1st, 2018.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11063-A, Rules Report No. 478, Committee on Rules (DiPietro). An act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating a portion of the State

Highway System, as the "S Sgt Michael F. Kaczmarek Memorial Bridge".

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. DiPietro, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11095, Rules Report No. 479, Committee on Rules (Barrett). An act to amend Chapter 348 of the Laws of 2012 authorizing the conveyance of certain real property in the City of Poughkeepsie subject to Section 20 of the General City Law, in relation to providing legal descriptions for such real property.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mrs. Barrett, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Read the last section.

Home rule message is at the desk.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11193-A, Rules Report No. 480, Committee on Rules (Woerner). An act to authorize Edward P. Ackley to take the competitive Civil Service examination and to be placed on the eligible Civil Service list for employment as a full-time police officer for the Village of Hudson Falls.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Home rule message is at the desk. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Woerner to explain her vote.

MS. WOERNER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to just use this moment to say thank you to the staff that worked so tirelessly to help me pass this bill, which came in quite late. And they were so responsive and helpful in -- in educating me in how to navigate the process, and it's just the same as they do with each of us over many, many times. So, I just wanted to take this moment and say thank you and cast my vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Woerner in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11231-A, Rules Report No. 482, Committee on Rules (Gottfried). An act to amend Chapter 592 of the Laws of 1998, constituting the Hudson River Park Act, in relation to the granting of a permanent vested easement for the Hudson River Rail Tunnel.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Gottfried, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Mr. Gottfried on the bill.

MR. GOTTFRIED: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I just want to note for -- formally for the record, a point about the legislative intent of this bill which authorizes the construction of the Hudson Rail Tunnel, which is part of the Gateway Project, to run under Hudson River Park between 27th and 30th Streets. And the point is that the Hudson River Park Trust is obligated by the law which applies to this project to hold a significant action review process on this project before the lease and the project can go forward. That's in the law. It has been explicitly committed to the Assembly by Madelyn Wils, the President of Hudson River Park Trust, and it is important that that be understood as part of the legislative intent, as well as the explicit provisions of the statute.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Glick on the bill.

MS. GLICK: On the bill, briefly. I want to concur with Mr. Gottfried and point out explicitly that the significant action review process includes a public hearing with 30 days notice to the community, and pleased that there is also a commitment from Amtrak to restore this section from 27th to 30th Street on the surface and that that would be according to plans provided by the Hudson River Park Trust. And the Trust has indicated their willingness to have Community Board 4 involved in the discussion about how to restore that section that is within Community Board 4's boundaries. And I appreciate the willingness on the part of the sponsor to get those assurances in writing from Hudson River Park Trust, because that's always been essential with the Hudson River Park Trust. Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Skoufis to explain his vote.

MR. SKOUFIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, briefly. I just want to thank the sponsor and all those responsible for advancing this bill. Those of us West of Hudson in Orange and Rockland Counties have waited a long time for improvements to these tunnels, but most importantly, perhaps, we have been waiting decades for a one-seat ride into New York City. We currently have to transfer. We

don't even have a one-seat ride into Manhattan for the thousands of people who commute from Orange and Rockland Counties each day. A transfer would be eliminated at Secaucus Junction with the Gateway Project, just as it would have with the ARC Project, which Governor Christie killed many years ago. So, anything we can continue to do to support Gateway moving forward, I am grateful for and I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Skoufis in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Yes, sir. I'd like to give the next four bills in this order: Rules Report No. 260 by Ms. Jean-Pierre on page 12 of the main Calendar; followed by Calendar No. 488 by Mr. Barron on page 69; followed by Calendar No. 834 by Mr. Weprin on page 90; and then this group I'd like to conclude with Calendar No. 745 by Mr. Otis on page 85 of the main Calendar.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11028, Rules Report No. 260, Committee on Rules (Jean-Pierre, Williams, Fernandez, Dickens, Ortiz, D'Urso, Pellegrino, Barron, Arroyo, Rivera, Davila, Mosley, Richardson, Abbate, Cook, Simon). An act to amend the Workers' Compensation Law, in relation to presumptions in opioid

overdose claims for compensation.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Barclay to explain his vote.

Mr. -- Mr. Goodell first.

Mr. Goodell, what would you have us do?

MR. GOODELL: Mr. Speaker, please withdraw the roll call and continue with the debate on the bill. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Roll call is withdrawn.

And Mr. Barclay.

MR. BARCLAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the bill.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the bill, sir.

MR. BARCLAY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, if I understand this legislation correctly, it provides a presumption for the estate of a person who OD'd on an opioid to collect under Workers' Compensation. And while I appreciate the sponsor wanting to provide compensation to families who've had the tragedy of someone Oding on opioids, I'm not sure the Workers' Comp system is the best place to do this. As you are aware, the Workers' Comp system is obviously set up to compensate people as a result of workplace injuries. I think an

opioid overdo -- overdose, excuse me, is a bit of a stretch from where the workplace injury is. I think the nexus between the two is really a bridge too far. And, as a result, I'm worried that this bill is going to create extra costs in the Workers' Comp system and also sets a bad precedence. So, Mr. Speaker, for that reason and many other reasons, I'm going to vote no on this bill and I'd urge my colleagues to do the same. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Jean-Pierre to explain her vote.

Shh.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill will provide that in any proceeding for the enforcement of Workers' Compensation claim, the death of an injured worker due to an opioid overdose would be subject to the compensation if such injured worker were prescribed opioids to treat a workplace injury. The Workers' Compensation system has been greatly impacted by the prescription opioid epidemic that has swept the nation and impacted thousands here in New York State. Many workers injured on the job are prescribed opioids to help treat their injuries, but without adequate care and pain management they can quickly become addicted - and as we know, we have an epidemic in New York State - or suffer from an

accidental drug overdose.

A study released this year by the Workers' Compensation Research Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts found that the long-term prescribing of opioids more than triples the duration of temporary disability among workers with work-related non-surgical lower back injuries when compared to claims with no opioid prescribing; however, when an injured worker dies of an overdose as a result of consuming pain medications prescribed after a work injury, the question of compensation is unclear. This bill would ensure that the surviving beneficiaries of an injured worker has -- has fatality overdose on opioids will receive the adequate benefits afforded under the law. Thank you, and I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Jean-Pierre in the affirmative.

Mr. Blankenbush to explain his vote.

MR. BLANKENBUSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the second vote in two days that we have taken up Workers' Comp bills that are going to add to the premiums of small businesses who are struggling with Worker (sic) Comp premiums now. The problem with this bill is that -- my understanding is it could be five, six, seven years down the road and he or she overdoses and now they can bring it back to when they were prescribed medication when the initial injury took place. So what are we going to do? We're going to keep going down the road and say, *You know, the first time that this guy had to take a prescription was 10 years ago.* Now, all of a

sudden, he's overdosed with -- he overdoses and kills himself and now we're going to bring it back to the Workers' Comp -- Compensation.

One of the problems we have in the State of New York is the expenses we're putting on our small businesses, and this and the one yesterday - I think it was yesterday - that we've - yesterday or this week - is just going to add that charge and expense to the Workers' Comp premiums. My colleague told us that, you know, in 2010 or something like that, we were 19th. After 2016 we're third, and what we're trying to do now is we're trying to get to be number one. And it's the wrong number one to get to. It's just going to cause more of our small businesses to really, really stop and think if they want to stay in business in New York State. Everybody here wants people to make more money in their -- their salaries. This is one of the reasons why small businesses are handcuffed and not being able to raise wages in the State of New York.

These two bills this week are terrible bills that are just going to put the cost of our small businesses and for those reasons, I'm going to be voting no. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Blankenbush in the negative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06977-A, Calendar No. 488, Barron, Jaffee, Ortiz, Hyndman. An act to amend the

Education Law, in relation to establishing an appeals process for students denied the State resident tuition rate at a public college or university.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 60th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Smith to explain his vote.

MR. SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to take a moment to explain this vote. I appreciate the intention of the sponsor here. What this bill does is it establishes with SUNY and CUNY a system of appeals for those individuals who are denied in-State tuition. The reason I rise is because we already, in SUNY, CUNY and community college campuses have a system in place where you can appeal the process to -- if you are denied residency tuition. So, in my opinion, it's the last day of Session. I know we're here a long time, but there's a number of issues that have gone unattended to, our high property taxes and ethics reform - we see corruption trials going on right now. So, for all the things that we've left undone, I think it's a waste of our time to address something that already is being addressed. But I do thank the sponsor for his well-intentions, even though we already have this in place. In that vein, I would say that I'm voting in the negative and I'd ask my colleagues to join me. Thank

you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Barron to explain his vote.

MR. BARRON: The appeal process that my colleague is talking about is the general appeal process that all students have when they have concerns -- when they have concerns about the process that they've been involved. This bill specifically speaks to the undocumented students who have the opportunity to go to college, the undocumented students who, because of a law signed by Governor Pataki, the Republican Governor, allows them to have in-State tuition costs. In-State is \$6,500, out-of-state tuition is \$16,000. Many of these students are being denied because the University is violating the right for them to have the in-State tuition thinking because they're undocumented that they're not supposed to have it. So, this appeal process is specifically geared toward the in-State denials, the in-State denials to these students. This special appeal process will now allow these students to challenge, to challenge the decisions of SUNY and CUNY when they deny them the in-State tuition.

So, while you may think other issues are so -- more important, there's nothing more important than the future of our country and these young students who work so hard as I am right now to make sure -- I -- make sure that you all get out of here at a decent time. So, I'll just say, support the students who will support our future as we go forward and do the right thing by the students.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: And how do you vote, Mr. Barron?

MR. BARRON: I vote in the positive.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Barron votes in the affirmative.

Mr. Blake.

MR. BLAKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to -- I want to commend the sponsor for this -- this bill and this piece of legislation. And when we talk about an important pieces, I think especially given the news of today and the news of the last few days of what's going on for our immigrant communities and what's going on as it relates to the help they can receive. The specific purpose of why this is so critical, in particular, for our immigrant students that are here that would have to pay, potentially, out-of-state rates despite living here, that's exactly why the appeal process has been created. That process does not exist in this current form. It is obviously very critical.

So, Mr. Speaker, we definitely think this is critical; we support the sponsor for this. In a State as diverse as we are, and a State that is obviously recognizing that we need to keep our families together for many different reasons, this is exactly why you need this appeal process. I proudly support this legislation. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Blake in the affirmative.

Mr. Crespo to explain his vote.

MR. CRESPO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just as I look at the board and remember, I came here as an Intern in 2003 and 2004, I started working for my State Senator. And the very first day on the job, a young lady walked through the door, a student at SUNY Potsdam, she for four years paid out-of-state tuition because she was denied all of the documentation she presented being a State resident. They requested information she could not possibly provide. She brought in everything that was necessary and there was just no way to get the University system to re-take a look at the case, take a second look and really understand what the dynamics were. So, on behalf of Lidia Montes de Oca, a name I'll never forget, because 'til this day despite so many years that have gone by, I still think about the fact that I could not help this student avoid paying double almost what she should be paying. And like her, there are so many others.

And so, I commend the sponsor of this bill and I urge everyone to support this. It is incredibly important that students not be denied their opportunity at things that we have already approved, in this case, in-State tuition, but so many cases like this. Students deserve an opportunity to present their case. I think this bill is the right step in the right direction and on behalf of Lidia Montes de Oca, I proudly vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Crespo in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05539-B, Calendar No. 834, Weprin. An act to amend the Municipal Home Rule Law, in relation to punishment for the violation of a local law.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08687-A, Calendar No. 745, Otis, McDonald, Brabenec, Thiele. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to the definition of an accusatory instrument.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Otis to explain his vote.

MR. OTIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This piece of legislation is an important piece of legislation for Downstate, for Long Island and for the Hudson Valley because there have been some recent

court decisions in 2017 that invalidated the ability of local courts to have jurisdiction over individuals who have parking tickets. So, this bill, which is supported by NYCOM, clarifies and corrects that and, actually, there have been decisions going back as late -- as early as 1990 that have left some confusion in the courts about whether or not a parking ticket is an accusatory instrument or not, and this will solve that problem. Good for local governments, good for controlling and managing parking. Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Otis in the affirmative.

Mr. Goodell to explain his vote.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you very much. And I agree with my colleague, Mr. Otis, that there has been issues raised about parking tickets; however, by making parking tickets enforceable on their own without any supporting deposition, it has other ramifications. If people forget their court date or never received a notice of the ticket because it blows off the window or perhaps their child doesn't share it with them, this law would enable a court to enter a default judgment against the owner of the car, and that then puts into play the possibility that their license might be suspended and if they're pulled over with a suspended license, the issue becomes much more serious.

And so, I certainly appreciate my colleague's desire to make parking enforcement easier for municipalities, but it also has negative consequences for our drivers who may have parked in the

wrong place at some point in time and, as a result, the logical conclusion of this bill might be facing a suspension of their license. For that reason, I will not be supporting it, but I certainly appreciate my colleague's comments.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Goodell in the negative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to ask members of the Ways and Means Committee to join Ms. Weinstein in the Speaker's Conference Room. Ways and Means in the Speaker's Conference Room.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ways and Means, Speaker's Conference Room.

Mr. Morelle.

Shh.

MR. MORELLE: Yes, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ladies and gentlemen, we're still at it. Shh.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to take the following two bills up off the main Calendar, beginning with Calendar No. 169 by Mr. Pretlow, which is page 44. Once that's completed, I'd like to take up Calendar No. 59 by Mr. Perry on page

35.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02303-C, Calendar No. 169, Pretlow, McDonald, Hawley, Bohlen, DiPietro. An act to amend the General Municipal Law, in relation to electronic bell jar games.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Pretlow, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. An explanation is requested, Mr. Pretlow.

MR. PRETLOW: Absolutely, Mr. Speaker. This bill was done at the request of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and other fraternal organizations to have the ability to install electronic bell jar machines in their cantinas.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Mr. Morinello.

MR. MORINELLO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?

MR. PRETLOW: Absolutely.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The sponsor yields.

MR. MORINELLO: I have a few questions. Mr. Pretlow, I have two letters from the Seneca Nation of Indians President, Todd Gates, one dated May 15th, 2018 and another dated June 19th, 2018; have you been provided with copies of those letters?

MR. PRETLOW: I believe I have.

MR. MORINELLO: Okay. The question I have is

based upon the exclusive -- exclusivity of the Seneca Nation, would this bill allow electronic bell jar machines to be operated in Western New York?

MR. PRETLOW: We feel that the electronic bell jar machines as construed in this bill do not violate the Compact.

MR. MORINELLO: So the answer is that they would be allowed to be utilized in that exclusive territory.

MR. PRETLOW: I would say so.

MR. MORINELLO: Has this been referred at all to the Gaming Commission as to whether the deployment of electronic bell jar machines in Western New York would violate the New York State Seneca Nation Gaming Pact?

MR. PRETLOW: No. We don't check with the Gaming Commission before we institute legislation. I would imagine that before the Governor signs this fine piece of legislation, the Gaming Commission will have the opportunity to look at it.

MR. MORINELLO: But what -- can I ask, other than what you have just said, what would have been the harm to check with the Gaming Commission on this particular issue?

MR. PRETLOW: There would have been no harm. This bill has been around for a couple of years now. We have done amendments at the request of the Seneca Nation, and this is what the final bill that we came up with.

MR. MORINELLO: And can you tell how many of these gaming devices would be authorized in Western New York?

MR. PRETLOW: The authorization is for up to five in any of the fraternal organizations or VFW Posts throughout the State of New York, limited to only those organizations that have the authority today, or prior to this legislation being signed into law, to participate with bell jars.

MR. MORINELLO: It is my understanding that I believe this would take place within 180 days after --

MR. PRETLOW: I'm not sure of the effective date; I believe you're right.

MR. MORINELLO: And I believe that the regulation and restriction that you just spoke about covers up to that particular date. And what I mean by that is, will this allow any organizations who aren't licensed to be licensed between now and the implementation date?

MR. PRETLOW: I don't believe so.

MR. MORINELLO: Also, I have a New York State Gaming Association memorandum in opposition.

MR. PRETLOW: Before you go on, sir, they are now in favor of it.

MR. MORINELLO: No, no, no; I know that.

MR. PRETLOW: Okay.

MR. MORINELLO: Now they are in favor with the C-version.

MR. PRETLOW: They saw the light.

MR. MORINELLO: However, I'm going to refer to

-- pardon, sir?

MR. PRETLOW: They saw the light.

MR. MORINELLO: Well, it doesn't change what their impression of a slot machine is, and this is what my concern is. My concern is that - and I will read from it: "It would appear that the intent of this legislation is to assist presently licensed charitable organizations in our ability to sell bell jar tickets. The language goes far beyond that goal with the potential of wide expansion of electronic bell jar games to conform to this proposed legislation," and that there's only one provider and that is Diamond, out of California. And another phrase in their first opposition, which these facts don't change because it's the same type of machine, "In other jurisdictions they are almost identical in every way to a video lottery terminal presently in use in New York State."

So, there was an issue originally with the Compact, whereby there was a -- a stalemate with the State because they opened racinos dealing with this type of a machine, which was ultimately settled and negotiated. And it just appears that there will be additional litigation that is going to cost the State money. Has this been taken into consideration?

MR. PRETLOW: I don't believe there will be any litigation subsequent to this. And the reason -- first of all, let me correct you. You said their first letter of opposition; their only letter of opposition which was then trumped by the letter of support. So, they currently support it and those issues that they brought up before,

as far as I'm concerned, with respect to them, are moot. Now, the bill as construed calls for a preprinted bell jar ticket as opposed to an electronically printed one. The objection was that the electronically printed one could have some relationship to a slot machine. The preprinted bell jar machines do not have any relationship whatsoever to a slot machine.

MR. MORINELLO: So am I to understand that the change now is they will distribute a ticket rather than allow a video playing of that particular ticket.

MR. PRETLOW: Yes.

MR. MORINELLO: So this would be -- the only difference between what is there now is right now, a human being hands the ticket out, and you're telling us that this machine will dispense a ticket.

MR. PRETLOW: Correct.

MR. MORINELLO: Okay. So there's no ability to play it as a video lottery --

MR. PRETLOW: No way whatsoever.

MR. MORINELLO: And that is in the new bill.

MR. PRETLOW: Yes, sir.

MR. MORINELLO: Okay. Thank you very much, sir. On the bill.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On the bill, sir.

MR. MORINELLO: There has been a proliferation of gaming - and that's the kind term - but gambling in the State of

New York. There's another bill that's being presented that is trying to push through sports betting. Part of that sports betting is an app on the phone. My concern is this, that every time we expand some type of gambling, some type of utilization to a population that doesn't understand what difficulties they can get into, that doesn't understand that games of chance are really and truly not in their favor.

In this particular instance, there has been acrimony with the Seneca Nation since we started the Compact, and because of that, it is my concern that there will be litigation and this will interfere with the orderly transition. There has been bell jar games since I can ever remember in fraternal organizations, volunteer fire halls. There doesn't seem to be any difficulty with the way it is and I just feel that the State's rush to change the system is -- is improper and impractical. And I'm going to pull a page out of Mr. Walter's book. I will vote yes on this because it is the life blood --

(Laughter)

-- of many of the fraternal organizations, the volunteer fire halls, and I just wanted to go on record that there could be some concern changing the system that is there. Thank you very much, Mr. Pretlow, for your time and for answering the questions, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Mr. Giglio.

MR. GIGLIO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On the bill, please.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On the bill, sir.

MR. GIGLIO: This is a well-intentioned piece of

legislation and I believe they did a lot of hard work to do it, but I'm going to speak on behalf the Seneca Nation now. I have the privilege of representing most of the Nation, and I have also seen over the time I've been here and looked at history that every time the New York State makes an agreement with the Seneca Nation, somehow somewhere along the line, that agreement gets changed. And that's what happened again this time.

As my colleague so accurately pointed out, they have rights within that Compact. They have paid over \$1.4 billion to the State of New York over the life of the Compact. And here we go again, once -- and they have said this to me many a times, the leadership, and these are my friends and my neighbors, that, *Joe, every time we find a way to raise ourselves up, New York City finds a way -- or, excuse me, New York State finds a way to take it away.*

Now, the Nation I don't think would have much of a problem with the bell jars since they have been around forever, but they were not even consulted. They have not any input and that is what's wrong with this because no matter what anybody says, there will be litigation and the charities that are counting on this money will have to wait to get it. And the Nation will challenge and we're going to waste a lot of money and a lot of time when all it would have taken by the State of New York is a tad of courtesy to have them sit at the table, have all adults sit at a table and decide how to do this and to make it work within the frame of the Compact and within the frame of the Laws of New York. And it is a sad day for me to know that the

charitable organizations that need this money, because their -- their charitable donations have gone down, and that the Seneca Nation of Indians that have been a good neighbor are now both going to lose via this legislation. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 180th day.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00808, Calendar No. 59, Perry, Dickens, Taylor, Barron, Blake, Colton, Cook, D'Urso, Rivera, Titus, Seawright, Niou. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to requiring out-of-state insurance adjusters employed to appraise in-State property damages arising from emergency situations to employ established rates used for appraisal by in-State insurance adjusters.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: An explanation has been requested, Mr. Perry.

Oh, I'm sorry. My apologies.

On a motion by Mr. Perry, the Senate bill is before

the House. The Senate bill is advanced and, Mr. Perry, an explanation has been requested.

MR. PERRY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought you were going to say "read the last section". This bill -- Mr. Speaker, this bill is proposed to ensure that temporary adjusters and insurance -- and insurers utilize local cost, regional cost data in appraising -- adjusting claims. And this is as a result of experience of voters in my district and across the State arising from the unfortunate visit of Hurricane Sandy that wreaked havoc in Brooklyn and all other parts -- and many other parts of New York City that caused a need for emergency granting of licenses through out-of-state adjusters who came into the State with their machines from Texas, Louisiana and Florida and then adjusted the claims in New York using the rates applicable in those states that simply did not apply in New York, and settling claims -- proposing to settle claims with New Yorkers that would rob them of the real value of their loss.

This bill would require independent adjusters who are issued the temporary permits to utilize cost data that is appropriate to the region of the State where the adjusting is being done and to strengthen the law, it would also make it an unfair claim settlement practice for insurers who artificially lower cost data used for adjusting claims or use cost data that is not appropriate for the region of the State where the loss occurred. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Mr. Barclay.

MR. BARCLAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, would

Mr. Perry yield for a few questions?

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Will you yield, Mr. Perry?

MR. PERRY: I yield.

MR. BARCLAY: Thank you, Mr. Perry. As you know, we've had this bill a few years, I think we've even talked on this bill in the past.

MR. PERRY: Mr. Speaker, could I have a little more quiet so I can hear the question?

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Members, please. We're on debate. Can visitors, guests, staff please keep it down. We're on debate. Thank you.

MR. BARCLAY: I understand this bill in the past has passed both Houses and got to the Governor's Office where he vetoed this bill. Did you address any of his concerns in this? Is this the same version of the bill that was vetoed by the Governor?

MR. PERRY: The Governor's concerns I believe have been adequately addressed. If you pay close attention, you will see that the bill is a much different bill. It does propose to do the same thing, but the language in the bill is clearer and stronger in an attempt to protect the consumer from being ripped off by insurance companies.

MR. BARCLAY: And I think that's an admirable goal of the legislation. The question is already we have, as I'm sure you realize, Regulation 64, that allows the Department of Financial

Services to regulate and to make sure that people are already paid fair and reasonable for any of the damages they have done during catastrophic events.

MR. PERRY: What do you think "fair and reasonable" would mean?

MR. BARCLAY: Well, I think it means whatever the Department thinks it means. It's certainly regional cost differences. It seems to me that it would be fair and reasonable for New York City to have higher costs versus, say, Upstate New York or anywhere else in the State.

MR. PERRY: The problem --

MR. BARCLAY: Maybe I just tighten that question up. Is it your concern that if DFS is not doing their job and did not, I guess, appropriately pressure insurers to make sure that they paid what were fair and reasonable payouts for any claims against the insured after Superstorm Sandy?

MR. PERRY: Well, part of the problem is that "fair and reasonable" is not clearly explained in the law. It's left up to the (inaudible) of DFS or -- or the insurance company; mostly, the insurance company. And then, the burden is on the homeowner or the property owner to recognize that they have not been given the true value of their loss and then file a -- then question the claim. And that usually, whether they pursue seeking the real value or they will end up accepting a bad claim, a bad offer, depends on a lot of circumstances. In the -- in the circumstance of Hurricane Sandy, when the losses were

significant and some of them involving almost total loss of your home. And so, the need to quickly find -- repair your shelter and all the other things that come from that disaster forced a lot of people to accept these undervalued claims and, in most cases, the Department of Financial Services, the Insurance Department did not even get to play a role to determine whether these -- these -- these were fair and reasonable.

MR. BARCLAY: So not to belabor that point, but how do we know what people were not getting the fair and reasonable amount back? I mean, was it anecdotal information or was there a study done?

MR. PERRY: Well -- yes, we did --

MR. BARCLAY: I mean, the studies that were done show that people were -- actually, you know, a large majority of people were very happy with their insured after, you know, it was 95 or 96 percent of approval rating. I'm not here to defend the insurers, but after that storm, they were pleased with that. Is there any kind of scientific study or anyone done any study to say these are how many claims that were underpaid according to the insured and more than just people kind of complaining they didn't get what they thought they could get maybe with a different insurer?

MR. PERRY: Well, we're not here to worry about the claims that are accurate and -- and when the value of the loss is -- is -- is fully paid to the -- the homeowner. We're here to deal with the 5 percent --

MR. BARCLAY: Yeah.

MR. PERRY: -- that -- who are getting ripped off and who are not able to fully rebuild their -- their home because they don't get the true, full value of their loss. That's what we're here for, that's why we pass the laws. If the insurance companies did everything right, I wouldn't have to propose this bill, but we had hearings. The Assembly conducted hearings and there was testimony from the insurers -- insurers themselves, attesting to the fact that the adjusters used rates -- these adjusters brought in from out-of-state because of the size of the emergency.

MR. BARCLAY: Correct.

MR. PERRY: Used rates that were usually -- because they had computer systems that was adjusting labor costs that were payable labor rates in Louisiana and Texas and Florida and nothing close to what it costs for -- for the work to fix the -- the loss in New York.

MR. BARCLAY: So, I appreciate that issue, but why couldn't that be solved through the Department of Financial Services? I mean, aren't they the proper vehicle to address this? They're the ones that have, you know, the regulatory control over the insurers and the adjusters, for that matter.

MR. PERRY: Well, it would be nice if everybody could wait for the months and maybe years that it takes the Insurance Department to fully consider your claim against an insurance company. I'm sure you know of cases where people opened claims,

but they just don't have the wherewithal to continue it and that's what we want to stop. So, instead of forcing my constituents to go to the -- to file a claim for their -- covering their loss, and then file a complaint and they're unable to rebuild because they're waiting on the resolution of the complaint and be forced to accept, because of the urgency to repair their homes, instead of waiting for all of that to occur, I think we strengthen the language so that the Insurance Department is not -- it's not necessary to call in the Insurance Department because the language forces or creates an environment when the insurance company knows that it stands no chance if it doesn't do the right thing. It's a slam dunk. That's what I want to do for the people I represent, for the people you represent, for the consumers who should not have to face that kind of a situation.

MR. BARCLAY: Thank you, Mr. Perry. I appreciate your intent on the bill and I do think it's laudable. I think there's some issues with it because, I think, as I said, the Department already has this power and then you also, as you mentioned in the explanation that this allows an unfair claim settlement practice, so essentially, lets the insured to go directly against the insurer; is that correct? Instead of having to go through DFS for the complaint; is that correct? How does the unfair claim settlement practice work?

MR. PERRY: Well, the -- the law provides for the -- the claimant to file a complaint with the Department of Financial Services.

MR. BARCLAY: Right.

MR. PERRY: A process that could outlast your ability to -- to wait.

MR. BARCLAY: All right. Thank you, Mr. Perry. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. PERRY: Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Cahill to explain his vote.

MR. CAHILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I stand to -- to applaud the sponsor of this bill for taking one of the very, very few issues that emerged from Superstorm Sandy with regard to the way insurance companies administered and dealt with claims. A very significant portion of those concerns that were raised were over this very issue that contractors were coming from out-of-state that were not familiar with local costs; that adjusters were coming from out-of-state that were using data adjusted for their home states and was not adjusted, by the way, for the cost of, for example, the increased cost of plywood that occurs after every major storm because people buy a lot of plywood. The biggest complaint that we were aware of through the hearings that we held was that people felt that they were not getting a fair settlement. Another complaint was

that it wasn't done in a timely fashion. There were other issues of concern that were raised and, as a result, the Assembly put together a whole agenda of bills. The sponsor of this bill being one of the prime movers of it, people who have stood here before who were going to other Houses hopefully next year are sponsors of some of those bills, as are many other members of -- of this House.

The fact of the matter is that we want to be prepared for the next storm so that our constituents, from wherever they are in the State of New York, do not have to put up with what people put up with in the previous storms. This is a good bill. It addresses a real need. It is one that, if approved here today and becomes law, will be something that people who face this -- the next major natural disaster will be very grateful that we did. I withdraw my request and vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Mr. Cahill in the affirmative.

Mr. Perry to explain his vote.

MR. PERRY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank my colleague in the other House who worked with me to bring this bill again for consideration, and I want to thank the staff in the Codes and those Committees that -- and the Insurance that worked with me to get the bill to this stage. I believe this is something we need to do. I regret that we -- we had a veto and wasn't (sic) able to effect this law to deal with problems and, luckily, we haven't had another Superstorm like that. But I hope that when we -- if we ever

have to experience situation like my constituents experienced during that uninvited visit by Sandy, Superstorm Sandy, that we will be ready and adjusters will come in from out-of-state will have the law in place with which they will comply and award fair -- and make fair awards to my constituents and to your constituents to -- for losses occurred through these natural developments. Mr. Speaker, I remove my request -- withdraw my request and vote in the affirmative. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Perry in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to ask members of the Rules Committee to join the Speaker in the Speaker's Conference Room. Rules in the Speaker's Conference Room.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Rules in the Speaker's Conference Room.

Mr. Morelle.

(Pause)

ACTING SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to use the -- the lull in our activities to actually introduce a

very distinguished New Yorker who has joined us in the Chamber as guests of Mr. Dilan, Ms. Bichotte, Ms. Niou and Mr. Ortiz and Mr. Kim. We are delighted to have the Honorable Lillian Wan in the Chamber. Judge Wan is a Brooklyn Family Court Judge until just a few moments ago when she was confirmed to the Court of Claims. And she is joined by her husband, Adam Brodsky, and their children, Sophia and Nathan. And we're obviously very excited to have this distinguished Jurist in the Chambers, and so delighted that she took some time to bring her family over to watch the proceedings. If you'd please extend all the cordialities of the House and wish her the very best in her new role on the Court of Claims.

ACTING SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, and congratulations on your new appointment.

On behalf of Members Dilan, Bichotte, Niou, Kim, Mosley, Ortiz and Simon, and on behalf of the Speaker and all of the members, we welcome you to the Chamber as a distinguished guest, and with your family here, and extend the privileges of the floor and hope you'll enjoy at least the proceedings when we get to it, and in the meantime, enjoy having -- being here. Thank you for joining us and congratulations to you all.

(Applause)

(Pause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Mr. Otis, there will be an immediate Democratic Conference

in the Speaker's Conference Room. Immediate Democratic Conference in the Speaker's Conference Room.

And I note for my colleagues on the other side of the aisle that I believe Mr. Goodell will be making an announcement shortly -- or Mr. Crouch will be making an announcement on their Party Conference, as well; it'll take them a few moments. In the interim, Democrats should be in the Speaker's Conference Room.

And the House will stand at ease, Mr. Speaker, until the conclusion of Party Conferences.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly.
Democratic Conference, Speaker's Conference Room.

The House stands at ease.

(Whereupon, the House stood at ease.)

* * * * *

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come to order.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to take up the following four bills in this order, all off the main Calendar, beginning with Calendar No. 1016 by Mr. McDonald on page 100; also, Calendar No. 1032 by Ms. Fahy on page 100; follow that with Calendar No. 1053 by Mr. Otis on page 101; and then Calendar No. 1055 by Mr. Pretlow, also on page 101.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09622, Calendar No.

1016, McDonald. An act to amend Chapter 105 of the Laws of 2009 amending Chapter 693 of the Laws of 1980 enabling the County of Albany to impose and collect taxes on occupancy of hotel or motel rooms in Albany County relating to revenues received from the collection of hotel or motel occupancy taxes, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Home rule message is at the desk. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10059, Calendar No. 1 -- 1032, Fahy, McDonald, Steck. An act to amend Chapter 405 of the Laws 2005 amending the Tax Law relating to authorizing the County of Albany to impose a county recording tax on obligations secured by a mortgage on real property, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Fahy, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home rule message is at the desk. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10516, Calendar No. 1053, Otis. An act to amend Chapter 89 of the Laws of 2009 amending the Tax Law relating to the imposition of an occupancy tax in the City of Rye, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Home rule message is at the desk. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10529, Calendar No. 1055, Pretlow. An act to amend Chapter 62 of the Laws of 2015 amending the Tax Law, relating to the imposition of an occupancy tax in the City of Yonkers, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr.

Pretlow, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home rule message is at the desk. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Members have on their desks a D-Calendar. I now move to advance the D-Calendar.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On Mr. Morelle's motion, the D-Calendar is advanced.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, sir. I'd like to go to page 3 of that D-Calendar and beginning with Rules Report No. 482 by Ms. Jenne, let's consent the D-Calendar.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07275-C, Rules Report No. 482, Jenne, Hunter, Blankenbush, Crespo, Ortiz, L. Rosenthal, Blake, Woerner, Colton, B. Miller, Galef, Jones, McDonald, Englebright, Steck, Carroll, Pellegrino, Weprin, Solages, Abinanti, Arroyo, Santabarbara, Paulin, Lupardo, Skoufis, Gottfried,

Lavine. An act in relation to maintaining the continued viability of the State's existing large-scale, renewable energy resources.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

On a motion by Ms. Jenne, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced and the bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08846, Rules Report No. 483, DiPietro. An act to amend the County Law, in relation to allowing Wyoming County to participate in the Foreign-Trade Zone Program.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. DiPietro, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09943, Rules Report No. 484, Gottfried. An act relating to granting retroactive eligibility to apply for enhanced Tier III status to former New York City Police Officer Mark Rivera.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Gottfried, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is

advanced. Home rule message is at the desk. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This -- this act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10218, Rules Report No. 485, Abbate. An act to authorize the grant of retirement service credit to the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System to Anthony D. Katsur for service as a University Police Officer.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Abbate, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10388, Rules Report

No. 486, Abbate. An act granting retroactive membership in the Teachers' Retirement System to Margaret Russo.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Abbate, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10442, Rules Report No. 487, Gunther, Jaffee, Skoufis, Bohen. An act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law, in relation to prohibiting the head of the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities from changing the auspice of any individualized residential alternative that is operated by the State.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mrs. Gunther, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. On the bill.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the bill, sir.

MR. GOODELL: Currently the -- the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, or OPWDD, operates room, board and individualized service for those with developmental disabilities. This bill would make it illegal for OPWDD in any situation to privatize those services. And while I would certainly expect that any change in operation from State to public would be carefully -- or from State to private would be carefully evaluated, I don't think we should foreclose any private operation of any of these facilities, regardless of that type of analysis of the situations. And so, therefore, I will vote against this and leave it to the thoughtful evaluation of OPWDD in determining the most appropriate and efficient manner of providing high-quality services to these individuals. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to just briefly interrupt to extend greetings to a distinguished guest who is a constituent of Mr. Carroll and is a long-time friend and

associate of Deborah Glick, and we're delighted to have Amy Cohen in the Chamber this evening. She is an individual who has worked extensively on a number of key safety issues in the State of New York and who is here and wanted to come in and observe the proceedings and we want to certainly extend to her all the privileges of the floor and thank her for all the fine work that she does.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Carroll, Ms. Glick, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly and extend to you the privileges of the floor, and commend you on the work that you're doing to help others. Thank you so very much for all that you do. You are always welcome here. Thank you.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10681-A, Rules Report No. 488, Thiele. An act authorizing the County of Suffolk to transfer and convey a portion of County parkland to the Town of Southampton, County of Suffolk.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Home rule message is at the desk. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10770, Rules Report No. 489, Errigo. An act granting retroactive membership in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System to Shawn Coveny.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10951, Rules Report No. 490, Lentol, Davila, Jaffee, Skoufis, Bohlen. An act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law, in relation to the use of proceeds from the sale of property previously used by the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Lentol, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Goodell to explain his vote.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you very much, sir. This is an interesting bill because what it basically says is that certain -- the proceeds from the sale of certain property from State-operated facilities will then go directly to that State agency to be used by that State agency. And while this bill in the private sector would make perfect sense, unfortunately in the public sector we're constrained by this document called the -- gosh, I forget the name of it; I think it's the New York State Constitution. And you may recall, it wasn't that long ago that we went through a budget process, and so when it comes to government, you have to have an appropriation. If there's revenues that coming from the sale of the property, you have to have a revenue and you can't simply take the sale of property like you would in the private sector and take that cash without an appropriation and use it for expenditures.

And so, while I certainly support my colleague's desire to facilitate that process in a very fast and efficient manner, it does completely circumvent that Constitutional budgetary process. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Abinanti to explain his vote.

MR. ABINANTI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I commend the sponsors of this legislation, and I'm not a Constitutional expert, but I respectfully disagree with the previous Constitutional

expert. This bill takes effect next April 1. The State Legislature sets the format of State government. It's up to the Governor to present a budget which accommodates the format that the State Legislature sets up. Therefore, when we pass this legislation, the Governor is constrained to present a budget next year which will be effective on April 1, which puts into effect this provision. And I think this Legislature ought to be doing more of this, telling the Governor what we believe should be the format of government, and we want him to come back with a budget next year to comply with what we've told him. So, I commend the sponsors on this legislation, and I think this is a very good piece of legislation.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11191, Rules Report No. 491, Committee on Rules (Dinowitz). An act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules, in relation to judicial notice of an image, map, location, distance, calculation, or other information taken from a web mapping service.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Dinowitz, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir. On the bill.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the bill, sir.

MR. GOODELL: This bill would change the rules of evidence that have been in existence in New York State since we were founded a few hundred years ago as it relates to the utilization of maps that are on the Internet. And what it would state is that there would be a rebuttable presumption that every court could make judicial notice of any map, image, location, distance, calculation or other information taken from a map webbing service. What that means is that instead of requiring the person who is presenting the information to lay a proper foundation to establish the accuracy of that information, instead, the court would take it right off the Internet, it could take it right off the Internet, accept it as being true and shift the burden of proof on anyone to challenge it.

The problem is that some aerial mapping services were not intended to be used for court, are not in any way intended to be particularly accurate at all. And in my situation and I know it's true all across New York State we have what are known as GIS maps. They take an aerial photo which may be an accurate aerial photo. Then they superimpose multiple layers of information: Boundaries, property tax lines -- property tax lines for properties. None of that is intended to be at a level of accuracy that would be appropriate for a completely unrelated purpose.

And so, before we wholesale in the middle of the night our rules of evidence without regard to the complexities of

what's out there, I would suggest this is a bill that should have a little bit more study and a little bit more review. If it's just a photograph that we're presenting, that's one thing. If it's a GIS map that was not intended to establish boundary lines, was not intended to establish the level of detail for whatever it might be that's on there, including wetland designations, none of that was designed on those GIS maps to be particularly accurate because they weren't designed for use in the courtroom. And, therefore, we should not give a blanket authorization for the court to accept them as true and accurate for every court action and shift the burden of proof on the other side. The burden of proof, again, should remain with the person who is presenting it. That's the right way to deal with this evidence. It's admissible now, but it just needs a foundation and that's the way it should stay. For that reason, I will be voting against this change. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

Mr. Dinowitz to explain his vote.

MR. DINOWITZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Mr. Goodell. I'm just going to very briefly state that the purpose of the bill came about because we are now in a very data-driven world and we want to give the courts some guidance. There have been different decisions made regarding this type of

technology. Mr. Goodell does raise a valid point and as a result of -- well, not as a result of him raising it, but as a result of the discussion of that point, we have been speaking with the Senate. The Senate passed the bill 62-0; that is unanimous, bipartisan support for this bill. It's too late for us to amend it, but it is our intention, and we have worked with the Senate and I believe we have an agreement to make a small change in the bill dealing with the issue of rebuttable -- rebuttable -- you know what I'm saying.

(Laughter)

Rebuttable presumption. To remove that provision, because I do think that that is a point that is valid. And so, I'm hoping we pass this bill tonight. We do expect to make that alteration to the bill in the -- in the -- as soon as it's actually possible, but this really is an important bill to pass to make the court system run more smoothly given the technologies that we have now in the 21st Century. So, I'm voting yes and I would hope everybody here would vote yes. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11210, Rules Report No. 492, Committee on Rules (McDonald). An act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, in relation to exempting certain parcels of land from the provisions of law which generally restrict

manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers from sharing an interest in a liquor license.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. McDonald, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11233, Rules Report No. 493, Committee on Rules (Barrett). An act to amend the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, in relation to increasing the number of authorized land banks in the State to 35.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mrs. Barrett, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11244, Rules Report No. 494, Committee on Rules (Thiele, Hyndman, Hunter, Espinal).

An act authorizing the lease of certain land located at the State University of New York at Stony Brook; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Thiele, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A11251, Rules Report No. 495, Committee on Rules (Smith). An act in relation to permitting Mercy Haven Inc. to file an application for a real property tax exemption.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Smith, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record

the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

SPEAKER HEASTIE: Are there any other votes?

Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

(Applause)

Congratulations, Mr. Smith, on your first bill.

Mr. Kolb.

MR. KOLB: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know it's been a long week, a long year, so I'll try to be as brief as possible. First of all, Mr. Speaker, to you personally, I would like to thank you for your leadership and communication and cooperation that has been unprecedented. As you have said many times, and we also say many times, that we don't always agree on the issues, and we have our debates and we have our votes, but one of the things I really appreciate is your respect not only for myself, but for all of our members and our staff, and I just want to say thank you very much.

(Applause)

I would also like to extend my best wishes to your staff. Certainly again this year, I think the level of respect and cooperation and communication has been, I think, the best ever. And so to each and every one of the Majority staff members that have worked with our staff and our members, I also want to say thank you very much. You have been professional. We appreciate it and look

forward to even developing a stronger working bond for the people of New York. So to each and every one of you, thank you.

(Applause)

To any of my colleagues on the Majority side that are heading off to greener pastures or different pastures this year, I want to extend my best wishes to you, to your family and to whatever pursuits that you may have in your future. So, if I don't get an opportunity to see you off individually, I want to wish you all Godspeed.

Before I change over to talk a little bit briefly about our Conference -- it's tough being Irish. I didn't get a chance the other day when we recognized Mr. Morelle in the Parlor, and I just want to say as a friend, as a respected colleague, I just can't say how much of a privilege and pleasure it has been to serve with you and how much that you have done for your community, for our community in the greater Rochester area and for this entire State. And I wish you nothing but much success, good health with your family and I just want to say, Joe, I'm going to miss you.

(Applause)

I would also like to now extend my thanks and appreciation to every member of the Assembly Republican Conference staff, the men and women that work tirelessly in the background to help all of us as members be better members, and to help us with our constituents and the issues we so care -- deeply care about. So, to each and every one of the Conference staff, I want to

thank each and every one of you wherever you are, whether you're here or in your offices or at home, thank you very much for your dedication.

(Applause)

I do have three special shout-outs from our staff perspective. First and foremost, this terrific individual leader, I think the real floor leader of what's going on. She has just done an absolutely wonderful job on behalf of our Conference. Michelle Pellegrini, thank you very much.

(Applause)

Now there's this guy that works for us that -- he is one of the quietest guys you'll ever want to meet, but no one works harder on behalf of our Conference, especially at this time of year when we're dealing with local bills, and this gentleman has just put in countless amount of hours and he does it for all the right reasons, and I know, I want to speak on behalf of our members to thank Jason Kehoe for all his great work on behalf of our Conference.

(Applause)

And the last acknowledgement in terms of staff I'd like to make, I have now affectionately called her "the Pope", because she's the person that's really in charge. I'm just another pretty face that gets up and talks a lot.

(Laughter)

But this woman is our anchor for our Conference. She oversees all of our staff. She interacts with all the members. She

interacts with the Majority on a countless number of issues and she demonstrates the best amount of professionalism and goodheartedness, goodheartedness that we so desperately enjoy and so glad that she's around. Judy Skype, you're the best.

(Applause)

We're almost there. I would like to thank all my members in the Assembly Republican Conference for your dedication, for your service to our State, service to your constituents. It's not easy being outnumbered, but we certainly give up more than a good fight because we believe in what we do. We believe in our role in this State Legislature and to each and every one of my members, I want to say great job. I'm proud to serve with you and I'm proud to be your Leader, that you've entrusted me to represent our Conference and I just want to say to each and every one of you, thank you very much.

(Applause)

Just a couple more shout-outs. The two gentlemen to my left, I think I could pick four of the Majority members who you prefer to debate with, but we'll let that go to start with, but I want to thank both Ed Ra and Andy Goodell for leading the way on the debate floor on behalf of all of us. You guys did a great job. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

I would like to also acknowledge there's four of our members that are moving on: Mr. Castorina, I have to say that Mr. Titone had the best line of the day - thanks for stopping by.

(Laughter)

We want to wish you well in your next endeavor.

Certainly, Mr. Murray, who is seeking to serve on the other side of the House. We wish you nothing but the best and you will always be -- both of you will always be members of our Conference, as well as to Mr. Butler. Thank you for his many years of service and dedication to our Conference. To each and every one of you. And certainly last but not least, and some of you may or may not be familiar with this gentleman - I know we're not supposed to use props, Mr. Speaker, but I couldn't resist - Bob Oaks.

(Applause)

If you would just bear with me a few extra minutes, because I'm going to try to get through this, as well. I have known Bob prior to my arrival in the State Legislature when I was in the private sector. My business was located in Wayne County and that's where I first got to meet Bob when he took a tour of our facility and over the years and obviously serving together now for the last 18 years, I've gotten to know Bob's family. They're my family. Bob is family to me, he's like a brother. It's going to be quite an adjustment for me personally. I love every single member of our Conference, but there's a little -- always will be a special place in my heart for a guy that's been a great friend, a great listener, I think the most honest person that you will ever meet with the greatest integrity who has done nothing but serve his constituents with pride and you never, ever had to worry about Bob Oaks. He was always and always has been

and I think always will be always do the right thing and I admire him for the man he is, for the legislator he's been, for the father, husband and just terrific all-around-guy that I feel I am extremely fortunate and lucky to have in my life. Bob, I'm going to miss you, too.

(Applause)

And to close my remarks, Mr. Speaker, we have -- we still have unfinished business. I'm not going to go into these details, but we do. I am hoping that we do come back, I know that's not what we all want to hear, but there's a lot of things that we didn't finish for a variety of different reasons. So, I hope we do come back this year to take up some of that unfinished business on the State of New York, because there's legislation that members of both sides of the aisle have that we didn't complete and we need to complete it and we need to do it this year.

And with that, to all of you, each and every one of you Majority members, Minority members, it's always been an honor and privilege for me to be part of this collective Body. It is the People's House and I couldn't be more proud to serve with each and every one of you. Thank you and God bless.

(Applause)

SPEAKER HEASTIE: Thank you, Mr. Kolb, for your -- your kind words. A lot of people think that when you have Democrats, Republicans, that the discourse between you always has to be done in a tough way and, Brian, I feel the exact same way about you. You have always been a gentleman. I feel like I could always

count on you for your assistance, your understanding and it's tough sometimes when I even see you and talk to you to feel like you're an adversary, because you've been that kind of a gentleman to me personally. So, I do want to thank you -- thank you for that, as well.

(Applause)

And to all of the members of the Republican Conference, I have in, you know, my own way tried to make sure that it's a place where even if we, as I always said, if we disagree on policy, it should never really interfere with our personal relationships. And I do want to thank the members of the Republican Conference for always being warm to me, always being friendly to me, and I hope that I -- I did try to return that to you. So, I do want to thank you for your kindness and the relationship that we have, even though we have fundamental differences. Again, as I'll repeat -- Mr. McDonough who said, *It is a family here of legislators*. So, I do want to thank you all for that.

(Applause)

So to the Democratic members in the -- in the Conference, thank you again, as always, from the bottom of my heart for giving me your trust and confidence of being the Speaker of the Assembly. It's something that I've never taken lightly and I do want to thank you all for your understanding, your patience, your cooperation, your teamwork, because I do believe that the members of the Conference, with no disrespect to the Republican members, that the Democratic members of the Conference that I serve with I believe are

the finest members of any elected legislative Body not only here in the State, but in the nation. So, I do want to thank you all for your -- for what we do here.

(Applause)

So let me start to congratulate some of our team.

Helene, to you, your inaugural year as Ways and Means Chair, you did a phenomenal job. I think Denny would be very proud of you for the way that you picked up the mantle of being a phenomenal Ways and Means Chair. So, I want to thank you and congratulate you on your first year.

(Applause)

To the taller version of me, Mr. Jeff Aubry.

(Laughter)

I want to thank you as always. You bring a certain dignity and class and experience here that I think -- I know that the members in different conversations have always expressed. Someone, even when I first got here 18 short years ago, you were always someone I looked to for wisdom and conversation, so I want to thank you for that, Jeff.

(Applause)

And to all of our wonderful Chairs, and we have many, and I'm sorry, Mr. Kolb, you said you feel outnumbered so if I listed all of the wonderful Committee Chairs who served, we'd be here a little longer, but I just, as a group, I want to thank all of the Committee Chairs for your hard work, as well, and I'd like to give you

a big round of applause for all the work that you have done.

(Applause)

And let me just mention the -- the staff who has been great, has been helpful, I appreciate them. They work very, very long hours and a lot of times when we are back home in our districts or we've left this place, a lot of times the -- the staff has stayed here so I really want to begin with Lou Ann Ciccone, Julia Mallalieu and the Program and Counsel staff, I want to thank you.

(Applause)

To Blake Washington, Philip Fields, Anthony Rodolakis - I practiced your name, Anthony, I'm sorry - and the entire Ways and Means staff, I want to thank you, as well.

(Applause)

Our great legislative team of Howard Vargas, Kathleen O'Keefe, Joanne Barker and Brian Haak, again, I want to thank you for all of your counsel and guidance. I really appreciate it.

(Applause)

Joe Garba, Kim Ramos (phonetic) and the entire inter-governmental team.

(Applause)

Let's do this for the -- let me get through all the names and we can just give one big --

(Laughter)

-- big clap.

Brian Coyne, Mary-Anne Dandles, Deb Miller and

the entire Legislative Services team - don't clap, don't clap - Mike Whyland, Kerri Biche and the staff from our Press Office; Morgan Weinberg, Katie Bender in Conference Services; John Wellspeak, Ed Harris and the Assembly Maintenance team; my own staff here in Albany, Paul Upton, Isa Pollo (phonetic), John Knight, Anita, Kim; Wayne Jackson and our group of Sergeant-at-Arms.

(Applause)

They still applaud you after all these years, Wayne.

(Laughter)

Randy Bluth, the Bill Drafting Commission and the Assembly Revision team, and to many others whose hard work helps to make what we do here successful, and --

(Applause)

Yes.

Let us not forget our three colleagues who passed away recently, Denny Farrell, Frank Skartados and Michael Simanowitz. We should give them a big round of applause, as well.

(Applause)

To Anthony Brindisi - let me go through the departing members - thank you for introducing me to a food I had no idea what it was. I didn't bug you to bring me any this year, but, Anthony, you served us well. And, again, without being too partisan, we really want you to do well in your very next endeavor.

(Applause)

He's not here, but I want to acknowledge Dov Hikind

who has been a long-serving member who represented his constituents well. And when Dov got up to debate, he's someone who is very -- that you really wanted to pay attention to because he really wanted to make the points that he believed in. So, we want to wish Dov Hikind well, as well.

(Applause)

To my good friend Matt Titone, Matty, see ya.

(Laughter)

No, but, Matt, you know, when I first became Speaker and you look at the challenge of -- of a new world that I had to experience. You were somebody that I could always turn to for your calming demeanor and support and you were to me, personally, at least he was, and you were always somebody that I could count on. So I want to thank you and I want to, not being too partisan, wish you well in your endeavor.

(Applause)

Mr. Skoufis. Mr. Skoufis. Mr. Skoufis. Again, as I said, you know, you graduated from high school, you decided to run for the Assembly.

(Laughter)

So, we want to thank you for your service and, James, you're another one that no matter what the issue was, if it meant something to your constituents, you were always willing to go to the mat. And, again, without get too political, we hope to see you not too far away from this place, but...

(Applause)

And I'm even going to say some nice things about the Republicans, as well. You know, I often joke and I may have said this before that when I first was elected, I represent a district that I don't even know if it had 2,000 Republicans when I first was elected. Now, I think I have less than 1,000 Republicans and so, coming from a solidly Democratic district, I thought when I came up here, I often joked that I thought Republicans were one-eyed monsters. And I have to say, one of the people who really had me realize that you did have two eyes was Bob Oaks. And, Bob, as Brian mentioned, you've always been a gentleman. You're a guy with class. And I know I, too, am going to miss your presence here in this Chamber. So, thank you, Bob.

(Applause)

To Dean Murray. Dean actually lived across the street from -- or still lives, right? Not anymore. He used to live across the street from one of my good friends that I went to college with. And no matter how many times I tried to convince my friend Russell not to be supportive of Dean Murray, I couldn't win. So, Dean --

(Laughter)

-- you're a really good guy. He said no matter what, you're a good neighbor. So, Dean, I want to thank you, again, for your friendship over the years, as well. So, thank you.

(Applause)

And to Mr. Butler. I would really like to tell, but

since we're on camera, the name that you call me all the time, but I know it was something of affection and you are another one who is, you know, larger than life. You're just a really good, good guy and a gentleman and you, too, are another one, like I said, who helped me to be convinced that Republicans were good people. So Marc, I want to thank you for your friendship over the years and wish you well in retirement. Your wife tried to help me convince you not to retire, but she said she'll still accept you nonetheless. But, Marc, good luck in your retirement.

(Applause)

He left already? He had to get home. And to Mr. Castorina who, as they said, hasn't been here for a long time and, again, not to be political, I wish you luck, but not as much luck as Matt Titone.

(Laughter/Applause)

But, thank you Ron. Thank you.

You know, I'd like to give may *Star Trek* references, so I'm going to go back to another one and just looking out here now and seeing Joe sit in that seat and know this will probably be -- will be, could be the last time that I'll see him sitting in that seat. So, I remember the scene from again, *The Wrath of Kahn*, when Captain Kirk was, again, thought they saved the universe and the Doctor said, Jim, I think you need to get down here.

(Applause)

Wait, wait. I didn't finish my story. And so Captain

Kirk looked over and he saw that Mr. Spock's chair was empty and he knew that the world -- his world was going to change.

To say so long to one of your closest friends is one of the toughest things to do. I don't think people realize how close Joe and I -- we were close before, but I don't know if people understand how close we've gotten over the last -- the last four years and I'm personally happy for the new challenge that he's going to take on, but I'm going to miss the hell out of you, Joe Morelle, and I love you, brother.

(Applause)

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker -- press the button that says "speak".

(Laughter)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today is specially poignant for me as that this is the last time I'll rise to address this esteemed Body as a member of the New York State Assembly. It's been the honor of a lifetime to represent the people of the 136th Assembly District for what feels like an all too brief 28 years. I will be forever humbled to have served alongside some of New York's greatest public servants, and for the last six years has been an extraordinary, truly extraordinary privilege to serve as Majority Leader of the People's House.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank those individuals who have helped guide and mentor me and

who have made my time serving in the State Assembly so incredibly special. First and foremost, I want to thank my family, where everything begins and ends. I have been blessed with an amazing support system and the unconditional love of my family. That support starts with my wife and partner of 35 years, Mary Beth. She has always managed to keep me grounded. When I act out at home, she will say, *Don't Majority Leader me*. I guess she'll have to come up with a new admonition.

(Laughter)

But more importantly, she's been incredibly supportive and loving every step of this journey. I want to thank my mom, Juliette, who watches every Session at least once, often many times more than once. Hi mom. Our children, my son, Joseph, and daughter-in-law, Nicole; my son Nicholas; and my daughter, Lauren, who is always with our family in spirit, my son-in-law Nate. And I thank my grandchildren, Arabella, Jonas and Harper. They are all constant reminders of the importance of our work in public service and that what we do in this Chamber matters to both current and future generations.

Very early on in my career, I learned the limitations on legislators and recognized that I needed to surround myself with great, talented staff. I'm truly fortunate and blessed to have had privilege and distinction to know and serve alongside some of the brightest and hardest working public servants in all of government. The incredible men and women have made innumerable sacrifices in

the name of making the Assembly work for the people of the State of New York. They do so much of the work that goes unrecognized. They are truly the glue that holds this institution together.

In that vein, I would like to especially thank and recognize my boss, Brian Coyne.

(Laughter/Applause)

I do want to thank him for his -- his patience and his incredible friendship. The fact that he does more steps on his charge by breakfast than I do in several days is annoying, but he is an amazing individual and I've had the -- the great privilege to sit next to him for the last six years, and we have had an amazing friendship.

I want to thank the entire staff for all the work they do every day in service to the people of New York, no matter where they work. Majority staff, Minority staff, Speaker's staff, Program and Counsel, Communications Services, Counsel's Office, Clerk's Office, Sergeant-at-Arms, Members Lounge, everyone in between, front desk, you are amazing, amazing people and it's been my joy to serve with you and I want thank you all of you for the incredible work you do.

(Applause)

To my dear friend, the Speaker Pro Tem, who has now said "Mr. Morelle" more times than anyone in the known civilization history of the world. So, there will be new names to call out, but I have loved every time I've heard you say my name, Mr. Aubry. Thank you so much. God bless you.

(Applause)

To my dear friend, Helene, who just whispered to me that she became Chair of Ways and Means and Bob Oaks left and she sits next to me and I'm leaving, so she's feeling abandoned, but she has been a breath of fresh air and a tremendous leader of the Ways and Means Committee and a dear friend, Helene Weinstein.

(Applause)

And to the incomparable Deputy Speaker, Earlene Hooper, who I -- while Helene is off doing hearings, there's just this little space between us and I will miss her dearly, her sense of humor and her passion for her job. Deputy Speaker Earlene Hooper.

(Applause)

And I would be remiss if I didn't mention me -- my three remaining classmates, Bill Magee, Deborah Glick and Vivian Cook, who came in with me in January of 1991 and are incredible friends. And I give Mrs. Cook a kiss every day for having my back. So, could you please say thanks to my colleagues and my classmates.

(Applause)

And I do want to extend a heartfelt thanks to my Assembly colleagues on both sides of the aisle. They're amazing people, unbelievably gracious. Your comments over the last several days and weeks, I will never forget. I will always be grateful to the members of our Assembly family for your patience as I call your names when you sit there and don't vote --

(Laughter)

-- for allowing me to give you history lessons every

morning and for a few "Did you knows". But I'm incredibly grateful to you for your unwavering friendship and your support throughout my years here. I will always cherish the moments we have shared together, and I truly love you all.

(Applause)

I want to thank the Minority Leader, Brian Kolb, for being a true professional, an incredible gentleman, a great leader and an even greater friend. I love you, Brian Kolb.

(Applause)

I want to thank Andy and Ed for their collegiality, their friendship, their working together, their partnership. It's been an amazing year and I couldn't be more grateful for your cooperation. Thank you.

(Applause)

And last, but certainly not least, I want to thank you, Mr. Speaker. Throughout our years of service, you have always shown me incredible kindness and respect. During our time serving together in leadership, you placed enormous faith, trust and confidence in me. In moments of personal adversity -- adversity, you were always nearby ready to demonstrate your devotion and to offer words of comfort. But more than any of these things, you have been my dear, dear friend and no words can properly express the affection and the admiration I will always have for you. So, Captain, as your First Officer, I will simply say thank you from the very bottom of my heart.

(Applause)

And let me close with this: Friends, together we have all accomplished much and, yet, much remains to be accomplished. Great challenges lie ahead and our nation continues to face uncertain times; however, I do know that the people of New York take heart in the certainty of the work that's done in the New York State Assembly. I have great faith that each and every member of this House will continue to honor the spirit of the People's House through your efforts to build a better New York and uplift every child, every family, every individual who calls our State home. It's my sincere hope and desire that some day, hopefully in the not too distant future, our paths will cross again; however, until that day, we'll all remain ever committed to serving, advancing and protecting the unique and diverse interests of all the people who call the Empire State home. I'm leaving the Assembly, but I promise you I'm not leaving the fight. May God bless you, may God bless this great institution and with much love, I thank you all.

(Applause)

Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: Mr. Speaker, do we have any further housekeeping or resolutions?

SPEAKER HEASTIE: One piece of housekeeping on the main Calendar.

On a motion by Ms. Paulin, page 31, Calendar No. 4, Bill No. 34-A, the amendments are received and adopted.

We have a number of fine resolutions. We can take them all up at once. All those in favor signify by saying aye; the resolutions are adopted.

(Whereupon, Assembly Resolution Nos. 1414-1419 and 1426 were unanimously approved.)

For maybe the final time, Mr. Morelle.

MR. MORELLE: I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned until Thursday, June 21st, tomorrow will be a legislative day, and you shall all reconvene at the call of the Speaker. God bless you.

(Applause)

SPEAKER HEASTIE: The House stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 11:06 p.m., the Assembly stood adjourned until Thursday, June 21st, Thursday being a legislative day, and to reconvene at the call of the Speaker.)