

THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2019

10:31 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 Wednesday, March 6th.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, I move to dispense with the further reading of the Journal of March the 6th and ask that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Without objection, so ordered.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to take an opportunity to share a quote that I think could be meaningful to both my colleagues and guests that are in the Chambers as well as staff. It is from the young lady by the name of Rachel Carson. She is both an author and a biologist. And she says, "Those who contemplate the beauty of the Earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life last."

With that Mr. Speaker, I wanted to bring to the members' attention that there is a main Calendar on the desk. After any introductions and/or housekeepings, we will continue our consent of new bills, beginning with Calendar No. 87, it's on page 11. And for my Majority colleagues, there will definitely be a need for Democratic Conference immediately following Session today. And, of course, as always, Mr. Speaker, we'll consult with the Minority to see if they have a similar need.

With that as a general outline, if there are any further introductions and/or housekeepings, now would be a great time. And thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mrs.

Peoples-Stokes.

For the purposes of a [sic] introduction, Ms. Walsh.

MS. WALSH: Thank you. Good morning, Mr. Speaker. I'm here today very proud to introduce for the third consecutive year, the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Class B Cross-Country Team Champions for the Section II Championship, their eighth State Championship, and as I said, the third consecutive year that they've been to the Capitol to be honored for their achievement. So, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake is my home school district, and so I'm particularly proud to introduce them and recognize their accomplishment, all the young men, some are seniors and will be leaving, but no pressure; we've already decided to book them for next year.

(Laughter)

So, congratulations to all the members of the team on your accomplishment, and to Coach Chip Button for your leadership and -- and help with the team.

And Mr. Speaker, if you could extend the honors and privileges of the floor, I'd be appreciative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Walsh, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome this extraordinary team here to the New York State Assembly, extend to you the privileges of the floor. Our congratulations to you as competitors and to your coach for his leadership. We hope that your -- those of you going on to college will enjoy and benefit from this

experience and lead you on to greater ones as you move in your life. Thank you, and know that you're always welcome here. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

Ms. -- Ms. Walsh for a second.

MS. WALSH: Yes, I have a -- I have two introductions today. I'd like to introduce to my colleagues and members of the Assembly, my son, Terry Hynes, who's joining me today in the Chamber. Although I was an attorney when I had Terry, having Terry changed me into an advocate. Terry taught me how to be an advocate. I know that I would not be here in the Assembly doing the work that I'm doing had I not also been Terry's mother. So, I'm enormously proud of him, and I'm so glad that he is spending the day with me. So, if you would please welcome my son to the Chamber, I'd be very grateful.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of your mother, the Speaker and all the members, you are certainly welcome here to the New York State Assembly. You're family, so you always have the privileges of the floor. And that's high praise from your mom to indicate how you've changed her life. I'm sure she's been more than a positive influence on yours. Good luck, continue to do well, and always know that you're welcome here. Thank you so much.

(Applause)

Resolutions on page 3, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 155, Ms. Rosenthal. Legislation Resolution memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2019 as Problem Gambling 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.

(Pause)

Page 11, Calendar No. 87, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05505, Calendar No. 87, Thiele, Jacobson, Burke, D'Urso. An act to amend the General City Law, the Town Law and the Village Law, in relation to identifying lands at risk from sea level rise or flooding as eligible sending 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.)

Members are reminded that this is the first vote of the day. If you are in your seats, please vote now. If you are in the sound of our voices, please come to the Chamber and vote.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05604, Calendar No. 88, O'Donnell, Seawright, De La Rosa. An act to amend the Estates, Powers and Trusts Law and the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act, in relation to making technical corrections related to marriage equality.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05610, Calendar No. 89, Weinstein, Dinowitz, Seawright, Colton, Abinanti, Weprin, Steck, M. G. Miller, Englebright, Gottfried, D'Urso, Jaffee, Zebrowski, Taylor, Wright. An act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules, in relation to vacating arbitration awards on the basis of arbitrator disregard of the law.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: 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. A05636, Calendar No. 90, Galef, Paulin, Lupardo, Jaffee, Otis, Abinanti. An act to amend the Public Officers Law, in relation to the ability of government

agencies in New York to claim copyright protection.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05979-A, Calendar No. 91, Jones, Jacobson, Woerner, D'Urso. An act to amend the Election Law, in relation to signatures for designating petitions for certain political subdivisions; and providing for the repeal of such 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.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: I don't think that many of us remember a day in the Chambers when our very own --

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Shh. Ladies and gentlemen, shh, please. Thank you.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: I don't think, Mr. Speaker, many of us can remember a day in our Chambers when our very own Wayne Jackson was not here. He is not here today, so I want to honor Tiara Conklin, who is standing in his stead here today.

(Applause)

With that, Mr. Speaker, if you could call on Mr. Otis for an announcement.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Otis for the purposes of a [sic] announcement.

MR. OTIS: Immediately following the conclusion of Session, there will be a Democratic Conference in the Speaker's Conference Room.

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

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, do you have any further housekeeping or resolutions?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Resolutions, we certainly have. Fine resolutions, which we will take up with one vote. On the resolutions, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolutions are adopted.

(Whereupon, Assembly Resolution Nos. 156-159 were unanimously approved.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned until Friday, March 8th, tomorrow being a legislative day, and that we reconvene at 2:00 p.m. on March the 11th, that being Monday a Session day. Majority members should be aware that there will be a Conference at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, that Session day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

Be safe, be home.

The Assembly stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 11:00 a.m., the Assembly stood adjourned until Friday, March 9th, Friday being a Legislative day, and to reconvene on Monday, March 11th at 12:00 p.m., Monday being a Session day.)