

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021

2:35 P.M.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come to order.

The Reverend Elia will offer a prayer.

REVEREND DONNA ELIA: Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, we pause to reflect upon Your goodness. We thank You for this day and for the vital work of this legislative Body. Thank You for the sacredness of work and the opportunity and privilege of making a difference in the lives of others. Thank You for the call to public service and the opportunity it brings to contribute to honor and justice. On this International Women's Day and in this Women's History Month, we pray for women everywhere that all women may have equal opportunities for education and for lives of respect and dignity. We are particularly grateful for women in leadership. Thank

You for each Assemblywoman and each staff woman. We are mindful of the sacrifices of those who have gone before to bring about this day when daughters as well as sons aspire to leadership. As this meeting of the Assembly convenes, inspire and guide them with Your wisdom, energy and love. When new vision is needed, make it possible. When a large measure of problem-solving skill is critical, pour it out in abundance. When resources are strained, find a way, O Holy One, to expand and renew them. Strengthen the weak and give good health to any who feel unwell. Bless their families and communities, and let the voices of the marginalized be heard. One more thing we ask, O Holy One, grant all of us open minds and hearts. In Your Holy name we pray, Amen.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Amen.

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 Sunday, March 7th.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, I move to dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Sunday, March the 7th and ask that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Without objection, so ordered.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr.

Speaker. Clearly, this is Women's History Month so I'm going to be quoting today from another really great woman in history of -- of America. Her name is Madam C. J. Walker. She was born in 1867 and she lived until 1919. She was an African-American entrepreneur, philanthropist, a political and social activist. She is recorded as the first female self-made millionaire in the Guinness World Book of Records [sic]. Madam C. J. Walker shares with us today, *I want you to understand that your first duty is to humanity. I want others to look at us and see that we care not just about ourselves, but about others.* So we want to thank her for those words she left. She left a great legacy.

I want to also let members know you have on your desk a Calendar, a main Calendar. It has 17 new bills on it, Mr. Speaker, and they begin with Calendar No. 137. And after there are introductions and/or housekeeping, we're going to start our work with Calendar resolutions by Mrs. Barrett and by Mr. Cymbrowitz. Mrs. Barrett's resolution is commemorating Women's History Month, so of course, Mrs. Barrett will be making comments and there may be other members who might like to do likewise. Our principal work for today will be to continue consenting where we left off on the Calendar, beginning with Calendar No. 117, which is actually on page 18. And we're going to go straight through to Calendar No. 135. We're also going to take up Rules Report No. 29 by Mr. Abinanti, which is on

page 8. Members should certainly be aware, Majority members, that there will be a need for a conference immediately following Session today. And as always, we will talk with our colleagues on the other side of the aisle to determine what their needs may be.

Mr. Speaker, that -- that's the general outline of where we're going to go today in our floor work. If there's housekeeping that we should take up at this time, now would be appropriate. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: No housekeeping, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes. And so we will go to page 3, Assembly print 89, resolutions.

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 89, Mrs. Barrett.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2021 as Women's History Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mrs. Barrett on the resolution.

MRS. BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On the resolution. It has only been since 1987 that March was recognized as Women's History Month in our country. International Women's Day, which is today, March 8th, has a longer history. It was first celebrated in 1911 in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland, and the United States -- United Nations made it official in 1975. But none of

this diminishes the significant roles that women have played in every field and at every moment in our country's history. Women's stories were always found in the letters, the diaries, the family bibles, if not in the formal history books that many of us were deceptively told held the whole story of American history. Women's stories were shared by word of mouth in every culture, ethnic background and community between mothers and daughters, grandmothers and granddaughters, sisters and friends. Every generation thinks they are the first to feel passionately about an issue. To step up, to advocate, to recognize a wrong and try to right it. But pausing to look at our history to remember the shoulders on which we stand is what I believe having a special month set aside is all about. Each year during Women's History Month my office has published a booklet that tells ten different stories of women who are no longer with us, but who lived for some period in their lives in Dutchess or Columbia Counties, the two counties that I represent. And they've made a difference in our communities, our State or our country. We distribute these booklets through public and school libraries in our district in partnership with the Mid-Hudson Library District so that girls and boys growing up today can learn about these remarkable women from their own communities who made a difference.

Here in the New York State Legislature we are preceded by formidable women who came before us and who fought for actually very familiar issues ranging from the welfare of children to fair rent for immigrants. Two of these women - Mary Lilly, a

Democrat, and Marguerite Smith, a Republican - served in 1919 and 1920 respectively, and those were their priorities then. Today we are in a moment in history that demands we recommit to the furtherance of women's rights, but that also demands that we ensure that the strides made already are not degraded. We cannot take our progress for granted. We must learn and remember the lessons of the past. We simply would not be where we are today without the incredible women who came before. Clearly, there is still much work to be done. The challenges of creating an equitable society, a level playing field and a safe working environment for everyone is essential work, and it's not work that women can or should do alone. We should all be very proud that this 244th Legislative Session begins with an historically high number of 73 elected women in the New York State Legislature; 55 women in the New York State Assembly and 18 women in the New York State Senate. These numbers are a culmination of the efforts made by courageous women that came before, those of us who are serving now, many of whom broke our own glass ceilings and fought for the rights, opportunities and protections that have made it possible for a record number of first-ever women to be elected to our House and to every level of government across the country. Writer and activist Gloria Steinem, now age 86, has famously said, quote, "People now ask me if I'm passing the torch. I always explain that no, I'm keeping my torch, thank you very much, and I'm using it to light the torches of others."

Happy Women's History Month. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Ms. Glick on the resolution.

MS. GLICK: Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. I am very proud to support this resolution. I -- I'm reminded that women have not been included in most histories in most countries. And it is important for us to reflect upon the women who went before us. Many of us marveled at the movie *Hidden Figures* because it was not history we had been taught. We didn't know of the women of NASA who made the space program a reality as much as any of the men. I reflect upon the fact that when my mother was born, women didn't have the right to vote. And that when I went to college, women did not have the right to choose. It is wonderful that we have seen a significant increase in the number of women who have joined us in the State Legislature. But the issues that confront women, whether it is a subminimum wage for women working in restaurants or the lack of child care, our society will not reach its full potential unless women are given the same opportunities. And so we want to write new history. We want to be certain that women in the future look back on these days as a dramatic change from the past and a continuation of the struggle for equality. I am so proud of the women that I have known who are no longer with us who fought for every aspect of women's equality, and I hope that we will commemorate women's history this year by ensuring that all of the women in our districts are aware of the special history that exists in each of our communities. And I commend all of my colleagues for the work they do every day,

many of them with significant responsibilities for their families. And I commend the sponsor of this resolution who spoke so eloquently about the importance of women's history.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Ms. Walsh on the resolution.

MS. WALSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to also support this fine resolution recognizing March as Women's History Month in the State of New York. I -- I'm a proud member of the Legislative Women's Caucus. I was very struck last week when somebody said - I can't remember who it was - that we are living history right now. We're certainly living through an unprecedented time. We're living history. And I was thinking about the -- last year, right before everything kind of shut down, I was able to hold my first Women of Distinction program within my own district where I could recognize women who had really contributed greatly to -- to their communities. I'm sad I can't do it this year, hopefully next year I can. I -- I'm proudly the first generation in my family to have completed high school, to have completed college, to have completed law school. And it reminded me of this poem that I just wanted to share with everybody. It's by a woman named Rupi Kaur. And she says, *I stand on the sacrifices of a million women before me thinking what can I do to make this mountain taller so the women after me can see farther.*

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Ms. Giglio.

MS. GIGLIO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I would like to thank the sponsor for putting forth this resolution today. Today we recognize Women's Day [sic] not just here in the State of New York, but globally, as we highlight and celebrate the many great achievements of women. This year's theme is "Choose to Challenge." And I can assure you that we will be at the forefront of the social, economic, cultural and political forces that will change our planet for the better. Since 1911 when our organizers gathered for the first time to raise awareness of equality issues, we've been an indefatigable force for achievement, parity and charity. I stand here as a proud supporter of women in government, sports, education, industry, technology, healthcare and the many other diverse undertakings where we leave our mark on society each and every day.

Long live International Women's Day and the many devoted, hardworking and conscientious people who support its cause. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Ms. Kelles.

MS. KELLES: I wanted to thank the sponsor for bringing this very important resolution forward. This month is Women's History Month, and March 8th is International Women's Day. I rise to honor all the women who have come before us and trailblazed a path towards gender equity. In July of 1848, Seneca Falls, New York was the site of the first national convention on the

need for women's rights. This convention and a second one held two weeks later in Rochester helped launch the suffragist movement in the U.S. This was an important step in the right direction, though we must also remember that the voices of women of color were most often excluded from these conversations. And though some women were given the right to vote in 1917, many southern states effectively denied the right to vote to women of color until 1965. We are on a road to the right outcome that we all are seeking. Women represent almost 51 percent of the population, and yet we are still fighting for equal gender rights, wage equity and the right to make decisions for our bodies that have no impact on public health, like the right to carry a new life. We are not there yet. And I want to note what this pandemic has highlighted. Women have disproportionately shouldered the burden of increased childcare duties. Many have reduced their hours, and with it, their salaries. Huge numbers of women have left the workforce altogether. In September, as families across the U.S. navigated distance learning, 80 percent of the 1.1 million people who left the workforce were women. Recent estimates by McKinsey and Oxford Economics estimate that the number of women in the workforce may not recover to pre-pandemic levels until 2024, two years later than the expected date of job force recovery for men. Women have also disproportionately been the victim of significantly escalated domestic violence. I do not share these facts to bring down the room in darkness, but to note that these are the facts that women face, and yet we stand. We push forward. We fight. And

we continue to pave the way to what is right, truth and equity. The truth is power and it must be seen as nothing more or less than what must be addressed to create the society we all say we want. I stand with women colleagues, and as so eloquently stated by Malala Yousafzai, state, *I raise up my voice not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard. We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back.* Right at this moment in time I call on all women to raise up all women to be our best selves and hold empathy, patience and collaboration as our highest and innate ideals to demand from society what we know all young women -- women need from us, to be the trailblazers of those women yet to come.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Ms. Fahy.

MS. FAHY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I, too, commend the sponsor for bringing this important resolution. As busy as we are this month with the budget it is important that we take a few moments to celebrate. To celebrate women's history, to celebrate International Women's Day. I, too, like many of the -- the speakers we just heard from, I too, look at the glass half full. My mother never even had a chance to go to high school, so I'm -- I'm a first on -- on many levels. First in high school, first in college. Certainly, the first to -- to hold my Assembly seat, the Capital District seat. And it is a -- a reminder today to appreciate how far we have come. And I like to say, I -- I try to look at the glass half full. Despite all the obstacles

that are there and despite all the work we have ahead, the glass is half full. I also remind myself, as you heard so many others referenced, we stand on those shoulders. We stand on those -- the shoulders of so many women who came before us. And as you heard, we've seen some setbacks. We've seen some setbacks just in the last year with COVID of women being once again knocked out of the workforce in order to be the primary caregivers for their families. So we continue to have challenges, we continue to have wage disparity. We've talked a lot about the workplace in the last few weeks and the importance of -- of having a healthy and safe workplace. Yes, lots of obstacles, lots of work ahead. But this is a moment to celebrate and a moment to remind ourselves that we must continue to be an inspiration for the women coming behind us, the -- the young women, and continue to grow that glass such that that glass keeps filling up and that we continue to work with all women internationally and here within our State so that we continue to -- to lift them up.

So, thank you again to the sponsor, to the Speaker for bringing this forward. It is a moment to stop and reflect on some of the good things as we continue to plow ahead and work on the obstacles that we know continue to be there, but we've made tremendous progress. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Ms. Simon.

MS. SIMON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to commend the sponsor of this resolution who spoke so eloquently

about women's history, how far we've come, how long it has taken us to get where we are, and to just remember and honor those women who came before us. I'm -- I'd note that in Brooklyn we now have nine women in the Assembly representing -- coming from Brooklyn and I'm very proud to be part of that august group. And I also want to recognize some of the -- the women from Brooklyn who have gone before us and who have contributed so much to our history. People like the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Barbara Streisand, Rosie Perez, Mary Tyler Moore and the great Lena Horne. And obviously, we all remember the late Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, who famously said, *If there's no room for you at the table, pull up a folding chair*. And so many of us have pulled up those folding chairs. And we're working together to advance the lives and center the lives and opportunities of girls and women so that in the future women will not need to pull up a folding chair in order to fit in anywhere, and to recognize that we all stand on the shoulders of so many hidden figures. Those women that we don't know anything about who participated and really led and kept their families together and kept this country together.

So, again, I just want to say that I'm so grateful to be here and to give honor to the women who came before us and the women who are with us today that are fighting this battle and the women who are yet to come. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Ms. Seawright.

MS. SEAWRIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm honored to rise today to support this resolution and to thank the sponsor and to express my gratitude for all the women that came before us, like Governor Ann Richards and Barbara Jordan and Sarah Weddington and so many women. We lost this year Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who famously said, *Every constitution has the Equal Rights Amendment, but ours does not*. And women will never have complete equality until we get the ERA at the Federal level.

So, Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to speak on this resolution and again thank my colleagues for supporting it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me the opportunity to speak on this resolution. This is critically important, as it's taking two opportunities to celebrate women both in Women's History Month as well as International Women's Day. I certainly do want to add my voice to those who have talked about how eloquently Mrs. Barrett spoke on this resolution and thank her for submitting it. Clearly, you know, most of us as women have had a lot of women to pour love into our lives in a lot of different sectors. And so, you know, there's the saying that if you say their names than you'll never forget how they poured into your life. So, I just want to repeat the names of some women who poured into my life and made it possible for me to stand strong and stand strong today. I'm going to start with Emma Richardson, Ella Davis, Vera

Richardson, Clara Davis, Minnie Gillette, Joan Bowser, Julie Fisher, Jan Peters, Harriet Tubman, Madam C.J. Walker, Hillary Clinton, Jane Griffin, Janet Duprey, Mrs. Angelo - my first grade teacher - Eunice Leung, Vivian Cook, Aurelia Greene, Beverly Gray and Genevieve Scruggs. That's just a few of the many who poured deeply into my life and I will always be appreciative of them.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

On the resolution, all those in favor please signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 90, Mr. Cymbrowitz.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2020 as Colorectal Cancer 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.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, if we can now go to page 8 and take up Rules Report No. 29 by Mr. Abinanti.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05844-A, Rules Report No. 29, Abinanti, Sayegh, Otis. An act to amend the Election Law, in relation to the number of signatures of enrolled voters needed

on a designating petition for any town office to be filled by all the voters of certain towns; relates to the number of signatures required on a designating petition for a village election; and to provide for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Norris.

MR. NORRIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the sponsor yield for a couple of questions?

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

MR. ABINANTI: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will gladly.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The sponsor yields, Mr. Norris.

MR. NORRIS: Thank you, Mr. Abinanti. My first question is, did we not already reduce the number of signatures needed for designating petitions by 70 percent this year?

MR. ABINANTI: Excuse me?

MR. NORRIS: Have we already reduced the number of signatures required by 70 percent for designating petitions this year?

MR. ABINANTI: Yes, we did in general, and we've also provided some other limits in addition to that for cities.

MR. NORRIS: And what is the purpose, then, for the reduction -- further reduction in your bill?

MR. ABINANTI: Well, if you look across the State you will see that there are various caps in addition to the 1.5 percent

requirement to get on the ballot. So if you have a larger community and have a lot of members enrolled in one particular party or the other, you do not have to achieve the 1.5 percent. Instead, you could use another cap, for example, there's some very large communities out on Long Island where instead of getting 1.5 percent they use either the Senate or the congressional cap so the per-person requirement for signatures to access the ballot for a political party is far less than 1.5 percent. In reviewing that we found that towns in the State that were less than 100,000 were actually requiring more signatures per enrolled voter than in other places in the State. So this is an attempt to equalize that so that those people in the smaller towns, under 100,000, are not required to go out and get more signatures per enrollee than people in the rest of the State.

MR. NORRIS: I could understand to a certain point some of the towns that may be a little larger in the category. But is it -- my understanding in the bill that it's two times the number of election districts per town or 300 people or less, is that correct? Whichever is less. Would that be right?

MR. ABINANTI: If you use the Senate as the cap, yes.

MR. NORRIS: Okay. But -- so I'll give you an example. So, if you have a town -- where I live, for example -- with only two election districts, there would only be four signatures to get on the ballot for any line, particularly the major party lines.

MR. ABINANTI: For a town-wide office, yes. We

are trying -- what -- what we're talking about is access to the ballot by candidates for a political -- particular political party. We're trying to stop people from going out and knocking on doors. We -- if it -- we're finding across the State there are very few primaries, so the concept here is let both political parties get their candidates on the ballot and not have ballot contests, but rather let's have elections. We have found -- let me give you some examples of what I'm talking about here. In my Town of Greenburgh, the Democrats need 300 signatures. This would reduce it down to 162 signatures. In the Town of Yorktown, the Republicans would require 125 signatures. This would reduce it to 86 signatures. So it works for both political parties, though the other parties, the Conservatives and the Working Families Party, already require one, two signatures so they don't need this -- this alternative. But we're figuring that 300 signatures is a lot. Even, as I said, you know, in -- in Yorktown, 125 signatures even though there's a lot of Republicans in that town. That requires a lot of people to go out and get signatures. We're trying to diminish the face-to-face contact and let's move on from that and let's get people on the ballot.

MR. NORRIS: Did you make an amendment or someone make an amendment since we've debated it in the Election Law Committee to remove the 25,000-person threshold?

MR. ABINANTI: I'm sorry, that's not mine. I'm not quite sure what you're talking about.

MR. NORRIS: Okay. I -- I -- I thought that I saw -- we had -- in the original bill that we debated in the Election Law

Committee there was up to 25,000, which would be 150, and then from 25,000 to 100,000 it'll be 300 as a lower --

MR. ABINANTI: Yes, we originally were trying to -- to model after the small cities legislation, but we found it wasn't reducing the number of signatures for the towns the way it reduced it for the cities. Just the way the numbers work out it just wasn't as effective. So we just went with this. This was a much easier approach. It applies to everybody equally and it -- it really does reduce the number of signatures that are needed. As I said, we're trying to stop unnecessary contact. We don't want people knocking on doors of strangers or standing in supermarkets trying to, you know, holding a piece of paper asking people to please sign, et cetera.

MR. NORRIS: Okay.

MR. ABINANTI: And it benefits the two major political parties. The small parties don't need it already because they have so few signatures that they have to get.

MR. NORRIS: Okay. Thank you very -- very much, Mr. Abinanti.

MR. ABINANTI: Okay.

MR. NORRIS: On the bill, please.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the bill, sir.

MR. NORRIS: My major concern about this bill is when we've already taken action within this Body to reduce the number of signatures that are required for the designating petition by 70 percent. We have also reduced the Independent party nominating

petition by 50 percent. And for some of us who come from smaller counties, for example, or smaller towns, it is a very serious reduction. And there has to be a balance to make sure you test the viability of a candidacy to get on the ballot. You know, if in that particular town that I spoke of earlier with two election districts, literally a candidate could just go to their family members, some in their own household, and get four signatures to get on the ballot. So really, there should be a balance. I think we've already done that by reducing the numbers by 70 percent. And in those particular cases like I just mentioned or in my hometown where there's 16 election districts, you'd only now need 32 signatures to get on the ballot when you normally would need about 250 in a normal year.

So, for those concerns, I will be voting in the negative. I understand, Mr. Abinanti, your concerns about COVID and I believe it has already been addressed due to the previous legislation that we already adopted. So, for those reasons, I will be voting in the negative and I encourage my colleagues to do the same. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print A.5844-A. This is a Party vote. Any member who wishes to be recorded as an exception to their Conference position is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority

Leader at the numbers previously provided.

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir. The Republican Conference will be generally voting no on this legislation. But any members that would like to vote yes are encouraged to call the Minority Leader's Office and let us know. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to remind my colleagues that as a party we will be voting in the affirmative on this one. If there are exceptions, folks should feel free to contact the Majority Leader's Office and we will so properly record your vote.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you so very much.

Remember, this is the first vote of the day. Even if you're home in the comfort of your living room.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Abinanti to explain his vote.

MR. ABINANTI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This legislation furthers the goal that we have had to reduce contact between individuals in this COVID pandemic time. We have previously reduced the number of signatures for a candidate of a political party to get on the ballot to 1.5 percent of the party enrollment. But we find that in many cases, particularly in the smaller

towns, the -- that number is still a lot. So this provides an alternative. It allows for the lower number to be two signatures per election district. That is a good decrease. It still requires in many cases a lot of signatures, but it's far less than the signatures that are required under the present law. One example is my Town of Greenburgh with 1.5 percent would require 300 signatures. Under this legislation this town would require 162 Democratic signatures. Let me take the other side. In Yorktown, the Town of Yorktown, the Republican party with -- under the present law would be required to -- to get 125 signatures. Under this legislation it would be reduced to 86 signatures. We believe that that is still a significant showing of support for a candidate to get on the ballot, and at the same time it reduces the number of contacts between individuals, which is our goal, which is what we're trying to do everywhere in the State. Health is very important. We want to promote health. We don't want people to catch COVID just because we're trying to keep our Democracy going.

So I urge my colleagues to vote for this. This applies to towns that are less than 100,000 people, and I -- we believe that this is a -- this one-year fix is appropriate during this pandemic and I urge my colleagues to vote yes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Abinanti in the affirmative.

Mr. Burdick.

MR. BURDICK: I want to thank the sponsor for bringing this bill forward and the Speaker for bringing it to the floor.

This entailed a fair deal of perseverance on the part of Mr. Abinanti. This is extremely important to smaller towns like those in my district, and as Mr. Abinanti has explained in detail, we want to continue to do everything we can to prevent the spread of COVID and this is important to that objective.

I will be voting in the affirmative. And again, my thanks.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Burdick in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 18, Calendar No. 117, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00259-A, Calendar No. 117, Gottfried, Paulin, Solages, Dickens, Seawright, Thiele, Simon, Aubry, Galef, Bronson, Barron. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to accreditation, approval and operation of midwifery birth centers.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Calendar No. A.259-A. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A00950-A, Calendar No. 118, Pheffer Amato, Jones, Cook, Wallace, Benedetto, Griffin, Fernandez, Zinerman. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to homeowners insurance deductibles triggers.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01158, Calendar No. 119, Peoples-Stokes, Cook, Gottfried, Richardson, Zinerman. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to institution of court actions.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01395, Calendar No. 120, Perry. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to group policies for certain motor vehicles engaged in the business of carrying or transporting passengers for hire.

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 immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Senate print S.895. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the

Majority or Minority Leaders at the number previously provided.

(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. A01918, Calendar No. 121, O'Donnell. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to requiring the disclosure of disabled tenants' rights to reasonable accommodations; and to repeal certain provisions of such law related thereto.

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 immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Senate print 867. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A01919, Calendar No. 122, Otis, Zinerman. An act to amend the Labor Law, in relation to

written notice requirements for mass layoffs.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Otis, 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 on Senate print 2074. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the number previously provided.

(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. A01933, Calendar No. 123, Galef, Peoples-Stokes, Gottfried, Paulin, Dinowitz, Abinanti, L. Rosenthal, Weprin, Glick, Thiele, Barron, Carroll, Colton, De La Rosa, Fahy, Jacobson, Jones, Norris, Quart, Santabarbara, Seawright, Simon, Stirpe, Taylor, Lawler, Zinerman, J.D. Rivera, Griffin, Burdick, Jackson, Otis, Rajkumar. An act to amend the Real Property Law, in relation to the installation or use of solar power systems within a homeowners' association.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01994, Calendar No.

124, Cruz, Barron, Otis, Rajkumar, Clark, McDonald. An act to amend the Elder Law, the Executive Law and the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to incorporating identity theft into the definition of elder abuse for purposes of support services and programs for elder persons.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Cruz, 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 on Senate print 1560. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A02684, Calendar No. 125, Galef, Zinerman, Otis. An act to amend the Public Service Law, in relation to including nuclear power reactors as part of the definition of "electric plant"; to provide for employees of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant to be paid certain wages in the event such plant is sold, transferred or leased; and to repeal certain provisions of the Labor Law and the Public Service Law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mrs.

Galef, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03050, Calendar No. 126, Fahy, Simon. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to requiring certain professionals to provide and the State Education Department to collect information about the practice of their professions; and repealing certain provisions of such law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: 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 AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Senate print 3543. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A03203-A, Calendar No. 127, McDonald, Galef, Stirpe, Fahy, Steck, Montesano, Simon, Cahill, M. Miller, Colton, Gottfried, Morinello, Ashby, Pichardo, Lupardo, Otis. An act to amend the Public Buildings Law, in relation to the authority of the Commissioner of General Services to lease

public buildings.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03970, Calendar No. 128, Abinanti, Barron, Zinerman. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to notifying local officials of the occurrence of certain emergency situations.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04499, Calendar No. 129, Galef, Paulin, Abinanti, Otis, Lupardo. 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. A04572, Calendar No. 130, Gottfried, Barron. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to newborn screening for adrenoleukodystrophy and glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency.

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 on Assembly print 4572. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04613, Calendar No. 131, Lupardo. An act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law, in relation to the Task Force on Improving Urban and Rural Consumer Access to Locally Produced, Healthy Foods; 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 on Assembly print 4613. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A05127, Calendar No. 132, Benedetto, Jackson, Anderson. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to allowing the administration of certain prescribed medications by trained unlicensed school personnel.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Benedetto, 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 on Senate print 1239. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05414, Calendar No. 133, L. Rosenthal, Barron, Zinerman. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to allowing persons applying for or receiving public assistance to be interviewed by phone.

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 immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Senate print 3223-A. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A05469, Calendar No.

135, Englebright, Peoples-Stokes, Glick, Galef, Abinanti, Seawright, Lupardo, Zinerman. An act to amend the Public Officers Law, in relation to defining the terms "retiree" and "beneficiary" within the Freedom of Information Law.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.
Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: It does not appear that we have either, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: I now -- I move that the Assembly stand adjourned until 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March the 9th, tomorrow being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: What a difference a day makes. The Assembly stands adjourned.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Ms. Hunter needs to make an announcement. I apologize.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Before we leave, Ms. Hunter will tell us -- I'll take that back.

Ms. Hunter, do you have an announcement for us?

MS. HUNTER: I do have an announcement for Majority members --

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: We wait with bated breath.

MS. HUNTER: -- Mr. Speaker. Bated breath. Yes,

on a beautiful sunny Monday afternoon there will be a need for a Majority Conference immediately after the adjournment of our Session today.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: A Majority Conference at adjournment. I will do it again.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Ms. Hunter.

(Whereupon, at 3:34 p.m., the Assembly stood adjourned until Tuesday, March 9th, Tuesday being a Session day.)