

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022

4:52 P.M.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come to order.

The Reverend Craig will offer a prayer.

REVEREND PHIL CRAIG: First and foremost, I want to say thank you to Mr. Speaker, to also, since this is Queens Day, I would like to recognize my Queens representatives Alicia Hyndman, also to Vivian Cook and to Khaleel Anderson. I'm here with my son Jonathan Craig, who is going to make history today and offer the prayer with us. So I will now present him.

MR. JONATHAN CRAIG: Let us pray. Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for today. Thank You for waking and shaking us this morning and starting us on our way. We -- God, we invite You into this -- in -- into this Chamber asking that You would

do something supernatural and magnificent in -- in this -- in Your majesty.

REVEREND CRAIG: And Lord, as You come into this place, God, we ask that You will grant this governing Body and all of its important staff divine wisdom and also faith to legislate laws and the policies that will enhance and protect the lives of all New Yorkers. God, give these legislators the spirit of unity and purpose to continue to make this Empire State the light of the world, Lord, and also the melting pot of culture. God, and if You don't do anything else today, we ask that You would give the enemy a nervous breakdown, Lord, in every plot, plan and scheme that might become across these legislators. Lord, that as Your word declares that no weapon formed against them shall prosper, and it's in that name of God that we do pray.

Let everyone in this House say Amen.

MEMBERS: Amen.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: 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 Monday, May 9th.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, I move to dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Monday, May the

9th ask and that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Without objection, so ordered.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, sir.

Colleagues, welcome back to the Chambers today. Good to see you all here. And it's great to have so many guests in the Chambers as well. I do want to start with a quote. This one today, Mr. Speaker, is coming from our former President Ronald Reagan. He served as United States President from 1981 to 1989. His words are very appropriate for us today. It is that, *Peace is more than just the absence of war. True peace is justice, true peace is freedom and true peace dictates the recognition of human rights.* Again, Mr. Speaker, these words from former President Ronald Reagan.

Colleagues should be aware that you have on your desk a main Calendar as well as an A-Calendar. We also have a debate list. Mr. Speaker, I now move to advance that A-Calendar.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On Mrs. Peoples-Stokes' motion the A-Calendar is advanced.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, sir. After any housekeeping or introductions we're going to take up resolutions on page 3 off of the main Calendar. We will then take up the following bills on consent: Calendar No. 542 by Mr. Gottfried, Calendar No. 547 by Ms. Paulin and Calendar No. 566 by Mr.

Gottfried. We're then going continue to consent with new bills where we left off on yesterday. We're going to begin with Calendar No. 623 which is on page 41. We're going to go right through to Calendar No. 644 which is on page 45. After that we are going to again begin working on our debate list, starting with Calendar No. 310 by Mr. Abinanti, Calendar No. 390 by Mr. Stern and Calendar No. 394 by Ms. Stern [sic]. There will be further announcement of future debates on today, Mr. Speaker. I would ask colleagues to stay attuned to that and we will proceed when the time is right.

That's the general outline of where we are, Mr. Speaker. If you have housekeeping now would be a great time. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes. No housekeeping. We will go to introductions by Ms. Hyndman.

MS. HYNDMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me this introduction. You just heard from the Reverend Dr. Phil Craig and his son Jonathan-Philip Craig. And I want to say it's amazing to see a young man who is following in the word when I used to see him run around the pews at the Greater Springfield Church. Dr. Reverend -- Reverend Dr. Phil Craig was raised and continues to reside in Jamaica, Queens with his lovely wife Jennifer and three beautiful children, Jasmine, CC and Jonathan-Philip Craig. Pastor Craig was ordained at -- at AME Elder at the Greater Allen AME Cathedral under the leadership of Senior Pastor the Honorable

Reverend Dr. H. Flake [sic] and Reverend Dr. Elaine Flake. His involvement at the Greater Allen Cathedral Ministry consisted of a number of ministries such as the Male Usher Ministry, Men's Ministry, Discipleship Ministries, Singles Ministry and the Fathers Support Ministry, assisted single fathers in need of resources. After he became more involved in local activism, in April of 2012 Reverend Craig became the President of the Queens Chapter of the National Action Network under the leadership of Reverend Al Sharpton and he still holds his position today. To broaden his ministry experience, Reverend Phil Craig was granted the request to assist a local church called Springfield Community Church and has continued to serve as the Head Pastor of the Greater Springfield Community Church, a/k/a GSCC, well-known in Southeast Queens. He has transformed it into a thriving ministry, as the *Queens Press* once described it as one of the fastest-growing ministries in Southeast Queens. Not only has the membership grown, but the impact of the food giveaways that he's done weekly and free clothing as the only faith-based ministry in New York City to have a free dental program, just a few of the ministries that this church has. Reverend Craig is a known community organizer, motivational speaker, preacher, church consultant and currently serves as board member of the Brooklyn Anchor House, Queens -- Queens Community Preservation and Development Corporation, Greater Springfield Development Corporation, Greater Allen Development Corporation and the Allen -- Allen Community non-profit programs and One City New York, Incorporated. Reverend

Craig possesses a certificate in Christian Ministry, an Associate's Degree in Applied Sciences, Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Management, Master's Degree and a -- a Master's Degree in Divinity and a doctoral degree in Ministry.

Please -- I thank the Speaker for allowing me to introduce our minister today. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Hyndman, the Speaker and all the members, the Pastors Craig, we welcome you both here to the New York State Assembly, extend to you the privileges of the floor. Thank you so much for sharing prayer with us this morning. Thank you.

REVEREND CRAIG: Thank you so much.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: And be blessed.

Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Ramos for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. RAMOS: Mr. Speaker, I rise for an introduction. My distinguished guests today are from the Taiwan community. And they're here today because in a little while I'm going to be passing a resolution to proclaim May 10th Taiwan Heritage Day in New York State. It's a distinct pleasure for me to be here today and introduce Ambassador James Lee. Ambassador Lee has been a very -- has had a very distinguished career and has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Taiwanese community. He's currently Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York and the head

of the U.N. Affairs Task Force in New York.

Also joining is Hans Chang, Deputy Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office of New York; Raymond Tsang, President of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association; Mr. Tom Su, President of Taiwan Center of New York; Pat -- Ms. Patsy Chen, Vice President of the Taiwan Center of New York; Mr. James Pei, President of the Taiwan Chamber of Commerce of New York; Ms. Mei Tien, Board Member of the Chinese Chamber; Ms. Chung Ching -- Mr. Chung-Chin Chen, founder of the Taiwanese American Cultural Society; Ms. Shou-Bang Jian, Vice President of the Taiwanese American Association in the Capital District; Ms. Chi-Hua Tseng, Principal of the Taiwanese American Association in the Capital District; Ms. Jacqueline Kuan, who is no stranger to many of our members here, a good friend of ours, is always up here. She is from the Political Division of the direct -- and the Director of the Taipei Economic Cultural Office in New York. Ms. Fu-Yuan Liu, Deputy Division Director of the Taipei Economic Cultural Office in New York.

Mr. Speaker, I had the pleasure of visiting Taiwan, and I found a country very much like our own. Lovers of freedom, a country based in the principles of pursuit of happiness and all the things that the U.S. stands for. So, Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in welcoming our guests and extending all the privileges of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Ramos, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you

here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor, Ambassador Lee and this fine distinguished group that you bring to us. We are so happy that you are able to join us today. Hope you enjoy the proceedings and your trip to Albany. And I, too, have visited the wonderful land and hope to get back there soon. Thank you so very much. You are always welcome.

(Applause)

Ms. Sillitti for the purposes of an introduction.

MS. SILLITTI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me the privilege to welcome our special guests today representing the many dedicated staff and remarkable students. I'm joined today by the President and CEO of the Henry Viscardi School and the Viscardi Center, Dr. Chris Rosa; Chair of the Viscardi School Beth Daly; as well as Kim Brussell, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs and Marketing at the Viscardi Center.

Today marks a special occasion. It is the 110th birthday of the late Dr. Henry Viscardi, Jr. At the conclusion of our Session, this Body will be passing a resolution recognizing this day. For those who don't know, Dr. Henry Viscardi has an inspiring story. Born on May 10th, 1912, Dr. Viscardi had physical deformities that kept him hospitalized for the first six years of his life. He did not let his disabilities limit him, though. Instead, he became one of the world's leading advocates for people with disabilities. He served as Disability Advisor to eight U.S. presidents from Franklin Roosevelt to Jimmy Carter. Having received the majority of his own education in a

hospital setting, Dr. Viscardi made it a priority of children with disabilities have the same opportunities as any other child. You have to remember, this was revolutionary for its time. Sixty years later I am so very proud to have the Henry Viscardi School in my district. It provides children with severe disabilities a traditional educational environment while also having onsite life-sustaining medical treatment for those who need it so the child's education and fun is never sacrificed. Walking through the hallways of the Viscardi School I saw for myself the smiles on the children's faces. Many of them greeted me with hi-fives, telling me how much they loved school. I welcome my colleagues to come take a tour with me, as we have children from all over our State. You will see firsthand this incredible learning environment and why it is such a special place.

I not only have the Viscardi School in my district, I also have the Viscardi Center. The Center builds confidence in youth, adults and veterans with disabilities. It gives everyone who comes through their doors a sense of pride and learning, working and the freedom of independent living. *No donations, no charity, just a chance to compete in the open market*, a line Dr. Viscardi would often repeat.

(Buzzer sounds)

On behalf of my colleagues on Long Island I'm so proud to recognize Dr. Viscardi, Jr. today and honor him for his personal story and courage and determination, dignity and human rights. Mr. Speaker, please welcome our guests from this

extraordinary place and extend to them the courtesy of the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Sillitti and Ms. Darling, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. Our congratulations on the great work that you're doing. I hope that you will continue that work and you will be successful in making this a better world for all. Thank you so very much. Know that you are always welcome here.

(Applause)

For the purposes of an introduction, Ms. Davila.

MS. DAVILA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to make these two introductions. Today is -- we're celebrating the Dominican Republic in Albany, and I think that everyone that -- that is involved in your district, no small deed goes without being looked at. The first person I would like to introduce, her name is Maritza Rodriguez. She is a mother of two, grandmother of three. This wonderful woman has taken on the challenges of the south side of my district to help undocumented people with any of the services. She takes them to her house. She feeds them. She is just a remarkable person, and I believe that -- that she one day will also have a great -- some -- somehow a political career somewhere down the line.

The next person I would like to introduce, his name is Felix Ceballos. He is, yeah, Dominican as well. Came from the Dominican Republic. He is an architect in his home, and he came to

the United States for the beautiful dream that we all dream and that he has. He is accompanied by his wife. He has two beautiful daughters that he's raised. He's part -- he's part of the community board and also been my friend for over 30 years has been involved in the Northern Bushwick Residents Association.

Mr. Speaker, these two people that give themselves selfishly [sic] can you please give them the courtesy of this House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Davila, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome both of you here to the New York State Assembly and your family. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. Thank you for the work that you do improving the lives of others. It's always probably more blessed to give than to take. You obviously know that and have provided with many with the benefits of your skills. Continue to do that great work and know that you are always a friend here. You may always come and visit us. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

Ms. Kelles for the purposes of an introduction.

MS. KELLES: Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker, for letting me take a moment from the -- the floor and our proceedings today to introduce my predecessor and ally in all things environment and protection of women's rights on so many issues, the former Assemblymember of the 125th, Barbara Lifton. She has been a steadfast champion passing bills to protect the lake from harmful algal blooms, also supporting it with a licensure, and support again always

for women's rights. Also protecting the incredibly important, you know, need for voter protections to make sure that our machines are secure. These are just a smattering of things during her long tenure here. Most importantly what everybody knows her for is her incredible tireless, articulate passionate and courageous fight for the environment in the efforts against the fracking movement many years ago and it was a model for me, an inspiration for me.

And so I'm going to take this moment to thank Barbara Lifton for coming back and joining us today. Thank you so much.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Kelles, the Speaker and all the members, once a member, always a member. You know that lesson. So, welcome back. We're so happy to see you. Glad to have shared a little bit of the pilots last night with you, but most of all so happy to see you and hope that life is as full and wonderful as you deserve. Thank you so very much for being here.

(Applause)

Ms. Byrnes for the purposes of an introduction -- Mr. Byrne.

MR. BYRNE: There you go. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and for allowing me the courtesy to interrupt these proceedings for the purposes of an introduction. I am honored to introduce a friend and proud public servant and volunteer for the people of Putnam County, Barbara Reitz. Barbara, you can stand.

Barbara has a long distinguished career from helping people of Putnam County serving on the Youth Bureau. She also serves for a former State Senator, and almost more importantly she was the -- she was married 20 proud years to the late Judge James F. Reitz. And for those of you who may remember, back in 2019 before all the pandemic madness shook this Chamber, I rushed up here during the final days of Session when we were voting on bills every single, you know, minute it seems, and it was really late at night and I was very delighted and -- and glad and appreciative of the Speaker allowing me to provide a privileged resolution to honor the life of Judge James F. Reitz. Jim served every minute to help the people of Putnam County. He created the drug treatment court in Putnam County. He had a special on NBC called "Hooked on Heroin", which he received an Emmy for when it wasn't so common for people to champion these difficult causes to help people who were suffering from addiction. Just across the way over in the Senate Chamber my colleague Senator Harckham introduced Barbara and also passed a piece of legislation changing the name of a courtroom in the Putnam County and State Supreme Court in memory of Judge James F. Reitz. It is the same courtroom that Judge Reitz worked in and died in. And I want to thank the members of the Judiciary Committee for reporting that out, and I'm hopeful that that will pass in this Chamber as well. And perhaps it would be one of my -- my final bills in this Chamber to honor the life and legacy of a man that so many people look up to.

But I am honored that Barbara is here seeing the

people's work, and again, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for allowing me to provide this introduction. Please extend the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Byrne, the Speaker and all the members, Barbara, welcome here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. Our congratulations on a life well lived, providing help to many, many people. Continue that great work. You are always welcome here. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

We will go to resolutions on page 3. Assembly No. 843, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 843, Rules at the request of Ms. Niou.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2022 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Niou on the resolution.

MS. NIOU: Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to speak on this resolution. First, I wanted to say thank you so much for a couple of our friends joining us here today. I wanted to introduce really quickly Chai (inaudible) from the Gopopny (inaudible) Steering Committee who empowers (inaudible) and AAPIs. And then also I wanted to give a special shout-out on top of

the list that another colleague of mine had just given for one of our leaders in our community, Raymond Tsang from the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association who is the youngest president of our Association.

Thank you so much for joining us. I wanted to thank you, Mr. Speaker, as I rise to speak on a resolution proclaiming May 2022 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in New York State. For over 40 years, communities across the nation have set aside the month of May to celebrate the great contributions of Asian-Americans to the economy, arts, science, government and dozens of other fields. This is also bittersweet because even as we celebrate our accomplishments, Asian-Americans are still made to feel like second-class citizens in this country. We've watched for over two years now as people who look like us are verbally harassed, physically attacked in the streets and even murdered for no other reason than what we look like. We are Americans. We are New Yorkers. We belong. In difficult times, Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month is as much an act of defiance as it is an act of celebration. Defiance at those who want us to go away, to disappear, to erase ourselves from America's story. We refuse. Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is about showing who we are, even though there are those who do not want us to celebrate and do not believe that we belong here. Our pain is reflected in a 339 percent surge in anti-Asian hate and violence over the past year alone. It's reflected in the 10,730 reported anti-Asian racist incidents across our country and the countless other incidents

Asian-Americans were either too afraid or lacked the resources to report. It's reflected in the fact that 62 Congressional Republicans voted against the Senate's bill strengthening hate crime protections for Asian-Americans. But Asian-Americans in New York struggled even when the subject is not as headline-grabbing as a brutal attack or a slur sprayed on a cultural center. One in four Asian-Americans in New York live in poverty with some ethnic subgroups posting even higher poverty rates. We are the largest-growing undocumented community, yet we receive the smallest amount of State support. And even with the new AAPI legislators elected last cycle, we remain the most underrepresented minority groups in government. I want to be very clear. Despite the challenge and despite the pain of the past few years, the Asian-American story is not one of victimhood, but triumph through adversity. The Asian-American population grew 81 percent over the past two decades, making us the fastest-growing racial group in the country. Asian-Americans generate three-quarters of a trillion, trillion with a T, dollars in income and put a half a trillion dollars spending power back into the economy at a time when we desperately needed it. Asian-Americans have America's back even at that time America has not had ours. We're proud to be here. Please stop killing us. Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is as much about the future as it is about the vibrant story Asian-Americans have written for ourselves and our country so far. It means looking beyond the Asian community as just numbers and demographics and economic activity, and seeing us as your friends, family, neighbors, community members.

It means celebrating us as New Yorkers who have been through hell and still wake up proud to live and work here.

I need to thank our Speaker for supporting the historic passage of funding in our most recent budget. Twenty million dollars to support anti-hate efforts and organizations rising up to combat anti-Asian bigotry in all of its forms, as well as social services, economic development that will help strengthen our community. Together, we are letting our State and our country know that we are more than just a, quote, unquote, "census population group", more than an APA Heritage Month speech and more than the hate crimes inflicted upon us. Asian-Americans are New Yorkers and Americans, and without us this would not be our beautifully diverse New York or America.

I hope all of our colleagues today will join me in raising awareness and spreading joy as we mark this Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mr. Kim on the resolution.

MR. KIM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to first thank the Speaker, the leadership, for allowing this resolution every year to come to the floor as we celebrate as a Body Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. I also rise to thank the sponsor, who has championed this resolution as this might be the last resolution that we will hear from her on this floor as she's moving on to possible bigger and better things in the future. And just her experience as the first

Asian-American -- Chinese-American to represent Lower Manhattan, in Chinatown -- the first Chinatown of New York City. She's made history. But more than that she's been a friend to me and the Asian-American community. I still remember the -- the first time I met the sponsor. We were both national urban fellows at a Asian -- Asian-Americans for Equality conference. And she came up to me and said, *Ron, you're a national fellow. You have to talk about consumer right protection, we got to do this and that.* And -- and the passion, you know, from there on has never stopped to not only to protect Asian-Americans but all New Yorkers. But now especially because of how our community has been under attack for two years, she's been at the front of this fight. So I thank her for her courage and all the hard work as a -- as a -- as a colleague and a friend.

Lastly, you know, we were here together when we fought hard to get Lunar New Year a recognized holiday. That was almost ten years ago when New York City started to recognize Lunar New Year. And the indelible impact that it had on generations of New York City students can't be measured of Asian-American's feeling like we don't just have to compete to fit in, but we actually belong in this State and this country. But now we need to do a lot more as every day when we turn on social media, the TV, Asians are getting pounded on, Asian-American seniors, women, workers are getting killed every single day. It's all done so because we're just pitted -- communities of other immigrants are pitted against each other, and we as a Body have to stand up and say enough is enough,

we have to do more. But I close by thanking the leadership Body so hard for necessary funding to get us closer to a better outcome.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 864, Rules at the request of Mr. Ramos.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 10th, 2022 as Taiwan Heritage Day 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.

(Applause)

Thank you.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 865, Rules at the request of Ms. Hyndman.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 10th, 2022 as Queens Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Hyndman on the resolution.

MS. HYNDMAN: It's Queens Day, folks.

(Applause)

I promise I won't be long. But we finally have Queens Day back in Albany where we -- as we know for the past two years we have been remote due to this pandemic. It is the world's borough, the most diverse borough on the planet. And it was the epicenter during COVID-19 when it sidelined not only the City but the entire State and country. Queens took on COVID-19. We lost so many of our heroes and sheroes and so many individual members. But we fought our way back and we're stronger than ever. We are home to the New York Mets. We are home to the U.S. Tennis Association. We're home to Juneteenth in Queens and Wilkins Park. We are home to countless jazz greats from Corona and Addisleigh Park. We are home to Resorts World. We are home to LL Cool J -- remember, *bamboo earrings, at least two pair to be an Around the Way Girl*. We are home to Nas from Queensbridge Houses. More than half of our Queens residents are foreign born. We speak over 138 languages. And just remember that New York -- Queens has the other Chinatown which -- which is proudly in Flushing, Queens.

I do want to acknowledge the Queens Chamber of Commerce today who are with us. We also have our Deputy Borough President, Ms. Ebony Young, and we also have our Council member -- my Council member Nantasha Williams of the 27th Council District. You may remember her, she was the Executive Director of the -- the Caucus some years ago. But on behalf of all 18 members of the New York State Assembly, the 18-member delegation from Queens, we are proud that today is Queens Day and it is taking place

-- I know we're in Session but, you know, it's taking place in the Hart Lounge if you're able to go there. Be there by -- by 7 o'clock. But I want to say this, that we are proud of the Chamber, the work that the Chamber has done for small businesses during this pandemic and continues to do to uplift the small businesses which is a lot of the economy in Queens. We are home to the Langston Hughes Library and so much more.

And I will end with this, it's a very popular saying in Queens, it's, *Queens get the money*. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

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

And good to see all of my Queens colleagues here in the Assembly. We would introduce you but we're past that now.

(Laughter)

Enjoy your day.

The Clerk will read.

(Applause)

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 866, Rules at the request of Mr. Cusick.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 10th, 2022 as Police Officers Memorial Remembrance Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Cusick on the resolution.

MR. CUSICK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today we commemorate Police Officer Memorial Remembrance Day. Today was the ceremony at the Police Memorial that many of the legislative colleagues and police officers from throughout the State and family members remembered those who lost their lives in the line of duty this past year. It is important that we reflect on the sacrifices that our police officers make, but what our families -- the families of those police officers make every day when their family goes out to protect our communities. The memorial today was a beautiful memorial and tribute to the families, and it's also an everlasting remembrance that was created by this legislative Body in 1989, the Police Memorial, in appreciation from New York State to police officers and their families. In commemorating May 10th, 2022 as Police Memorial Remembrance Day in the State of New York, this legislative Body honors those officers who have given the ultimate sacrifice, but remembers them today -- but remembers them every day for their work for our communities and for protecting us throughout the year.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Reilly on the resolution.

MR. REILLY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to the sponsor and for the legislative Body to memorialize Police

Officer Memorial Day here in Albany. It's really something that I hold near and dear to my heart. As I look at that wall today, I worked firsthand with several of the officers that are actually in that -- in that wall. You know, just to put it in perspective, 49 officers were added to the wall today. Thirty-five of them were from the NYPD. They died due to 9/11-related injuries and illnesses. To put that into further perspective, of the 1,717 officers on that wall, 335 of them died from 9/11 or the aftermath or the illnesses they succumbed to.

Unfortunately, I think we will be doing that for the next several years because so many of my brothers and sisters who were there on 9/11, who were there for the cleanup, will be added to this wall. It is something that we cannot deny.

So I just want to say thank you because knowing many of them firsthand, having worked alongside them, having called them friends, this means a lot to me. So thank you so much. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Tannousis on the resolution.

MR. TANNOUSIS: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I'd like to thank the sponsor for bringing this resolution forward. You know, every day police officers put on that uniform, they go out, they walk the street and they put their lives on the line to keep us safe. And it's very important to remember those who sacrificed for us for our safety. And even more so, the families of those fallen police officers who also

themselves have made a deep, deep sacrifice for the betterment of our City and our State.

With that being said, I thank the sponsor once again and I ask every single one of you, when you see a police officer on the street tell them thank you. Thank you for putting on that uniform and for fighting to keep our streets safe. Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Angelino on the resolution.

MR. ANGELINO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity. I appreciate the sponsor for bringing this forward. I want to remind everybody that right out there today on the black granite wall, new names were added. And as you walk down there and you look at all of those names on there, that was somebody's brother or sister, son or daughter. Those names had families associated with them. They had pets, they had children, they had bills to pay. They went to work every day, trying to make things better and some -- some days some of them don't come home. And I want to remind everybody - I've said it before, I'll say again - we shouldn't remember how those officers died, we should remember how they lived their lives of service to their communities. And I also want to further remind everybody that for some of the family members of those names on the wall, every day is Police Memorial Day.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Lawler on the resolution.

MR. LAWLER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As has been stated, obviously, today is an important day in the State of New York to recognize the selfless and heroic sacrifice of so many police officers who have died in the line of duty or in the years since due to 9/11-related illnesses. In Rockland County we have had a number of police officers who have passed in the line of duty, including Nyack Police Officer Waverly Brown and Sergeant Edward O'Grady who died 40 years ago in the 1981 Brink's robbery. We marked that occasion last October with their families and paid tribute to their sacrifice and the struggle that those families have had to endure for 40 years. We have seen in Rockland and across the Hudson Valley, Long Island, New York City, the many police officers who have passed in the years since 9/11 due to those illnesses. And as my colleague pointed out, sadly, I think we're going continue to grapple with that in the years ahead. And it is something that this Body and this State must continue to ensure that we provide the resources necessary to help those officers and their families as they continue to go through those struggles.

So I want to thank the sponsor for putting this resolution forward and marking this solemn day. Forty-nine new names added today, 49 lives that were exemplary, dedicated and committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents throughout New York State. Earlier this year we recognized on the floor two fallen officers in New York City. I'm sure their names will be added next year. But it is something that we continue day in, day

out to see, police officers put their lives on the line and we must always keep them and their families in our prayers.

So I thank you, Mr. Speaker, for letting me acknowledge this day and acknowledge the heroic service and sacrifice of our law enforcement officers.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly.

Ms. Griffin on the resolution.

MS. GRIFFIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for saying a few words on this important resolution. I just want to commend the sponsor for bringing this forth. This is such an important day, and it was an honor to be out there today to -- to listen to the ceremony and see all of our officers, New York State Police, Nassau County Police, hundreds of officers in New York City Police, police throughout our State who work hard, dedicate their lives to protecting others. And, you know, it's bittersweet to go there and know that so many officers have lost their lives and to see their families. There were two adorable little boys with baseball hats on and, you know, when we see these two little boys, you really felt for them, that family. But I also feel for all the families that have lost someone, whether in my district or across the State. And it's an important day for the New York State Legislature to pay our respects and remember all the officers that sacrificed their lives to protect us.

Thank you for allowing me to speak, and once again, thank you to the sponsor for putting the resolution forward.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Fitzpatrick on

the resolution.

MR. FITZPATRICK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to commend the sponsor and recognize the service of the 49 individuals who perished, one -- one of whom was a constituent of mine, Joseph Gallagher, a State Trooper who was struck by a texting driver on the Long Island Expressway while setting up flares to render assistance to a stranded motorist, leaving behind his lovely wife Laura and a five-year-old and a seven-year-old children. It -- it shouldn't happen, but unfortunately it does. And every day we should be thankful for the service given to our communities by our men and women of law enforcement and first responders. Every day, you know, when they leave home there's that possibility that they may not come home at the end of their tour. And that certainly happened to the Gallagher family.

So I just wanted to say thank you to my colleague for bringing forth this resolution and thank you to the men and women of law enforcement, our State Troopers, our police officers that are the first responders. God bless the Gallagher family and Laura and the children because they, you know, Officer -- or Trooper Gallagher spent three years in a nursing home and died on a feeding tube because of his injuries. And it didn't have to happen. But we're thankful for his service and we offer our best wishes and our thoughts and prayers to the Gallagher family and to all the families who were present today and who have lost a loved one in service to our great State.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you. May the members rise as we pass this resolution.

All in favor signify by saying aye. The resolution is adopted. Thank you very much, members.

The Clerk will read 867.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 867, Rules at the request of Ms. Solages.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 8-14, 2022 as Fibromyalgia Awareness Week in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, nay. The resolution is adopted.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 868, Rules at the request of Ms. Jackson.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 2022 as Gun Violence Awareness Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Jackson on the resolution.

MS. JACKSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to speak on this resolution. June will be recognized as Gun Violence Awareness Month here in our great State of New York. We celebrated a lot today, and I'm sorry that we now have to have this

conversation. It's a really hard conversation. Why we wear orange to celebrate gun violence is to remember the victims that we have lost. I stand here today because of Brandon Hendricks, who graduated from high school on a Friday and lost his life on a Sunday due to gun violence. I stand here today on behalf of Nunu, who turned 22 years old and did not spend 22 hours being 22 because he lost his life to gun violence. I stand here today on behalf of Angellyh Yambo, who was 16, just left school, walking home and lost her life to gun violence. I stand here today because of my Black son and my Black daughter where statistics say that they may not make it because of their skin color and because of their zip code.

Our gun-related homicides are up 35 percent here in this country. And in New York State in the Bronx we don't have gun factories there. There's no Walmart selling guns there. Our guns are being trafficked up and down on I-95 into my community. We have some of the strictest gun laws in the nation right here in New York State. However, in the Bronx and Brooklyn in Queens and Rochester and Buffalo we keep seeing our young people die. At some point we're going to have to get serious about this conversation. At some point we are going to have to realize that we can no longer accept what is happening to our people. It's in my hood today, but it could be in your movie theater tomorrow. It's in my hood today, but it could be in your mall tomorrow. Gun violence happens to all of us. We've all been victims or know someone that is affected. And so that's why we are memorializing June as Gun Violence Awareness Month. At some

point we have to get serious and start putting the finances behind this movement. You know why people are not dying of gun violence in Beverly Hills like that? Because they have resources. They have funding. They have gainful employment. They have housing. They have education. We are lacking those things in my hood. And once we start investing in our people, once we start caring about our children, maybe we'll be ending and not having to memorialize months like June as Gun Violence Awareness Month. And I'm sorry I had to get this serious with us, but I thank you all for allowing me to speak on the resolution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 869, Rules at the request of Mr. Kim.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2022 as Older New Yorkers Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Kim on the resolution.

MR. KIM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are four million New Yorkers who are 60 or above and since -- in New York, and since 1963 the month of May has been celebrated as the Older American Month as directed by a presidential declaration. Even though we have these symbolic efforts to celebrate and honor older

adults and constantly talk about the importance of the need to grow old with dignity in our own home and community, we're still failing to meet the everyday needs of vulnerable older adults in New York. During COVID, for months we've allowed the State to erase the deaths of thousands of older adults in nursing homes, care facilities and prisons. We must rectify the mistakes we made so we don't repeat them, and provide justice for those who lost their lives and the families who entrust -- entrusted our State to protect our older adults. One day I want to pass this resolution and stand proud that we did everything we could to protect and strengthen the rights of all older adults in the State. Unfortunately, that day is not today, but I'm confident that with our leadership in this House who understands how racism and sexism all intersect with agism will get us there.

On a more personal note, as we celebrate and honor older adults, I want to acknowledge a very special person in my life, my mother Sun Hee Kim. She passed away on October 26th, 2021 last year at the Queens Presbyterian Hospital after fighting almost a month from COVID. She was 67 years old. I'm her only child. And to those few in here who knew her or who even visited her in the last days of her -- of her life, you know how she lived every day giving everything she had to me, my dad and my family. She should have still been here with us today, retired and enjoying my kids' birthdays and taking family vacations with us. So when I fight and advocate for older New Yorkers, I'm doing so for my mom and thousands of other moms, grandmas and grandpas who deserve our love, support and

protection.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Morinello on the resolution.

MR. MORINELLO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you, sponsor. As we go through life we must never forget those who came before us. In this fast-moving world we sometimes forget our elders. Some forget to call. Some forget to visit. Some tend to assume our elders are always going to be there. Some of us have recently lost a parent, an uncle or an aunt or a friend. Let this resolution serve as a reminder to all of us to not put that call or visit off. A reminder that when we least expect it, the opportunity could vanish. As Mr. Kim has stated, I lost my mother and an aunt this year. They had beautiful lives. One was 100, the other was 102. I did visit them. I did have dinner with them. And I did call them. But there are so many older Americans, older New Yorkers that get no visits. Those in nursing homes. Those who have no one to come to. We cannot forget them. They are who brought us forward, they are who taught us. And I ask everyone here, when you leave today, if your parent is still with you, if a relative is still there that's older, give them a call. And when you get home, stop and visit them. It's amazing how just a kind word does for them.

Thank you very much. And Mr. Sponsor, thank you very much.

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. 870, Rules at the request of Mr. Brabenec.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim Sunday, August 21st, 2022 as Onion Appreciation Day 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 No. Resolution No. 871, Rules at the request of Mr. Gottfried.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim August 2022 as Ambulatory Surgery Center Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Ambulatory Surgery Center 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. 872, Rules at the request of Mr. Durso.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 11-17, 2022 as Truck Driver Appreciation 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. 873, Rules at the request of Ms. Lunsford.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 18-24, 2022 as Banned Books Week in the New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, all those in favor -- Ms. Lunsford on the resolution.

MS. LUNSFORD: Thank you so much. I wanted to take a moment to memorialize Banned Books Week which is recognized nationally because of the importance words have for especially young people. When we start to censor what people can read, we open the door to authoritarianism, to fascism, to dictatorships. And that's not what America is about. So I want to join everyone in reading whatever you'd like to read, and especially the things that are banned because that's what they don't want you to know.

Thanks so much. Have a good day.

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. 874, Rules at the request of Ms. Buttenschon.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor

Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 2022 as Brain Aneurysm 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.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 875, Rules at the request of Mr. Byrne.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 10th, 2022 as Bagpipe Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, Mr. Byrne. Give us a squeak, Mr. Byrne.

MR. BYRNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for -- I'm so honored that I -- whoever thought that within the awesome power of the New York State Assembly we could time travel and go back two months and change the date of March 10th, 2022 to Bagpipe Day. If you actually read the resolution it's pretty interesting. The bagpipe dates back to 400 BC in Egypt. And if you know anything about bagpipes there's actually a lot of them. They're not just the traditional highland bagpipe that you may see on 5th Avenue or you might see it at an Irish Legislators event. And you know what? This being my -- my final term in the State Assembly, I thought if I didn't do this as a bagpiper, I didn't think anybody would.

So I am proud to introduce this resolution and -- and ask for my colleagues' support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. Mr. Byrne, you've made your squeak.

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

Page 35, Calendar No. 542, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07712-B, Calendar No. 542, Gottfried, Kelles, Sillitti, McDonald, Barnwell, L. Rosenthal, Stern, Paulin, McMahan, Gallagher, Stirpe, Simon, Gallahan, González-Rojas, Abinanti, Burdick, Clark. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to the Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Education and Outreach Program.

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 7712-B. 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.

Page 35, Bill No. 547 -- Calendar No. 547, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08319-C, Calendar No. 547, Paulin, Rozic, Burgos, Dinowitz, Burdick, Buttenschon, Dickens, Englebright, Frontus, Gottfried, González-Rojas, Hevesi, McMahon, Seawright, Stern, Stirpe, Mikulin, McDonough, Brabenec, K. Brown, J.A. Giglio, Manktelow, Salka, Tannousis, Lemondes, Darling, Otis. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to adding telephone numbers to a do-not-call list at the outset of certain telemarketing calls.

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 on Assembly print 8319-C. 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.

Page 37, Calendar No. 566, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09442-A, Calendar No. 566, Gottfried. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to notification of changes to the model contract with managed care providers under the Medical Assistance program.

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 on Assembly print 9442-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.

Page 41, Calendar No. 623, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09090-A, Calendar No. 623, Kelles. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to requiring the Office of Children and Family Services to submit an annual report about juvenile recidivism and cost of juvenile incarceration.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09137-A, Calendar No. 624, Septimo, Davila, Simon, De Los Santos, Tapia, Jackson. An act in relation to renaming the 149th Street Grand Concourse subway station the "149th Street-Hostos Station"; 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 9137-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. A09177-C, Calendar No. 625, Stirpe, Lavine, Buttenschon, Bronson, Steck, Magnarelli, McDonald, Simon, B. Miller, Lemondes. An act to amend the Canal Law, in relation to designating the Director of the Upstate Flood Mitigation Task Force and assessments of Erie Canal System operation procedures related to flood mitigation and management; and to amend Chapter 48 of the Laws of 2017 amending the Canal Law relating to the Upstate Floor Mitigation Task Force, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

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 on Senate print 8204-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. A09227, Calendar No. 626, Cusick, Fall. An act to amend the Navigation Law, in relation to the base pilotage tariffs at Sandy Hook, Sands Point and Execution Rocks.

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 9227. 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. A09384, Calendar No. 627, Stern. An act in relation to authorizing the assessor of the Town

of Huntington, County of Suffolk, to accept from the Huntington Public Library an application for exemption from real property taxes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Stern, 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 8267. 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. A09415-B, Calendar No. 628, Gallagher, Mitaynes, González-Rojas, L. Rosenthal, Epstein, Kim, Thiele, Galef, Gottfried, Mamdani, Simon, Davila, Forrest. An act to amend the Limited Liability Company Law, in relation to the disclosure of beneficial owners of limited liability companies.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09424, Calendar No. 629, Jean-Pierre. An act to amend Chapter 122 of the Laws of 2015 relating to tax assessments for certain improved properties affected by Superstorm Sandy, in relation to extending the deadline for tax

exemption applications.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09597, Calendar No. 630, Thiele. An act to amend Chapter 258 of the Laws of 2020 relating to directing the Office of Fire Prevention and Control within the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to form a task force and issue a report relating to volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention, in relation to the submission date of such report and to the effectiveness 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 on Senate print 8658. 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. A09606, Calendar No.

631, Tapia. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to requiring third-trimester syphilis testing.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09647, Calendar No. 632, L. Rosenthal. An act to amend the Tax Law and the State Finance Law, in relation to providing taxpayer gifts for the Cure Childhood Cancer Research Fund.

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 9647. 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. A09664, Calendar No. 633, Woerner, Griffin, Englebright, Gottfried, McDonald, Gunther, Colton, Davila, Lupardo, Simon, Galef. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to child advocacy 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 Assembly print 9664. 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. A09730, Calendar No. 634, Gunther. An act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law, in relation to requiring an annual report for the Independent Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Ombudsman Program.

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 9730. 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. A09736, Calendar No. 635, Thiele. An act to amend the Real Property Law, in relation to adding water lines to the list of utilities that may be installed by the owners of certain lots, plots, blocks, sites or other parcels of real estate.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09805, Calendar No. 636, Magnarelli, Barclay. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to the enforcement of parking in disabled access parking spaces.

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 on Assembly print 9805. 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. A09868, Calendar No. 637, Paulin. An act to amend Part P of Chapter 39 of the Laws of 2019, amending the Public Authorities Law relating to the acquisition and disposition of real property, in relation to extending the effectiveness 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 9868. 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. A09967, Calendar No. 638, Glick. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to dental residencies qualified for licensure.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09969, Calendar No. 639, Paulin, Zinerman. An act to amend the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, in relation to modernizing such law to align with current practices, streamlining procedures and eliminating unnecessary regulatory burdens.

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 9969. 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. A09971, Calendar No. 640, Cook. An act to amend Chapter 534 of the Laws of 1993, amending the Education Law relating to physical therapy assistants, in relation to the effectiveness 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 9971. 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. A09972, Calendar No. 641, Clark. An act to amend Chapter 192 of the Laws of 2011, relating to authorizing certain healthcare professionals licensed to practice in other jurisdictions to practice in this State in connection with an event sanctioned by New York Road Runners, 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 on Assembly print 9972. 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. A09973, Calendar No. 642, Griffin. An act to amend Chapter 217 of the Laws of 2015, amending the Education Law relating to certified school psychologists an special education services and programs for preschool children with handicapping conditions, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Griffin, 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 8802. 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. A09975, Calendar No. 643, Weinstein. An act to amend the State Finance Law, in relation to

the liability of a person who presents false claims for money or property to the State or a local government.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09977, Calendar No. 644, Paulin, Zinerman. An act to amend the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, in relation to cemetery operations during emergency declarations.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

Page 27, Calendar No. 310, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07443-C, Calendar No. 310, Abinanti, Bichotte Hermelyn, Sayegh, Otis, Weprin, Buttenschon, Santabarbara. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to replacing certain instances of the term "mentally retarded" with the term "individuals with developmental disabilities."

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 7443-C. 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.

Page 28, Calendar No. 390, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08328-A, Calendar No. 390, Stern, Lemondes, DeStefano, Brabenec. An act to amend the General Municipal Law, in relation to authorizing a municipality to increase the number of years of service that a participant in a defined contribution plan service award program or a defined benefit plan service award program may receive a contribution.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Stern, 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 7399-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.)

Can we clear that stairway in front of the Majority and Minority Leader, please? If members don't need to be standing there they can sit down, clear the way. Thank you very much. I'm sure it'll make the day go faster.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 28, Calendar No. 394, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08631-A, Calendar No. 394, Seawright. An act to amend the Public Authorities Law, in relation to requiring certain directors of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation to be residents of Roosevelt Island and to require the appointment of certain vacant board positions within 60 days.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Seawright, 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 7622-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.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, if we could recall Calendar No. 638 by Ms. Glick. And then we have already mentioned the first three bills on our debate list; Abinanti, Stern and Seawright. We should follow that one with Calendar No. 526 by Ms. Fernandez and then 546 by Ms. Paulin and 548 by Ms. Paulin as well.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Page 44, Calendar No. 638, the laid aside has been removed. The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09967, Calendar No. 638, Glick. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to dental residencies qualified for licensure.

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 9967. 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.

Page 34, Calendar No. 526, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02263, Calendar No. 526, Fernandez, Reyes, Fahy, Griffin, Cruz, Cook, Hevesi, Davila. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to the maximum age at which a homeless youth can continue to receive shelter services.

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

MS. FERNANDEZ: Thank you. This bill extends

the maximum age of which a homeless youth can continue to receive shelter services from 21 to 24.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Byrnes.

MS. BYRNES: Thank you. If -- Mr. Speaker, if you'd be so kind as to ask some of my friends to be a little quieter?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Gentlemen, gentlemen. It's not that you need to kneel down, you need to be quiet.

(Laughter)

You can make as much noise on your knees. All of us, gentlemen, please. Debate is going on. Thank you.

MS. BYRNES: Thank you very much. Mr. Speaker, would the Speak -- or would the sponsor yield?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Fernandez, will you yield?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Yes, I do.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The sponsor yields. Ms. Fernandez, make sure your mic is on.

MS. FERNANDEZ: Do you hear me?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: There we go. Now project, please. Thank you.

MS. BYRNES: Thank you, ma'am. I don't have too many questions, but I believe that they are important. As I can tell, the purpose of this bill is to provide homeless youth with support as they work to establish independence. Would that be correct?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Correct.

MS. BYRNES: I know I'm putting it in a nutshell, but that's basically what we're trying to do?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MS. BYRNES: Okay. One of the things I believe that was mentioned in the justification was that there were concerns that individuals, homeless people between the ages of 21 and 24, if they were in adult homeless shelters would be exposed to dangerous individuals, so that there's concern as to the health and well-being of individuals between 21 and 24 that are considered homeless, correct?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Correct, because the statistics have shown that individuals typically in the LGBTQ community do suffer more in adult homeless shelters.

MS. BYRNES: Okay. But this isn't about any certain category. This is about all homeless youth, right? So we're talking about a big category here of all youth between -- that are homeless between 21 and 24, not just individuals within a certain classification, correct?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Correct. And individuals --

MS. BYRNES: But there is concern about dangers, correct?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Typically, yes. But also, a person that young, 21 years old, just starting their life, depending on the circumstance, whatever your identify or orientation is, there could be a need. And it has seen, especially in New York City, that protection of homeless foster care services needs to be extended.

MS. BYRNES: Now, when we raised the age for youth detention facilities up to 21, specifically in my district we saw an incredible spike of violence that was taken by 20-, 21-year-olds against teenagers. If we raise the age for youth shelters from being -- adjust it to 21, but to 21 and including 24, what's being done in order to protect the teenagers, 16-, 17- and 18-year-olds that are living in these shelters? What is there to prevent them from being abused and endangered by these 21- to 24-year-olds? History has shown that in detention centers they're -- become immediately at risk. What's being done to ensure their safety if you raise the age at youth shelters?

(Pause)

MS. FERNANDEZ: Well, this bill is just aligning the age to match the services that are already happening. I don't think anybody can predict or prevent any such crime that's happening. We see every day that's something new happens spontaneously. But what this will ensure is that the youth now has an opportunity to find a job, to get that internship. And many times they're in this position because they didn't have that opportunity of others to start, I guess, putting their life together earlier.

MS. BYRNES: Which is great for the 21 to 24. What is being done and will be done to protect the teenagers that this bill was originally designed to protect from being endangered by these older adult men or older adults that will be living in these youth shelters?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Well, I think that's a question

that can go to any shelter, whether it's youth or adult. There are issues that happen there.

MS. BYRNES: So you recognize that there are dangers and there could very well be bad things that occur.

MS. FERNANDEZ: Some shelters in New York City, yes, they're in terrible condition that can allow dangers to happen.

MS. BYRNES: How many people are we talking about in the system that if we go from 21 to 24 that this will add X number of people into the system, the shelter system? How many people are we talking about across the State, and where did you get your numbers from?

MS. FERNANDEZ: We're not changing how many people can be brought in. We're just extending the services of those that are already in.

MS. BYRNES: All right. Well, if that's the case, if we're not expanding the number, the sheer number but we're including an unknown quantity of people, then effectively what you're saying is that the youth between 16 and 21 that this law was originally designed to protect, there will be fewer of them in the system being helped because you're bringing in other people. If you're not increasing the numbers, then you're decreasing the services.

MS. FERNANDEZ: No, that is incorrect. It is important to know that this is voluntarily. So should that youth between the ages of 21 and 24 get to a better position in their lives

where they have stable housing, a stable job, then they can voluntarily leave. So we're not taking anything away from anyone else.

MS. BYRNES: But if they choose not to stay or not to -- excuse me -- become independent to move out of the shelter, for every day they spend in a youth homeless shelter they're denying another youth, 16, 17, 18, from being in a shelter, correct, and getting services.

MS. FERNANDEZ: Unfortunately, kids get denied all the time, but luckily we did add more than \$2 million towards these services.

MS. BYRNES: So it's just too bad for them.

MS. FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry?

MS. BYRNES: For a teenager who is denied entry because there's no spot available because a 21- to 24-year-old is taking those spots, potentially taking their spot, it's just too bad for them. They just didn't cut -- didn't make the cut.

MS. FERNANDEZ: (Inaudible) denied upon the first time trying.

MS. BYRNES: Are you going to prioritize 16 to 21 or are you going to prioritize 21 to 24?

MS. FERNANDEZ: That's on the program. They're the ones determining who is to stay and who is to not.

MS. BYRNES: Okay. But you're the sponsor of the bill. What's your intent? Is your intent to prioritize the teenagers through 21 or to prioritize 21 to 24, which deprives the teenagers

potentially of the spot?

MS. FERNANDEZ: My intent is to prioritize all youth.

MS. BYRNES: But you're not increasing the number of beds. Are you increasing the cost? Is there going to be more money spent for this program?

MS. FERNANDEZ: We added \$2 million to the program.

MS. BYRNES: Okay. And who's going to be paying that \$2 million?

MS. FERNANDEZ: It is distributed by the State that OCFS approves.

MS. BYRNES: Distributed by the State to whom? To the counties? To specific agencies running homeless shelters? Who is the money actually going to? And -- and I apologize, but if you could be so kind as to get a little closer to the microphone.

MS. FERNANDEZ: It goes to the district. They have their own set of numbers of runaway youths and homeless individuals, youths, to decipher what is to be spent.

MS. BYRNES: So, you don't know -- you don't know right now as you stand here today exactly who is going to get the money.

MS. FERNANDEZ: I don't represent every district in the State. I represent the 80th.

MS. BYRNES: How many people are there right

now in homeless shelters between 16 and 21?

(Pause)

I apologize, but the clock is kind of ticking on me. If you don't know --

MS. FERNANDEZ: (Inaudible) I was able to get the facts straight.

MS. BYRNES: All right.

MS. FERNANDEZ: But we don't have a full number, but every district, with the numbers that they have, decide the plan of action and how much to execute money.

MS. BYRNES: So a district, if they feel that they have enough current homeless youth in a shelter that they can't absorb more, will they have the prerogative of saying, *We can't handle a 21- to a 24-year-old* and be able to deny them a spot?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Well, as it already happens people do get denied, so it might.

MS. BYRNES: All right. So that would be allowable.

MS. FERNANDEZ: Municipalities already do allow denials.

MS. BYRNES: Okay. But that could be allowed. The municipality could make that --

MS. FERNANDEZ: They already do.

MS. BYRNES: -- as to who's in and who's out.

MS. FERNANDEZ: Yes, it's something they already

do.

MS. BYRNES: All right. But they could say, *We've got enough. We don't have anymore money. Twenty-one to 24, even though it's allowed by law, we don't have the money to support you in the system right now so you are not getting in.* That would be okay? Just double checking so that you don't start --

MS. FERNANDEZ: I don't think it's okay, but if there's not enough funds, if there's not enough space, and as we've said before, there are -- there -- there are reasons for individuals to be denied. So if they have to deny them at this point with what you're saying, then that might happen.

MS. BYRNES: Okay. And that would be allowed under the law?

MS. FERNANDEZ: It already is.

MS. BYRNES: Okay. So that would be allowed.

MS. FERNANDEZ: It is already allowed by the law.

MS. BYRNES: Okay. Thank you.

On the bill.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the bill, ma'am.

MS. BYRNES: You know, I -- I think the last year or so of the Raise the Age with youth detention facilities has shown that there are dramatic dangers to putting adult men, any adult, once they start getting to a point where they're 19, 20, 21 years of age in with teenagers, true teenagers, 16-, 17-, 18-year-olds. And what the plan is here when we start going in a youth homeless -- quote, unquote, youth

homeless shelter to up to potentially 24 years old, we do have adult men who could potentially be predators and endangering further children in these centers who should be the priority of this bill. These bills -- these shelters should be to protect the teenagers first, and I really don't think once we get up to 20, 21, 24 that that's fair or that that's right. I also think that what this bill does is foster dependency at the age of 20 and 21, even if it's working at a fast-food restaurant which you're now making liveable wages, they should be out on their own and earning a living. I understand the need for services. I understand homelessness. There are shelters, there are programs available. It's just you're trying to shift them from a youth homeless center from an adult -- potentially an adult homeless center. But I think this is just going to foster a dependency in the system that will have life-lasting effects to all of these individuals that get caught in the system.

For that reason and for others, Mr. Speaker, I will be voting no and encouraging all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote the same way, sir. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Ms. Walsh.

MS. WALSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield for just a couple of questions?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Fernandez, will you yield?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Sure.

MS. WALSH: Thank you. I'm just trying to make sure that I understand what this bill does. So by extending the age to 24, if you have an individual that is coming into a homeless shelter at the age of 24, may they then stay for up to two years or up to the age of 26 under this bill?

MS. FERNANDEZ: No.

MS. WALSH: Okay. So if they -- so I thought that they -- so -- are they then -- they must leave at the age of 24? I'm just trying to understand how -- what's the maximum age under this bill that they can continue to stay in the homeless shelter?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Twenty-four.

MS. WALSH: Twenty-four.

MS. FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MS. WALSH: Okay. Thank you. Now, is there any kind of screening process that's done? Because, you know, listen. I've got six children. Some of my kids are more mature than others. You know, a 21-year-old -- you know, one of my kids is 25 and acts like a 21-year-old, one of them -- you know, and I'm not going to name any names, they know who they are. But you know what I mean? Is there going to be any kind of a screening process to determine which youth would be an appropriate fit to be able to remain in a youth homeless shelter or is it just based solely upon age?

MS. FERNANDEZ: No, there is a process to determine them with a need to be in the system still. So as we mentioned before, individuals have gotten denied and there's a process

to accept them.

MS. WALSH: And -- and I apologize because I think you did talk about that in a way and I think I might have missed that. What -- so what goes into the screening process? Obviously, they need to be without housing. That's important. What else is considered?

(Pause)

MS. FERNANDEZ: The process is decided by regs that will determine if the individual -- the student, I should say -- the young person is needing of these services.

MS. WALSH: I apologize, I couldn't hear you.

MS. FERNANDEZ: The process is decided by regs that would interview, go through the young person's lifestyles and they determine the need of services.

MS. WALSH: Whether they need services, but -- so, for example, if the -- if the person -- if the individual has had run-ins with the law, is that considered as to -- I'm trying to figure out if there's any kind of a process for assessing whether they could potentially, as my colleague pointed out during her questioning, whether they could pose a risk potentially to other individuals that were in the youth shelter, or do we only -- are we only really considering whether the individual requires services? That part I understand. You're going to make sure that they need services, but are you also going to assess maybe for risk for that young person?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Yes, each center does their own

requirements, and if that's something that they find, then they can use that into consideration.

MS. WALSH: Okay. And -- and so you -- they can reject somebody that they don't feel is suitable?

MS. FERNANDEZ: They can, as the system already does.

MS. WALSH: Right. So -- and under, you know, our regular existing laws, do you happen to know how old you can be before you are -- could be provided with housing through temporary assistance and Department of Social Services? In other words, like through a motel or through, you know, DSS has housing that they have available. If you're over the age of 18 you could eligible for that, couldn't you?

MS. FERNANDEZ: You can, but there are certain -- I want to say certain elements of your building your stability that a person as young as 18 may still get assistance with. And to go back to one of your last questions, every year over 1,000 young people, youths, are denied into these shelters already with the law that it is.

MS. WALSH: Okay. Thank you very much for your answers.

Mr. Speaker, on the bill.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the bill, ma'am.

MS. WALSH: So just very briefly, I think that based on the research that we've been provided it does -- I may be disagreeing a bit with the sponsor in terms of how long an individual

is able to stay in under -- under this legislation. It -- it seems that if the age is raised from 21 to 24 years old there are some young adults that would be able to receive shelter services up to almost the age of 26 and sometimes even longer in some instances. I just feel that -- I think that legislation that we've taken up as a Body in the last few years raising the age of criminal responsibility and other measures that have been taken, we seem to keep pushing the -- the threshold higher and higher to provide youth services. And although the older I get, the more I -- I feel like the -- the concept of what old means keeps shifting along as I get older. I think that, you know, for an individual that's 21 they can drink, they can serve in the military. I think that in a way bills like this are kind of fostering a delayed maturity. I think that at some point individuals need to start receiving services that they would receive as an adult, and I -- I would define adult as being 21.

So for those reasons I just think that while I understand that this bill is very well-intentioned, I'm not supporting it because I feel that it just goes a little bit too far in terms of raising the age too far for some of these youth. So with -- with respect I'll be voting in the negative. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Ms. Walsh.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield for a question?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Fernandez, will

you yield?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Yes, ma'am.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Ms.

Fernandez. I just wanted to get a little bit of clarity as it relates to the bill because I do think that it could raise the question of why 24? And so I just wondered if based on the statistics that you've seen, what happens when a person is 21 in a homeless shelter and they've been there since they were 18 but they clearly are still demonstrating the inability to stay on their own. Where -- what happens to them at 21? Where do they go then?

MS. FERNANDEZ: We don't know.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: We -- we don't know.

So, I mean, I -- I'm asking not to be facetious because I think this -- it's important for that kind of clarity to be stated because if you're 21 you're receiving services at a homeless shelter because of your mental incapacity or whatever reason that you're there, and then you turn 21 and then you just get put on the street?

MS. FERNANDEZ: That has been happening.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you. I appreciate that clarity because I think that in almost every city in America we're beginning to see more and more people who are on our streets that are homeless. I'm not sure what it is that's creating the increase in it, but I think there's an opportunity to begin to decrease it if you can allow people an opportunity to receive services a little longer when they need them a little longer. I don't want to imagine that young people

who are experiencing difficulties with mental health issues because of their environment where they grew up at or some sort of personal abuse that they received by people who they love in the form of domestic violence but for whatever reason, they run, they end up being -- needing to be sheltered as homeless young people. And when they get to be 21, if they're still not ready to be that responsible adult that goes out, gets a job, goes to college, has a place to stay, can pay rent, then what are we doing? We're saying, *You have to leave here regardless of your ability to take care of yourself*, let's still try to work with them. I'm not sure the age should be 24 either, honestly, but I know it's not 21 if you don't have a solution for your life at that point. And so I want to, you know, honor the sponsor for at least trying to come up with a solution to keep more people from being on the street, creating additional havoc in our communities that we don't really want to see. It's a hard thing to have to tolerate and stomach that as America, the richest country in the entire world, is creating homeless people on a regular basis. This is an opportunity, I think, to begin to slow that process down.

So I want to commend the sponsor for her work on this and look forward to supporting it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the sponsor yield?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Fernandez, will

you yield?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Yes, I yield.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you. Looking at the bill language on page 1, line 5, as I understand it the amendment would allow a homeless youth to enter a transitional independent living program as long as they were under the age of 24 with this amendment, correct?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Yes, correct.

MR. GOODELL: So if -- if they're under the age of 24 and let's say their birthday's tomorrow, they're 23 today, tomorrow they become 24. Can they only stay for one day? Doesn't this bill authorize a municipality to provide extended services as long as they were under the age of 24 when they entered the program?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Under Federal law anybody can stay for 18 months up to 24 months upon the first day.

MR. GOODELL: Okay. So if it's the day before their 24th birthday, just confirming that I heard you right, they could stay another year-and-a-half to two years under Federal law?

MS. FERNANDEZ: No, the maximum age is 24.

MR. GOODELL: Twenty-four months, right?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Twenty-four years to stay.

MR. GOODELL: So under this bill if they enter the system and it's the day before their 24th birthday, they have to leave the next day?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. GOODELL: But doesn't this say that a homeless youth person who enters into the program with this amendment under 24 may continue to receive shelter services beyond the applicable period? Isn't that the whole purpose of this?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Only upon approval by the district.

MR. GOODELL: Okay. So if the district approves it, am I correct, the district can approve it --

MS. FERNANDEZ: The district can approve it. If your district approves it, yes.

MR. GOODELL: And they can approve it for up to two additional years?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. GOODELL: Okay. So what this bill would do is allow someone who wants to enter -- enters the system in the homeless system the day before their 23rd or their 24th district [sic] it would allow the district to allow them to stay in the system for up to two years.

MS. FERNANDEZ: I think you're confusing this bill with shelters and not foster services, foster youth services. One can already stay up to 24 years within these services after the age of 21, and for this bill it's just the independent living facility, which can be residential or nonresidential.

MR. GOODELL: Okay. And one other just quick question. Now, there's no age restriction, is there, for any of the

services that we provide the youth or -- I apologize. There's no age restriction, is there, to any of the services that we provide to young adults? I mean, you don't have to be over a certain age to qualify for welfare or housing assistance or SNAP or food stamps or HEAP, right? There's no age threshold, is there?

MS. FERNANDEZ: For a lot of these services you have to be identified as the head of a household. So, no, maybe they won't be accepted to these other services because they're not the head of household (inaudible).

MR. GOODELL: I mean, if you're a single individual you're still eligible for welfare if you need it, right? I mean, we have both the -- the regular welfare program, we have the safety net program.

MS. FERNANDEZ: You need to be head of a household. If you are a homeless youth, you are not in your own household to get these services.

MR. GOODELL: Well, certainly, if you're the dependent of somebody else you're not eligible. But we provide housing assistance, home energy assistance, food stamp assistance to single adults, right?

MS. FERNANDEZ: They would need proof. They would have to show they are emancipated or without that restriction.

MR. GOODELL: Assuming they're emancipated, then -- I mean, we don't say to a 40-year-old, *No, sorry. You're not living at home. You're emancipated, you're on your own. Sorry, we're*

not going to help you. We help everyone as long as they're emancipated, right?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Essentially.

MR. GOODELL: Yes. Thank you very much for clarifying it.

On the bill, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the bill, sir.

MR. GOODELL: As -- as my colleague pointed out, and I certainly agree with her, in New York State if -- if you're an emancipated adult and you're in need of assistance, then the State of New York is there to help you. And we help you with housing, we help you with cash assistance, we help you with food stamps, we help you with home energy assistance. And so if you're 21 years old, as an example, and you're emancipated, meaning you're not a dependent on your parents anymore, you're on your own, you're eligible for the full range of benefits. Under this program what it does is it allows local districts to accept into the -- into the homeless youth program an individual who is under the age of 23 and allows the district to allow them to stay in the homeless youth program until they're 26 years old. And the concern expressed by myself and my colleagues is that there's a huge difference between a 16-year-old and a 26-year-old. And we think it's important as a matter of compassion and as a matter of public policy to focus our efforts on helping those young people with the limited resources we have and focus on the older young adults, if you will, those who are older, help them in a different way become

reliant -- self-reliant, help them get on their feet, help them get on a path to self-sufficiency. We don't expect a 16-year-old or a 17-year-old to focus on self-sufficiency. We treat them like a child and we should. But it's a mistake and it's a disservice to take resources away from those young children and use them in a manner that is less productive for those who might be up to the age of 26 when those people who are up to age 26 can benefit by the job training programs and the whole host of other programs we have designed specifically to help that older age group be successful on their own.

Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Fernandez.

MS. FERNANDEZ: I just want to clarify that under current law, counties can already elect to serve runaway and homeless youths up to the age of 24. All this bill does is ensure that youth up to the age of 24 can be eligible for this type of service, the transitional independent living shelters. These services are used to help these youth transition to independence. They can be both residential or nonresidential. So I really wanted everybody to put themselves in a 21-year-old in this day and age. Do you think at 21 you've been able to get a job, to get an apartment and sustain with the cost of living that the State is making you live? It is very hard, and especially for young people that have been kicked out of their homes for whatever reason, that haven't lived a socially and economically stable life. This is a resource to literally just keep a roof over their head so they can continue their education. So they can go to school. So they can live

and get a job. And a job that pays well, mind you, because still some jobs are not paying living wages. So this is essential to helping young people get on their feet to be good working people of the State that we want.

So I hope that my members please support this bill, do support this bill, and give young people a real fighting chance for the stability that we all hope to have. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Ms. Fernandez.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 2263. This is a Party vote. Any member who wishes to be recorded as an exception to the 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 is generally opposed to this legislation for the reasons mentioned by my colleagues. But those who want to vote for it can certainly do so here on the floor of the Assembly, or if they're COVID-impacted they can call the Minority Leader's Office and vote accordingly.

Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr.

Speaker. The Majority Conference is generally going to be in favor of this piece of legislation. However, there may be some of our colleagues that would desire to be an exception. They should feel free to contact the Majority Leader's Office and we'll ensure that their vote is properly recorded.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mrs.

Peoples-Stokes.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Walczyk to explain his vote.

MR. WALCZYK: Thanks, Mr. Speaker. I was listening intently to the debate here and it really comes down to a very interesting point of how -- at what age do you define youth in the State of New York, and I never thought that I would see such a New York City -- or an Upstate-Downstate dichotomy in what youth is. In my Assembly District at 21 years old, yes, absolutely, you would be expected to have a job and many 21-year-olds in my district are working two. Twenty-four years old, which is decide -- decidedly defined as youth by this bill, 24 years old you're a captain in the United States Army if you're in my Assembly District or you're a staff sergeant. I mean, these are roles of tremendous responsibility and they are definitely adults that do those jobs.

So, Mr. Speaker, I'll be voting no because at 24 years old you're an adult.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Fernandez to explain her vote.

MS. FERNANDEZ: I just wanted to reply to that. Scientifically, brains aren't fully developed until the age of 25. So if you want to get very technical, 24 could still be considered a youth. And I'm supporting this bill because in my district, where I represent and why I'm standing here, there are many young people 24 and under that are struggling to make due. That are struggling to survive in this State, not just New York City.

So I, again, vote in the affirmative. I ask all of my colleagues to please vote in the affirmative to give young people of New York State a fighting chance at staying and living and surviving in this State.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Fernandez in the affirmative.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes to explain her vote.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to explain my vote. I -- I just want to be real clear that no one is suggesting that when you turn 21 you're not fully an adult. But I would remind my colleagues that there are some 45-year-old adults who live in and around our societies that are not capable of being contributing citizens yet. And in my district we have a ton of 21-year-olds who are brighter than most people and doing better than most people. But we also have some people who have lived through the residual impacts of racism on their lives, on their

families' lives and on their communities, and as a result sometimes they're still lost at 21 and I think we have a responsibility as New Yorkers and Americans to help them find themselves.

And so I'm pleased to vote yes on this legislation.

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.

Page 35, Calendar No. 546, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Senate No. S05933-A, Calendar No. 546, Senator Parker (A08133, Paulin, Zinerman, González-Rojas, Seawright, Gottfried, Epstein, Dickens, Zebrowski, Simon, Abinanti, Sillitti, Hevesi, Colton, Otis, Jackson). An act directing the Department of Labor to conduct a study on the employment rate of transgender persons in New York State.

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

MS. PAULIN: Yes, of course. The bill directs the Department of Labor in consultation with the Division of Human Rights to conduct a study on the employment rates of transgender persons in the State.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Walsh.

MS. WALSH: Mr. Speaker, I'm wondering if the sponsor will yield for just a few questions.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Paulin, will you yield?

MS. PAULIN: Yes, I will.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Paulin yields.

MS. WALSH: Thank you so much. Yes, just a few questions about this. First, I -- this bill -- is it correct that this bill only deals with individuals who are transgender?

MS. PAULIN: It does.

MS. WALSH: So -- and not to read off the -- the whole list, but bisexual, intersexual, asexual, questioning, queer, none of those individuals are going to be encompassed by this study being done, only transgender?

MS. PAULIN: Just transgender.

MS. WALSH: Is there a reason for that? Because the -- the GENDA bill that really -- that was passed a couple of years ago more broadly defined, you know, gender identity, using terms like that. So is there a reason why you're focusing specifically on transgendered individuals with this study?

MS. PAULIN: Yes. The reason is is that population is, we believe, are very, very heavily discriminated against, more so than even those populations that -- that you mentioned.

MS. WALSH: Okay. The -- the only other question I really have is when I started thinking about it, how -- how do you envision the Department to -- to conduct a study like this? How would they even go about it? Because I can't imagine that that data

that would be readily available. I mean, how do you do a study like this?

MS. PAULIN: You know, I thought the same thing. You know, I wondered -- and I know that the Department of Labor collects data, you know, on employees through employers. That's how they usually collect data. There could be a survey. We don't direct the Department in any specific way. We do stay in consultation with an agency that has more familiarity with finding people in that -- in that realm. We also know that if you're transgender and you're -- and you're willing to be outed, you're -- it's much more likely that your employer will even know that you're transgender. It's harder to hide than if you were gay or one of the other categories that you mentioned. So I don't know that it's going to be that hard. I think they will have to work at figuring it out. But again, we're not specific as to how, we are leaving it to the Department. And I'm sure I'll see a chapter amendment, you know, if indeed we have to refine the way that they would need to conduct that study.

MS. WALSH: Okay. And I -- I do note you mentioned that the Division of Human Rights is also specifically mentioned as participating in this study. And my -- my thought about the Division of Human Rights is if an individual who is transgendered feels that they had been discriminated in the workplace they could call the Division of Human Rights and register a complaint, and so that information would be available through the Division of Human Rights as far as data. But yeah, I don't see any way around this other than to

do some type of a -- of a Statewide survey of employers. Now, this bill doesn't focus on employers of any particular size, so this could -- this could involve a survey of very large to very small private, I guess public, too. All -- any kind of employer.

MS. PAULIN: Any -- any kind (inaudible). You know, it could be any kind of employer. They -- you know, and you make a good point about the Division of Human Rights having some data. It might be the case that maybe all the discrimination is in a certain type of industry, so maybe there would be a more in-depth look in one industry and not in another. So, you know, again, it's just to better understand what the universe is out there to better help that community stay employed and be employed.

MS. WALSH: Very good. Thank you so much.

Mr. Speaker, on the bill.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the bill, ma'am.

MS. WALSH: Thank you so much. So, I think it's pretty clear that none of us want to see any individuals in our State discriminated against in employment. We want employees to find jobs and be able to stay in those jobs without regard to discriminatory practices based on any -- anything, whether it's age, gender, on and on. All those different criteria that we -- we make sure that the Division of Human Rights will investigate if there are complaints. I do have concerns, as -- as I tried to bring out about the way the study would be conducted, but I will support this bill because I do think that this is at least anecdotally been mentioned as being a real problem. And I think

it's worth trying to get to the bottom of it to ensure that individuals who are transgender are able to work in a work environment that is free from harassment and that they're able to -- to be employed, to be employed.

So for those reasons I'll support the bill, and I thank the sponsor for her responses and answers to my questions. 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 on Senate print 5933-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.)

Page 36, Calendar -- oh, the bill is passed. I'm sorry. I'm in a hurry.

Page 36, Calendar No. 548, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08460-A, Calendar No. 548, Paulin. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to requiring an official inspection station to post a sign or poster informing customers that it is not authorized to inspect certain vehicles.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir. Will the sponsor yield?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Paulin, will you yield?

MS. PAULIN: Yes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Paulin yields, sir.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, Ms. Paulin. As I understand it this bill would require inspection stations that are licensed by the State to display a sign at the inspection station stating that that inspection station is not authorized to inspect stretch limos unless the stretch limo has an exemption letter; is that correct?

MS. PAULIN: Yes.

MR. GOODELL: So in my district - I did a quick check on the DMV web page - there's 114 inspection stations, and I think there's only one or two limo services. Rather than have a sign at 114 inspection stations in my district - it would be several thousand Statewide - wouldn't it just be easier to tell the stretch limo companies they can't be inspected at those stations?

MS. PAULIN: They -- they already have been told that. And we know that in the Schoharie incident that the company that was held culpable ultimately, they actually brought their stretch limos to inspection stations and they were inspected. And many inspection stations because they're not informed annually, they might not even know. This was a way to inform inspection stations that

might not be aware or are inappropriately inspecting stretch limousines. The law was changed actually in 2011 to require limousines of a certain size -- a smaller stretch limousine only with nine passengers and a driver -- to go to DOT. So at that point, you know, many stretch limousines that were smaller than 16 were now supposed to go to DOT. And they -- they were still going often -- even though that's, you know, I get it, 11 years ago -- but a lot of the places in your district, for example, might have been doing this prior and might not have been aware of the law change and still might be inspecting those smaller stretch limos. So in the recommendations for the, you know, the post-incident, you know, the -- the -- one of the recommendations from the National Transportation Safety Board actually said that we should renew our policies and protocols of the inspection of stretch limousines and establish stricter safeguards and more rigorous enforcement protocols. So we thought - and we worked with DMV and DOT - that this might be a way to -- to actually get the job done.

MR. GOODELL: Now you say the changes in the law occurred in what year?

MS. PAULIN: In 2011 we changed the -- the vehicle passenger size.

MR. GOODELL: So ten years ago, 11 years ago.

MS. PAULIN: Yes.

MR. GOODELL: And these are all licensed inspection stations, correct?

MS. PAULIN: Yes.

MR. GOODELL: And they can lose their license if they don't comply with the DMV rules, right?

MS. PAULIN: Yes.

MR. GOODELL: And they're regularly reviewed by the DMV to make sure they're complying with the rules?

MS. PAULIN: They -- as you pointed out, there are so many of them, I don't know how often they're -- you know, that they're actually reviewed in the -- in the proper sense of the word.

MR. GOODELL: Now, this doesn't replace the obligation that we have for prominent posting of wage and hours, paid family leave and the other -- I think there are 17 other posters that are required already?

MS. PAULIN: I don't know about the other posters. You know, I know that --

MR. GOODELL: But it doesn't replace any of those.

MS. PAULIN: It doesn't replace them, no.

MR. GOODELL: All right. Thank you very much, Ms. Paulin.

Sir, on the bill.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the bill.

MR. GOODELL: It -- it just seems amazing to me. We -- we have all these posting requirements for small businesses, and in my business I have an entire wall with employment postings and safety postings and clients' rights and all those things, which no one

ever reads because there's an entire wall of them. And here we have a situation where we have thousands and thousands of inspection stations but only a very small number of companies with stretch limos. And as my colleague pointed out, apparently some of the inspection stations didn't realize the law changed and were improperly inspecting stretch limos. The solution is not to put another poster on the wall. The solution is to send a letter to the stretch limo companies to say, *Hey, want to remind you can't have a normal inspection station inspect your stretch limos unless you have an exemption letter*, and to send a simple letter to the thousands of inspection stations and say, *Hey, you're licensed, but keep in mind your license doesn't cover stretch limos*. I go into my inspection station, it's just a little small reception room because most of us don't want to hang out in a garage all day while our car is being inspected. Let's not clutter them up with -- with posters that can be accomplished with a simple letter to the -- from the DMV to both the stretch limos and to the -- to the inspection stations that say, *Hey, you can't do this kind of inspection*.

So I appreciate my colleague's desire to make sure that stretch limos are inspected by properly authorized individuals. I don't think we need more posters, in my case in 114 inspection stations, in the off chance that one or two of the limo services might happen to walk in. And in the meantime, you know, we -- we fill up all these public spaces with unnecessary posters when a direct letter is so much more effective, so much more cost-effective and accomplishes the result.

Thank you, and again, thank you to my colleague.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Tague.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Paulin, will you yield?

MS. PAULIN: Yes.

MR. TAGUE: I promise -- I promise I will be much gentler this time, Ms. Paulin.

MS. PAULIN: No, it's fine. I -- I actually have your answer on farm equipment.

MR. TAGUE: Oh, great. I appreciate it.

(Laughter)

MS. PAULIN: It's exempted.

MR. TAGUE: Thank you. Thank you very much. That's a win for us.

Just a couple of brief questions. And first of all, you know that this -- the limo accident in reference happened about two-and-a-half miles from my house. It also happens to be that I used to be a certified inspector. And the laws have changed, but so has the technology and how we do inspections. So my question is -- and I was under the assumption that when you -- as a certified inspector, when you do an inspection everything goes into the computer system and goes back to DOT and DMV; aren't I correct?

MS. PAULIN: I -- I don't know, because I'm not an

inspector. I do know that in 2016 and 2018 the -- the company Prestige did go to a licensed inspection station and got their limousines approved and had stickers from that inspection station. So this is a way to try to avoid that problem. For example, if that sign had been posted maybe some person near your house would have seen that there was a stretch limousine and there would have been a sign alerting them to a problem. Because it wasn't just once that it happened. That company was going repeatedly. So I agree. Maybe good actors wouldn't do it with a letter, but bad actors we want to prevent. And that was certainly a huge tragedy that if this one sign could have been up and somebody might have seen it, we would have maybe averted a -- a catastrophe.

MR. TAGUE: But what my point to this is is with the technology that we have today in inspection stations, there are -- because the DOT only does roadside inspections. You don't just go to DOT and say, *Okay, I need you to inspect my vehicle*. You have to go to a certified inspection station that is certified to inspect the stretch limousine and some cases a Class A or a Class B vehicle depending on its weight, size, the amount of wheels, axles. So, my point here is if they show up with a stretch limousine to one of these inspection stations and that inspection station is not certified to inspect limo -- stretch limousines, the computer will not allow them to give them a sticker. So -- and listen, I -- I don't disagree with you. I -- I think you're -- you're right on target with what you want to do with this. But the problem is, as Mr. Goodell had brought up, I think it's a waste of

time. Because I'll be honest with you. When people show up to the inspection station, the last thing they're looking for is a sign. But if the inspector comes out and sees the vehicle and says, *Oh, I can't inspect this because it's not going to go through the system.* I mean, we already have things in place that won't allow a certain -- a certain facility to do an inspection because the computer is set up through DMV and DOT to only let that facility inspect what they are certified for. So, I mean, my point is is that the sign is really not going to do anything. People go places and you're not supposed to do different things in -- in places and there's signs that tell you not to do that. People still do it. You know, it doesn't stop people from doing it. This is -- you know, I thought we already had a system in place that just would not allow them to do the inspection. Now, if they commit fraud not only is the inspection facility in some trouble or, you know, and they'll be held -- they'll be held accountable, but so is the company with the vehicle, which in the case that we're talking about is some of the litigation that's taking place now and that will probably take on in the future.

MS. PAULIN: No, I understand what you're saying. I think that we have a task force that we created by law. We recently extended that time period. And DMV and DOT are talking to each other. I have spoken to the head of DMV and I know that they -- they're finding it productive. And perhaps through that we will have a more elaborate computer system. To my knowledge we haven't changed the computer system since these incidents took place, and

this was an intermediary step, perhaps. If there could be a better one I think that task force will find it. And, you know, and then through that perhaps we will not have anymore stretch limousines going through a DMV inspection system.

MR. TAGUE: Well, let me just say this. First, I just -- I really appreciate it. I think there were about nine bills that we put through this House having to do with limo safety. I was a cosponsor on if not all of those bills, most of them. And I do want to say thank you to you and Member Santabarbara for taking the leadership on that because most of the people that perished in that awful crash were from Mr. Santabarbara's district. It happened in my district, but the folks that -- that we lost that were the victims were -- were from Angelo's district. So I do want to say thank you for your leadership. I disagree that we need a sign, but I do see your passion and how much you care about this and I appreciate that. I am going to be voting no just because I think there are already things in place or other things that we can do. I don't think a sign is really going to -- is going to do -- is going to lead to enforcement or compliance.

But thank you for your time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Montesano.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Paulin, will you

yield?

MS. PAULIN: Yes.

MR. MONTESANO: Just one or two things. On the inspection sticker on a stretch limousine, is it the same that appears on regular passenger vehicles or is it a DOT inspection sticker that gets put --

MS. PAULIN: It's a DOT sticker.

MR. MONTESANO: It's a DOT sticker. Because, you know, along the lines what my colleague just brought out is my understanding is when you bring the vehicle into an inspection station they pass the wand over your registration, the bar code, and it tells them what kind of vehicle it is. And as my colleague was alluding to, if that inspection station is not authorized to conduct that inspection the machine will not accept the testing or allow it to issue a sticker. In fact, if they're not authorized to conduct that inspection, they wouldn't even have possession of the DOT inspection sticker. They'd only have possession of a regular inspection sticker. So I -- I just wanted to flush that out because I know that's been -- because we -- you know, on Long Island we have stretch limousines that, forget about it, they're like tractor trailers when they travel --

MS. PAULIN: And that first accident was on Long Island.

MR. MONTESANO: Right. So it's a -- that's what I wanted to work out. Thank you, Ms. Paulin.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: We are tempted to stretch this debate further, but I think we're ready to vote on a Party vote, sir.

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 on Assembly 8460 [sic]. This is a Party vote. Any member who wishes to be recorded as an exception to the 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 is generally opposed to this legislation for the reasons mentioned by my colleague, although we do appreciate the other efforts made by the sponsor. So we will be voting generally in the negative. Those who want to support this are certainly encouraged to vote yes on the floor or by contacting the Minority Leader.

Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Ms. Hyndman.

MS. HYNDMAN: I would like to remind my colleagues that this is generally an affirmative vote. Any member wishing to vote in the negative is reminded to call the Majority

Leader's Office at the number previously mentioned.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Ms.

Hyndman.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir. Please add my colleague Mr. Norris in the affirmative.

Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: So noted.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 36 -- I'm sorry. Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr.

Speaker. If we can now go to Calendar No. 559. It's on page 36 and it's by Assemblymember Burgos.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09181-B, Calendar No. 559, Burgos, González-Rojas, Paulin, Jackson, Forrest, J. Rivera, Dickens, Cruz, Gunther, Frontus, Colton, Zinerman, Simon, Jacobson, O'Donnell, Gibbs, Gottfried, Glick, Davila, Jean-Pierre, Otis. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to the sale of electric space heaters.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr.

Burgos, 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 AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Senate 7863-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.)

Mr. Burgos to explain his vote.

MR. BURGOS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Get that mic on, Mr Burgos. Try -- try the mic next to you.

MR. BURGOS: I haven't been in the Chamber for so long. I don't know how to use this thing now.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Use it or lose it, sir.

MR. BURGOS: Can you hear me? All right. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to speak. So, the National Fire Protection Association reported that 43 percent of home heating-related fires are caused by a space heater, responsible for nearly 80 deaths per year. Now, on the morning of January 9, 2022 in my home borough of the Bronx we had a high-rise fire that shook the nation and took the lives of 17 of my neighbors. Eight of those victims were children, the youngest of which was two years old. This

was the deadliest fire we've seen in New York City since 1990. So today's bill will ensure that any space heaters going forward sold in the State of New York will have a thermostat, will be outfitted with an automatic shutoff and will be certified by OSHA, a Federal agency.

So I just want to say as we mourn the 17 neighbors that we lost, I want to thank all of my colleagues for their support on this bill. And I want to dedicate today's passage in their memory and in their honor and I proudly vote yes on this bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: We certainly do.

On the A-Calendar, on a motion by Mr. Thiele, page 6, Rules Report No. 118, Bill No. 4503, amendments are received and adopted.

On behalf of Mr. Sayegh, Assembly bill recalled from the Senate. The Clerk will read the title of the bill.

THE CLERK: An act to amend the Public Service Law.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Motion to reconsider

the vote by which the bill passed the House.

The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

The Clerk will announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

Bill No. A.3318-B is before the House and the amendments are received and adopted.

Mrs. -- wait a minute.

On behalf of Ms. Woerner, Bill No. 7356-B, Assembly bill is recalled from the Senate. The Clerk will read the title of the bill.

THE CLERK: An act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed the House. The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

The Clerk will announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is before the House and the amendments are received and adopted.

Numerous fine resolutions, we will take them up with vote.

On the resolutions, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolutions are adopted.

(Whereupon, Assembly Resolution Nos. 876-878 were unanimously adopted.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, May the 11th, tomorrow being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Assembly stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 8:05 p.m., the House stood adjourned until Wednesday, May 11th at 12:30 p.m., that being a Session day.)