

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

2:16 P.M.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come to order.

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

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

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

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

A quorum being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of Monday, January 22nd.

Mr. Fall.

MR. FALL: Mr. Speaker, I move to dispense with

the further reading of the Journal of Monday, January 22nd and that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. Fall.

MR. FALL: Mr. Speaker, as you know, we like to start off with a quote of the day, and today the quote of the day is by Julia Louis-Dreyfus: *The best way to make a difference in the world is to start by making a difference in your own life*, and again, this is by Julia Louis-Dreyfus, who is an American actress and comedian, often described as one of the greatest performers in television history.

Members have on their desk a main Calendar. After any introductions and housekeeping, we will continue taking up the Assembly's package to improve women's health care and maternal health outcomes. We will specifically take up the following bills: Rules Report No. 1 by Ms. Solages; Rules Report No. 2 by Ms. Clark; Calendar No. 138 by Ms. Paulin; Calendar No. 229 by Ms. Solages and Calendar No. 230 by Ms. Solages. We will be calling for the Codes Committee to meet off the floor today. I will announce any further floor activity as we proceed. Members should be aware that there will be the need of a conference once we conclude work on the floor. As always, we'll consult with the Minority on their Conference needs.

So that is a general outline, Mr. Speaker. Are there any introductions or housekeeping?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: We have a bit of housekeeping first and then introductions, Mr. Fall.

On a motion by Mr. Bronson, page 9, Calendar No. 19, Bill No. A.352, amendments are received and adopted.

On a motion by Ms. Weinstein, page 32, Calendar No. 168, Bill No. A.5885, amendments are received and adopted.

SPEAKER HEASTIE: So, to my colleagues, it's my great honor and privilege to introduce and acknowledge a good friend that I would say probably the greatest storyteller in hip hop's history, a man who I know that believes in second chances and is a living example of second chances. And he happens to be a good friend, but he's also a neighbor and a constituent. And so he's here with his amazing wife, who is also his manager. So I'm so happy to welcome the amazing, talented, Bronx's own Slick Rick here to the Assembly Chamber.

(Applause)

I just want to make sure I did it right when I see you on the block, Rick.

Jeff, you ready?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Tapia for the purposes of an introduction.

MS. TAPIA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to introduce Bartolo Colón to honor and celebrate his career and retirement from the major baseball league [sic]. Mr. Colón, who retired last year, had a distinguished 21 years career as a pitcher and as

a proud Dominican immigrant. Mr. Colón played for 11 different teams across his career, including one season with the Yankees and three with the Mets. Mr. Colón become a beloved figure in baseball and across New York during his time with the Mets where he hit a home run at age 42, making him the oldest player ever to achieve this feat. With 247 victories, Mr. Colón had the most wins with -- by any Dominican-born player, was a four-time All-Star and won the 2005 American League -- American League Cy Young cementing him as a symbol of excellence for the Dominican community and New York and beyond. Mr. Colón is a role model for many young people both here in the United States, New York State and in the Dominican Republic. And it is my honor to welcome him and celebrate his many achievements. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you welcome him and extend him all the courtesies of this floor.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Tapia, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly, extend to you the privileges of the floor. Our congratulations on a tremendous, brilliant career. We thank you for taking the time to come here and we know that you've inspired young baseball players around the world and particularly in New York State. Thank you again for being here with us. Congratulations again.

(Applause)

Ms. Levenberg for the purposes of a introduction.

MS. LEVENBERG: Okay, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to -- along with my colleague Assemblyman Burdick, we're tag-teaming to introduce several guests from an organization that serves in both of our districts and also beyond. Neighbors Link is a not-for-profit in Westchester County that works to build stronger communities through immigrant empowerment and integration. Today we are joined by Luisa Granda-Rodriguez, who is the Director of Operations and Community Engagement and has literally been working to build the infrastructure that supports this good work in Ossining and Mount Kisco for many, many years and I had the pleasure and privilege to work with her. We also have Kenta Togo, who is a Community Outreach Coordinator and Roberto Zumba who is a Worker Center Coordinator from Ossining, and we also have Lourdes Tapia (phonetic) from the Carroll Gardens Association who is now living in Ossining. So very proud to introduce them who are living in my district for all of the good work. I'm a longtime fan of Neighbors Link having seen firsthand how they have helped so many. The key to Neighbors Link work is creating a shared form for engagement between new Americans and longer-term residents through volunteerism, cultural awareness training and civic advocacy. And thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to make this introduction and I'm hoping my tag-team partner in crime will be able to continue it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. -- no. On behalf of Ms. Levenberg and Mr. Burdick, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly, extend to you

the privileges of the floor. Thank you for the work that you're doing in your communities. Please know that we appreciate that work and hope that you will continue to do it and with the support of this Body and your fine representatives. Thank you again so much for being here.

(Applause)

We will go to resolutions on page 3.

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. 779, Ms. Rosenthal.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 21 - 27, 2024, as Data Privacy 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 No. 780, Ms. Lupardo.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 2024, as Radon 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.

Page 4, Rules Report No. 1, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02870-B, Rules Report No. 1, Solages, Bichotte Hermelyn, Kelles, Raga,

Cunningham, Sayegh. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to maternal depression screenings.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

First vote of the day, ladies and gentlemen.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 4, Rules Report No. 2, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08207-A, Rules Report No. 2, Clark, Shimsky, Levenberg, Burdick, Rozic. An act to require the Department of Health to convene a maternal health care and birthing standards workgroup; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Clark to explain her vote.

One minute, Ms. Clark, while we -- please secure these doors behind us, too much noise.

Ms. Clark proceed.

MS. CLARK: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Speaker, for allowing me to speak quickly about this bill as we celebrate today, January 23rd, which is Maternal Health Awareness Day across our country bringing attention to a really important issue, but as a mom of three who had variously different birthing experiences myself, both in understanding at the time what was happening, what was not happening and understanding that it is slightly one of the most terrifying times and beautiful times all wrapped up into one. But as we have seen outcomes --

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ladies and gentlemen, a little respect, please. Thank you.

Proceed.

MS. CLARK: Thank you. But as we have seen the outcomes for maternal health and baby and infant health decline in New York State, in my county where we see even worse rates than across the State, it is time that we do more. It is time we adapt to

local moms' needs, making sure we're meeting their needs, making sure we're making this a less scary process and ensuring that the outcomes continue to get better. Every mom deserves to go through labor and delivery with the best outcomes of a child, and so it's time for us to do more. This is a great first step and it's among a package of many bills that we're going to be voting on today to ensure we're bringing the needed attention to this. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Ms. Clark in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 28, Calendar No. 138, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04927-A, Calendar No. 138, Paulin, González-Rojas, Jacobson, Simon, Epstein, Levenberg, Clark, Bichotte Hermelyn. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to the duty to inform maternity patients about the risks associated with cesarean section for patients undergoing primary cesarean section and to inform maternity patients about the reason for performing primary cesarean section delivery.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 39, Calendar No. 229, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06168-A, Calendar No. 229, Solages, Bichotte Hermelyn, Sayegh. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to permitting expecting and new mothers access to their doulas.

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

Mr. Jensen. An explanation is requested.

MS. SOLAGES: The bill would require hospitals and freestanding birthing centers to allow patients to access their designated doula for delivery and or in-patient care post-delivery.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Jensen.

MR. JENSEN: Will the sponsor yield for some questions?

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

MS. SOLAGES: Yes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The kind lady yields to you, sir.

MR. JENSEN: Thank you. I'm very thankful to the

kind lady. So when we're talking about doulas today, and certainly I understand the need that when my twins were born, my wife and I, we utilized a doula, unfortunately because it was an emergency C-section, the doula didn't get there until after the twins were born but c'est la vie. One of the questions that -- that we just want to clarify is when a mother is expecting a child and is admitted into the hospital for the birthing process, does the delivering physician or authorizing physician at the hospital have discretion to potentially restrict the access to a doula whether it's in the operating theater, the patient's room or any other place in the hospital based on medical need?

MS. SOLAGES: I thank my colleague for asking this question because, you know, in this world we're talking about a maternal mortality crisis where women in New York are dying at birth which should be a joyous occasion. So, you know, the impetus of the this bill is to make sure that women have a joyous birthing experience but also have a safe one. And so, the intent of the bill is not to preempt Federal law. If a physician needs the room cleared for any clinical purpose, then they can do so and require individuals to leave the room. The physician has the final say. And also, every hospital has policy and regulations that they have, and so, you know, I want to get this correct for the record, that a hospital policy can restrict individuals and -- and limit individuals from having access. So, if there to say is a hospital -- if there's an emergency under emergency C-section, in their visitation policy they usually would say that a physician would have the final say. So not only is it Federal law, but,

you know, in the hospital policy usually they have something that pertains to emergencies during, you know, emergency C-sections or emergency situations.

MR. JENSEN: So as a point of clarification, what you just referenced with the hospitals having this policy, is that covered under existing Public Health Law that this would not circumvent?

MS. SOLAGES: Yeah. So, in 2020 we actually passed a bill, and that said that the New York State Department of Health would issue visiting policies that require hospitals to allow one support person. And then in addition, hospitals have their own policies that are protected in law as well.

MR. JENSEN: So, under existing State health law and Federal law, there are protections to not just ensure the health and wellbeing of the patient in this respect; the expected mother and the child or children who are being born, while still respecting the right of that patient to have whatever support mechanism they want, in this case a doula.

MS. SOLAGES: Exactly.

MR. JENSEN: Okay. Thank you very much. I appreciate it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Ms. Zinerman.

MS. ZINERMAN: I don't have a question, but this is on the bill. Can I speak on the bill?

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

MS. ZINERMAN: On the bill, Mr. Speaker. First, I want to thank the sponsor for this very important piece of legislation. We all know the statistics where the maternal health rates for Black women and Brown women are off the charts despite having similar education and access to health care as other demographics. I want to speak today on behalf of one of my constituents, Christine Fields, who lost her life in December after going healthy into a hospital in the district and -- and perished. And it is situations like this where a young woman was healthy, she did all that she should have done. She had a health team, which included a doula who was not with her at the time and nor was her -- the father of her child, because they were not married, and he was not in the room with her and she died. And so, this type of legislation is absolutely important to the lives of mothers throughout New York State. And again, I want to thank the sponsor, both sponsors of this bill for bringing it forward to ensure that people have the health team that they need around them in the time that's supposed to be joyous, when we're welcoming in a new life to our families, but only to go home in trauma and pain when that -- when that mother does not make it home to care for their child. So again, thank you to the sponsors and I yield my time.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Ms. Zinerman.

Read the last section.

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

day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Fall.

MR. FALL: Mr. Speaker, will the Codes Committee meet in the Speaker's Conference Room? Codes Committee.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. Codes Committee, Speaker's Conference Room immediately, please.

Page 39, Rules Report No. 230, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07606, Calendar No. 230, Solages, Bichotte Hermelyn, Sayegh. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to permitting doulas to be present in the operating room while a cesarean section is being performed.

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

Mr. Jensen.

MR. JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor --

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: One minute, one minute. Ladies and gentlemen, please. We're on debate. We would

like a little less chatter in the Chamber, please. There's a group back there, I'm sure they can take that conversation somewhere else.

MR. JENSEN: Mr. Speaker, will the sponsor yield?

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

MS. SOLAGES: Yes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The sponsor yields.

MR. JENSEN: Thank you very much to the sponsor as we enter the déjà vu time of the day. Just to clarify the legislative record with doulas and they're very important as we've heard very recently.

When doulas are, under this legislation, given access and allowed to be present during a cesarean section in the operating theater, under existing State health law, Public Health Law and Federal law, is there the ability of the authorizing physician or the surgeon to potentially clear that theater of a doula or any other guest or support staff for the patient in the event of a medical emergency, such as the expecting mother is coding, or for some reason if the patient comes in from an emergency situation like a car accident or something else and the doula then comes to the hospital to be supportive of -- of the patient.

MS. SOLAGES: Yeah, definitely, you know, in the event of a C-section, there's elective C-sections and there are also emergency C-sections. And so if the physician wants to clear the room for an emergency situation they're allowed to. This bill doesn't

speaking to emergency situation as it's already covered by Federal regulation, which is preemptive by -- by State law. And then, again, you know, every hospital has their own hospital policy in which they enlist, you know, certain protocols and procedure. And so if -- if -- and usually in a hospital policy, they would speak to the fact that if a, you know, a head physician or the clinical individual needs the room clear, they can do so.

MR. JENSEN: So it's not your legislative intent through this legislation or any other relevant piece of legislation to circumvent existing Public Health Law or Federal law when it comes to possible policy --

MS. SOLAGES: No. That -- that is not the intent of the legislation. The intent of the legislation is to ensure that women have access to a support system, have access to their doula when necessary, especially during a C-section which can be -- it's -- it's a major surgery, it's, you know, it's going into the abdominal and accessing the child. And, you know, that is something that sometimes women need support, and their doula should be there to be able to provide that support.

MR. JENSEN: Thank you for your answers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you both.

The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Goodell to explain his vote.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the bill sponsor, Ms. Solages and our Health Committee ranker, Mr. Jensen for clarifying the bill. And I think we all have the exact same objective, which is to have the most pleasant and safe birthing experience for all New Yorkers. And I very much appreciate the comments that there are situations sometimes where a doula in the emergency room or in the operating room for a normal C-section really helps. And I had the good fortune of calling my brother who's an anesthesiologist and I said, what do you think about this bill? And he says, oh, I love doulas there. They calm a patient down, much more pleasant experience, better outcomes. And I said, are there any situations where the doula shouldn't be there? And he goes, oh, yeah. And examples that were given is where the patient may code or the patient comes in on a very serious car accident, the patient is unconscious, you may have multiple surgical teams working, one, trying to save the mother's life and the other to save the infant's life. And in those situations where it is wild and crazy in a sense, you don't want anyone extra. So I very much appreciate Ms. Solages' comments that made it clear that the health of the patient and the health of the infant is always first and foremost and that is most often accomplished by allowing the doula in but sometimes the health and safety of both the mother and the child is best accomplished by not having anyone else in the room. And for that reason I'll be supporting it and again, thank you to my colleagues.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Goodell in the

affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Fall.

MR. FALL: Mr. Speaker, can we now go to bills on consent starting with Rules Report No. 3 on page 4?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mr. Fall.

On page 4, Rules Report No. 3, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08497, Rules Report No. 3, Paulin. An act to amend the Public Health Law and the chapter of the Laws of 2023 amending the Public Health Law relating to establishing a four-year demonstration project and workgroup to reduce the use of temporary staffing agencies in residential healthcare facilities, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6897 and A. 7328, in relation to a demonstration project to reduce the use of temporary staffing agencies in residential healthcare facilities.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08502, Rules Report No.4, Hunter. An act to amend the Insurance Law and the Social Services Law, in relation to requiring health insurance policies and Medicaid to cover biomarker precision medical testing for certain purposes; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2023 amending the Insurance Law and the Social Services Law relating to requiring health insurance policies and Medicaid to cover biomarker testing for certain purposes, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 1196-A and A. 1673-A, 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.

(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. A08515, Rules Report No. 5, Pheffer Amato, Sayegh. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to the New York State Adult Cystic Fibrosis Program; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2023, amending the Public Health Law relating to the Adult Cystic Fibrosis Assistance Program, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6521 and A. 3089, 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.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Walsh to explain her vote.

MS. WALSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So in this sea of green yes votes up on the board, you'll notice one glaring example. I just want to clarify why that this. I think that this program is an excellent program and it was very hard-fought. And the reason why I'm voting no is not because I disagree with the Cystic Fibrosis Program, I completely agree with it. I don't like the fact that it has a sunset date of March 31st of this year for something that we fought this hard for and that the sponsor no doubt fought very hard for. I think it's a real mistake to have it be there for just a few short months. So as a protest. I plan on voting no in the negative. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08529, Rules Report No. 6, Solages, Bichotte Hermelyn. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to the New York State Community Doula Directory; and to repeal certain provisions of the Public Health Law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Solages, 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 270th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08532, Rules Report No. 7, Septimo. An act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to allowing municipalities to establish an adjustment percentage to be applied to the exemption percentage schedule for certain exemptions based upon permanent partial disabilities.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08533, Rules Report No. 8, Pretlow. An act to amend the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law, in relation to allowing New York sire stakes eligibility for foals sired by New York State stallions; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08534, Rules Report No. 9, Pretlow. An act to amend the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law, in relation to the tax on gaming revenues in certain regions.

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

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you very much, Mr.

Speaker. I rise to introduce some special guests that we have here on behalf of Assemblyman Dave DiPietro. And joining us today is Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Merchant. He's in charge of the Watervliet Armory. In case you need some arms, he's the guy to talk to. Sergeant First Class Becker and Lopez Santos [sic], who's the Vice President of the Orange County Choppers, and they're here representing the U.S. Army and the recruiting command for the Albany recruiting platoon. So if you would extend greetings on behalf of our Chamber and on behalf of Assemblyman Mr. DiPietro, I would appreciate it. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Goodell, Mr. DiPietro, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you gentlemen here to the New York State Assembly, extend to you the privileges of the floor. Thank you so very much for your service and continued service to this country and this State. Please continue that great work and know you are always welcome here in the New York State Assembly. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08538, Rules Report

No. 10, Sillitti. An act to amend the chapter of the Laws of 2023 relating to authorizing the County of Nassau assessor to accept an application for a real property tax exemption from the Maritime Administration, a component of the United States Department of Transportation, in relation to technical amendments thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08551, Rules Report No. 11, Buttenschon. An act to amend the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, in relation to maintenance of abandoned cemeteries; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Fall.

MR. FALL: Mr. Speaker, we would like to continue with the bills on consent starting with Calendar No. 238 on page 40.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir. On consent, page 39, Calendar No. 238. The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08509, Calendar No. 238, Rozic. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to authorizing cellular phone companies to provide notice of bills to third parties at the request of the customer.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08516, Calendar No. 239, L. Rosenthal. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to allowing certain non-public schools to be exempt from being required to provide menstrual products in the restrooms of school buildings.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08517, Calendar No. 240, Simon, Burdick, Taylor. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to prohibiting the unauthorized installation of certain security devices on residential buildings.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08521, Calendar No. 241, Dinowitz, Sayegh. An act to amend the State Technology Law, in relation to providing for the remote conduct of witnessing health care proxies.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08522, Calendar No.

242, Paulin. An act to amend the chapter of the Laws of 2023 amending the Public Health Law relating to municipal limited health care service facilities, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6219 and A. 2400, 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.

(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. A08523, Calendar No. 243, Paulin, Sayegh. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to information on service lines to be reported by public water system.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08524, Calendar No.

244, Paulin. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to licensure requirements and reimbursements for certain home health services; and to repeal Section 610 of the Public Health Law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08525, Calendar No. 245, McDonald. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to dispensing of drug adulterant testing supplies.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08530, Calendar No. 246, Magnarelli. An act to amend the Public Service Law, in relation to requiring certain call centers to provide the public services commission information regarding closure.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08531, Calendar No. 247, Sayegh. An act to amend the Public Service Law, in relation to the emergency response plans relating to downed wires and prioritizing the securing of such wires.

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08536, Calendar No. 248, Gunther, Sayegh. An act to amend the Public Health Law and the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act, in relation to orders not to resuscitate.

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08537, Calendar No. 249, Hunter, Sayegh. An act to amend the Banking Law and the New York State Urban Development Corporation Act, in relation to the Capital Access Program.

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: Read the last section.

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

day.

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08539, Calendar No. 250, Benedetto. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to prohibiting residential and commercial properties from erecting or installing digital billboards or signs that use flashing, intermittent or moving lights near certain Mitchell-Lama housing; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2023 amending the General Business Law relating to prohibiting residential and commercial properties from operating digital billboards or signs that use flashing, intermittent or moving lights near certain Mitchell-Lama housing, as provided in legislative bills numbers S.1931-B and A.7456-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: On a motion by Mr. Benedetto, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08542, Calendar No. 251, Jacobson. An act to amend the Public Service Law, in relation to the finality of certain utility charges and the contents of utility bills; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2023 amending the Public

Service Law relating to the finality of certain utility charges and the contents of utility bills, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.4234-A and A.4055-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: On a motion by Mr. Jacobson, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08543, Calendar No. 252, Epstein. An act to amend the Public Authorities Law, in relation to requiring one voting member of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority be a transit-dependent individual; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2023 amending the Public Authorities Law, in relation to requiring one voting member of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority be a transit-dependent individual, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.5069 and A.4504-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: On a motion by Mr. Epstein, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08545, Calendar No. 253, Reyes. An act to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2023 establishing a task force on missing women and girls who are Black, indigenous and people of color, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.4266-A and A.5088-A, in relation to directing the Division of Criminal Justice Services to establish a task force on missing women and girls who are Black, indigenous and people of color; and

to repeal certain provisions of such law related thereto.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08546, Calendar No. 254, Burdick. An act to amend the State Technology Law, in relation to requiring State agencies to conform any of their websites to the most current version of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines adopted by the World Wide Web Consortium for Accessibility.

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08547, Calendar No. 255, Kelles. An act to amend the General Construction Law, in relation to requiring the use of gender-neutral terms in law.

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08548, Calendar No. 256, Bronson. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to requiring the collection of certain demographic information by certain State agencies, boards and commissions.

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08549, Calendar No. 257, L. Rosenthal. An act to amend the State Technology Law, in relation to the use of gender-neutral terminology on agency websites for certain website content; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2023 amending the State Technology Law relating to requiring State websites to use gender-neutral terminology, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.208-A and A.1371-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: On a motion by Ms. Rosenthal, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. The Clerk will read -- read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08550, Calendar No. 258, Rajkumar. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to establishing the New York Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission and providing for its duties; to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2023 amending the Executive Law relating to establishing the New York Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.1051-A and A.3301-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and to repeal Section 295-a of the Executive Law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08552, Calendar No. 259, Zebrowski. An act to amend the Public Health Law and the General Business Law, in relation to establishing a registry for children's non-regulated camps; and to repeal certain provision of the Public Health Law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08553, Calendar No. 260, Braunstein. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to the controlling disposition of a decedent's remains.

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: On a motion by Mr. Braunstein, 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 BERGER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08554, Calendar No. 261, Otis. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to requiring camps and youth programs have at least one automated external defibrillator.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER BERGER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08562, Calendar No. 262, Bichotte Hermelyn. An act to amend the New York City Charter, in relation to making a technical correction thereto; and to amend the State Finance Law, in relation to increasing State agencies' discretionary buying thresholds for certain commodities or services from businesses owned by minority, women and service-disabled veterans.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08563, Calendar No. 263, Bichotte Hermelyn. An act to amend the Executive Law, relating to the maximum number of employees that a minority and women-owned business enterprise may have during a declared State

disaster emergency or other emergency or critical need, in relation to limiting such provisions to declared State disasters.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08564, Calendar No. 264, Otis. An act to amend the State Technology Law, in relation to State agency websites required to offer a mobile-friendly form.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 365th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08566, Calendar No. 265, Meeks. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to expanding eligibility for victims and survivors of crime to access

victim compensation funds; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2023 amending the Executive Law relating to expanding eligibility for victims and survivors of crime to access victim compensation funds by removing the mandatory law enforcement reporting requirement, providing alternative forms of evidence that would show that a qualifying crime was committed and the confidentiality of certain records, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.214-A and A.2105-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08567, Calendar No. 266, Palmesano. An act to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2023 relating to authorizing the Commissioner of General Services to transfer and convey certain unappropriated State land to the Town of Romulus, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.7542 and A.7756, in relation to land to be conveyed by the State and circumstances under which such land shall revert to the State.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08570, Calendar No.

267, Lee. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to the sale of certain products for human consumption.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Fall.

MR. FALL: Mr. Speaker, do we have any further housekeeping or resolutions?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: We have no housekeeping, sir, but we do have numerous fine resolutions which we will take up with one vote.

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

(Whereupon, Assembly Resolution Nos. 781-791 were unanimously adopted.)

Mr. Fall.

MR. FALL: Mr. Speaker, can you recognize Mr. Jacobson for an announcement?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: I certainly will.

Mr. Jacobson for the purposes of an announcement.

MR. JACOBSON: Yes, the Majority has the chance again to come together to have a conference right after here, but we're going to be in Hearing Room C.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Majority Conference

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MR. JACOBSON: Don't go to B, because you'll be in the -- the Health Budget meeting. So, Hearing Room C right after Session.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Majority Conference, Hearing Room C. Thank you, Mr. Jacobson.

Mr. Fall.

MR. FALL: I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned and that we will reconvene at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 24th, tomorrow being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On Mr. Fall's motion, the House stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 4:37 p.m., the Assembly stood adjourned until Wednesday, January 24th at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday being a Session day.)