

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

11:26 A.M.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come to order.

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

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

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

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

A quorum being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of Tuesday, February 28th.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, I move that we dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Tuesday,

February the 28th and ask that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Without objection, so ordered.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, sir.

Colleagues and guests that are in the Chambers, I would like again to share a quote with you. This one today comes from Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Many of you probably do know her, or at least remember her. She is an American writer and an activist who was the leader in the Women's Rights Movement in the United States of America during the mid to late 19th Century. Her words for us today, Mr. Speaker, short but very important: *The best protection a woman can have is courage.* Again, words from Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And members, you do have on your desk a main Calendar and after there are any introductions and/or housekeeping, we will be calling for a Rules Committee in the Speaker's Conference Room. This meeting -- that meeting will produce a A-Calendar containing the concurrent resolution for the purpose of electing three Regents. We will take up that resolution today, Mr. Speaker. Then we will begin our work on the floor by first taking up resolutions on page 3. There may be some folks who have comments on that, and then we will consent the new bills, beginning with Rules Report No. 103 through Rules Report No. 105 on page 5 of the main Calendar. There could possibly be further announcements as it relates to floor activity, Mr. Speaker. If so, I will advise at that

moment. However, that is a general outline of where we're going today.

If you have any introductions or housekeeping, now would be an appropriate time, sir. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes. We do have introductions.

Ms. Buttenschon.

MS. BUTTENSCHON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good morning, colleagues. I want to introduce the Bosnian-American Community Association which is from Utica, New York. They are here today as we pass a resolution in honor of Bosnia and Herzegovina Independence Day, which is a public holiday observed in the Federation of Bosnia to celebrate this independence from the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. In 1992, citizens of the Social Republic of Bosnia overwhelmingly voted for the independence in a referendum and it was accepted on March 6th and thereafter on April 7th. On February 28th in 1995, Parliament deemed March 1st as a national holiday and official Independence Day. BACA, which is the organization that is here today, is driven by one single goal; to be a part of making the community in which we all live in, as well as the State of New York, a place that strives to build productive relationships with many positive impacts within all those -- within the community, as well as the State of New York.

I do have three individuals that I would like to acknowledge that are part of the group here today. First is a

successful business owner, Osman Ruznic, which clearly has spent so much time providing productive, outstanding food, as well as work within the community, not only on an economic level, but as an entrepreneur. I also have an Assistant Teaching Professor from Syracuse University, Mirza Tihic, and clearly not only the educational component, but the community component that has been provided. And finally, an outstanding Utica police officer that not only as prior to that was a student of mine that I can say is an outstanding young man that is part of the GIVE Program which, as we know, as we're dealing with so much violence within our community, he is one that comes foremost.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and please extend the cordialities of the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Buttenschon, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly, to extend to you the privileges of the floor. We call this the People's House. We hope that your trip here to Albany will be helpful and beneficial to you, but also we salute the work that you do to preserve the Bosnian community here in New York State. Continue that great work, you always have friends here. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

For the purposes of an introduction, Ms. Walsh.

MS. WALSH: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to interrupt the proceedings for an introduction. To

my left is Abigail Burke. I'd like all of you to meet Abby. She is a senior at Siena College, double majoring in political science and history. She was a high school intern in my office and will be interning with me again this summer. I think, as we all know, although we've hit record numbers of women in this Chamber, on my side of the House it's a little thin. So I personally take it as a mission and a challenge to try to really encourage women like Abby to get involved and to hopefully rise in -- in whatever she chooses to do, whether it's government or otherwise. Abby has been extremely important to my team and participating in spring cleaning events in my district, our Women of Excellence Program. She's also a member of the League of Women Voters and a local committee member from her hometown in Milton, Town of Milton in Saratoga County.

So Mr. Speaker, if you would please welcome Abby and afford her the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Walsh, Abby, welcome to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor, congratulate you on the work that you're doing and looking forward to a bright future and that we will certainly hear from you as time goes on. Thank you so very much, and know that you're always welcome here. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes for the purposes of a
announcement.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, could you

please call our colleagues for the Rules Committee in the Speaker's Conference Room?

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

Resolutions on page 3, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 144, Mr. Miller.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2023 as Pure New York State Maple Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER RAJKUMAR: Mr. Miller on the resolution.

MR. MILLER: Thank you, Madam Speaker, on the resolution. I would like to thank the Governor for -- for proclaiming March 2023 as Pure Maple -- New York State Pure Maple Month. And to my colleagues, please join me in celebrating this -- this resolution.

New York is -- is home to the largest quantity of tappable maple trees. Nationally, the maple industry has been growing at a seven percent increase each year. Maple syrup generates \$150 million economic impact annually in this State. So today and for the rest of the month, we honor our maple producers and our maple consumers. Maple weekend is March 18th and 19th and the 25th and 26th, so if you get a chance, stop by a maple farm. Taste a pure and natural food product at its freshest and in its many forms. Learn how

many -- how maple syrup and other maple confections are made. Experience the unique family traditions of making maple syrup in New York State. Celebrate New York's first agricultural harvest of the season in a family-friendly -- family-friendly environment. Meet the producers who annually -- who annually make New York the second-largest maple-producing state in the U.S. Share in the many ways to cook and bake maple syrup and other maple products. Witness sustainable agriculture at its best. Enjoy some maple syrup or maple sugar with some pancakes and waffles with your family. Like last year, my colleagues and I will be making pancakes for the Legislature, showcasing pure New York State maple syrup. This is your official invitation, stay tuned for a date and time. Thank you.

(Applause)

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

On consent, page 5, Rules Report No. 103, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00605, Rules Report No. 103, Paulin. An act to amend the Election Law, in relation to the accessibility of Congressional, Senatorial, Assembly and election district maps.

ACTING SPEAKER RAJKUMAR: On a motion by Ms. Paulin, 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 RAJKUMAR: 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. A00972, Rules Report No. 104, Carroll. An act to amend the Election Law, in relation to certain deadlines for voter registration.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00985, Rules Report No. 105, Steck. An act to amend the Election Law, in relation to electronic correspondence with regard to determinations on objections to designating petitions, independent nominating petitions, certificates of nomination or ballot access documents.

ACTING SPEAKER RAJKUMAR: On a motion by Mr. Steck, 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 RAJKUMAR: The Clerk will

record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Walsh to explain her vote.

MS. WALSH: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I'll be supporting this measure, but there has been a concern raised about the absence of language in this legislation requiring confirmation or acknowledgement of receipt of electronic correspondence, and I -- I think that the bill would benefit from that additional language being offered and I hope that that does indeed happen. But I'll be supporting it in its current form as well.

Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: 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, members have on their desks an A-Calendar. I'd like to advance that A-Calendar.

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

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

Resolution on page 3, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 138, Benedetto. Concurrent Resolution of the Senate and Assembly

providing for the election of three Regents of the University of the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Benedetto.

MR. BENEDETTO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We -- we stand here today to continue a tradition here in the New York State Assembly, a tradition that goes back before the birth of our nation as it is today. We're talking about going back to the historians of American history to the Articles of Confederation when the New York State Assembly established on May 1st, 1784 the Board of Regents. They are tasked with overseeing the entire educational system here in the State of New York. And over and above that they also are in charge of overseeing the professionals in the State of New York as well as the museum of the State of New York and the libraries within. It is a Board of Regents. If you look at the names of people who served over the years you will see many, many, names in -- famous in New York State history names like Clinton, names like Rensselaer, names that are familiar to us all like Schuyler and national people who served on the Board of Regents like Alexander Hamilton and the First Chief Justice of the United States, John Jay as well as future Presidents of the United States like Theodore Roosevelt. It is an important vote that we take here today to put three members on the Board of Regents. One new member, two people who are continuing to be on the Board because they have served distinguished -- distinguishably over the past few years. And I am very proud to put forth this nomination with these three individuals nominated before us

today from the Bronx, Dr. Aramina Ferrer; from Queens, Regent Margaret Chin and now representing from Upstate the middle of the State of New York a Mr. Adrian Hale. They will continue this fine tradition of upholding the fine education system we have here in the State of New York and continuing to make sure the quality of education is high and the standards for our professions are just as high. I hope everybody takes this consideration and votes in favor of this resolution. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Ms. Fahy.

MS. FAHY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And as the new Higher Education Chair I also want to rise and talk about what an important day today is with the three Regents before us and this impending vote. It is one of the most important things we do in this Chamber and that is appoint Regents, select and appoint Regents and this year we have two reappointments as well as a new Regent, Mr. Adrian Hale. And I want to say that we spoken a lot about education policy, we spoken a lot about the professions these last couple of years especially as we have come to grapple with COVID and now with the COVID -- well, we still have COVID, the aftereffects. And one of those aftereffects is we have lost estimates as high as hundreds of thousands of students in our secondary schools and even elementary schools that are unaccounted for. As Higher Ed Chair, the drop in enrollments that we are seeing in Higher Education are not going to turn around until we can turn around elementary and secondary

education so we are united in these efforts and the Board of Regents will be critical to helping to turn around what has become a crisis situation in education across this country because what we're facing here in New York is not unique to New York. So, the role of the Regents has become more important than ever. The interviews were impressive and I commend all colleagues who attended those interviews and took the time to meet the returning candidates as well as the couple of new candidates. I'm -- and so I'm pleased that two of our candidates Dr. Chin and Dr. Vega Ferrer have stepped up for reappointments and I also want to commend the Rochester regional members or those from the Rochester region for their due diligence in not only sending forward a number of recommended candidates but then coalescing and backing Mr. Adrian Hale who is in some ways is different for Regents. And I have to say while he may not be a PhD as well, he brings what is an impressive lifetime of experience from the ground level, if you will. And particularly what was noteworthy is his work as a veteran, his service to our country as a veteran. Not sure if we have other Regents on the Board right now who are veterans and I think that is particularly noteworthy as well as the fact that he has never forgotten where he comes from. He's a product of the Rochester schools and his volunteer work that he discussed in front of the -- during the interviews said as much as his professional experience. So again, kudos to the Rochester delegation for their due diligence and with that I join Mr. -- our Chair of the Education Committee in saying I'm pleased to recommend and support these three nominees and with

that again look forward to voting in approval of these members.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mr. Smith on the resolution.

MR. SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm proud to rise and agree with my colleagues as the Ranking Member of the Education Committee. As they have mentioned so eloquently, the Board of Regents is a storied group that is responsible for overseeing the education of over three million public and non-public school students across the State of New York. It's an incredibly important position. My last five years here I've been -- it's been a pleasure of mine to sit in on the interviews of the Regents candidates. We have a number of fine candidates every year that put themselves forward for a position that I might remind people is demanding of their time, it's critically important, it is at this time unpaid. So it is really a labor of love. And I'm happy today to see that Regent Chin, Regent Ferrer who represent the Queens and the Bronx communities are now going to be joined by a new Regent Adrian Hale from Rochester, who as my colleagues mentioned he's a veteran, he has a tremendous amount of experience in the private sector serving with the Rochester Chamber -- Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce and his unmatched level of energy that he exhibited by answering the questions that we had and I think it will be a nice infusion of some additional enthusiasm and granting a fresh perspective. This board of distinguished educators and professionals, it's nice to have people with perspectives of all

types and I think that they'll add really something special to that. So I wish him the best of luck but I join my colleagues in supporting our three Regents candidates. And -- you know, let's hope and let's support them to do well for the students of the State of New York. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mr. Smullen on the resolution.

MR. SMULLEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On the resolution.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Yes, sir.

MR. SMULLEN: I rise today in support of the Regents nominations that we've made. As the Ranking Member of the Higher Education Committee it gives me great pleasure to support Adrian Hale's candidacy to be on the State Board of Regents. One thing I noted immediately upon the interview process is that Mr. Hale was a veteran but also a United States Marine and he brought that can-do enthusiasm to the interview process which I'm hoping that he will continue to take to the Board of Regents and to the oversight of our vast educational system here in New York. So I only hope that not only Mr. Hale but the other Regents remain Semper Fidelis, always faithful to the mission of the Board of Regents and stay true to the process and take care of our young people who are being educated in New York State today. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and I will be supporting the nominations.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Dinowitz on the resolution.

MR. DINOWITZ: Thank you. I just wanted to say a few words on behalf of the nominee for the 12th District, the Bronx. And as Chair of the delegation I'm very pleased to say some nice words about Aramina Ferrer. And I'll just give some of her education credentials because she has a lot of credentials besides that. Aramina Ferrer got her Bachelor's Degree from Herbert H. Lehman College, Fordham University, which is also my alma mater, an MS Master's -- an MS in education and bilingual education from City College, post-graduate studies in education administration supervision at Fordham University and a PhD in language, literacy and learning from Fordham University. In her career she was a bilingual teacher, a bilingual supervisor, she was principal of PS 46 of the Northwest Bronx for 20 years. She was a mentor, principal, an educational consultant, adjunct instructor assistant, adjunct assistant professor. She had many positions between 2010 and 2020 at Mercy College and she's been the Board of Regents member for the Bronx since 2020. So her credentials in the education field are unsurpassed and she's been involved in many community organizations and institutions as well. So I'm very pleased that we're nominating her today and I urge everybody to support her and the other nominees.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

The question is does the House concur with the Senate.

The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Clark to explain her vote.

MS. CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to explain my vote for our new Regent in the 7th Judicial District, Adrian Hale. I've had the honor to know Adrian for many, many years. And have watched him as he has truly -- as a city school district graduate, as a Marine who did two tours, as someone who came back to Rochester, used the GI Bill, went to MCC, graduated after transferring to Yale, truly came back ready to be a leader and ready to make sure that all our children in our district and our city and in the entire State get to have the same educational opportunities and hopefully a similar path as he did. His commitment to career and technical education, his understanding that we not only need to prepare our children and our students for college but also careers. We need to know that careers and getting out of high school with a skill is sometimes the most and easiest way to uplift so many of our families out of poverty. So I just stand here in celebration of his appointment to the Board of Regents. I know his mom Sharon Hale and his dad Kenneth Poole are watching here today on livestream and I just want to say you have raised a son who truly embodies what it means to be -- it embodies what we think about when we say public education and when we think about where education can take us. Thank you for raising such an amazing son and I'm so thankful to be here today to watch this.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Clark in the

affirmative.

Mr. Bronson.

MR. BRONSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm honored as Chair of the Greater Rochester Delegation to rise in support of Adrian Hale as our next Regent for the 7th District. I've known Adrian for a very long time meeting him when he returned from his military duty and he had served two combat tours with the US Marine Corps as a corporal in those tours and he also went to Monroe Community College, our SUNY system and then went on to Yale University where he earned his degree. Adrian, as a proud gay man of color, has risen from some of the most challenging circumstances to become the successful professional leader that he is today. Adrian is a man of honor, vision and integrity. He is a living embodiment of what Rochester has been, is and can be. And he is a visionary that will make that happen. We were fortunate to have two really exceptional, highly impressive and qualified individuals applying for this position. It was a difficult choice but we had to make a choice. Ultimately, we are here today to appoint Adrian Hale because of his experience, because of his educational background and accomplishments but also because of his deep dedication to the Rochester community. His determined commitment to creating opportunities for young people in our community. Those opportunities through career exploration and workforce development programs and also for his commitment to equity and inclusion. I'm confident my friend Adrian Hale will serve our State well in his new

role as Regent. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Bronson in the affirmative.

Mr. Goodell on the resolution.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I join with many of my colleagues expressing my appreciation to the quality of Regents that we have here seeking our support and as my colleague the Ranker mentioned, all the candidates, all three candidates, are very well-qualified and deserving of our support. There are a few no votes and I just wanted to mention and make it clear. Those no votes in no way reflect adversely on these three candidates. Instead there were some concern that the process that we use should be examined. Section 202 of the Education Law deals with a process and provides that if the Senate and the Assembly agree, we do it by a joint resolution. And these three candidates are fortunate that everyone agrees on it in both the Senate and the Assembly. The concern arises though that when there's a disagreement between the Senate and the Assembly, we have a joint session. And since the Assembly has more than twice as many members as the Senate, that joint session really translates into the Assembly gets its way. And we really think that the process should be examined so that when we have Regents they have the support of both the Senate and the Assembly so that we as a State are comfortable that our Regents have that support from both houses. Today, all three candidates have the support of both houses and it's well-deserved which makes it the most appropriate time for us to

bring up this question of procedure because it doesn't relate to these three candidates. So I hope the Education Committee and the Higher Education Committee will take a look at that procedure. It's in Section 203 of the Education Law and look for a way to ensure that as in today, in the future, our candidates are supported by both the Senate and the Assembly. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mr. Goodell.

Mr. Meeks.

MR. MEEKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to explain my vote. I rise in support of all candidates and in particular the 7th Judicial District candidate Adrian Hale from Rochester, New York. Two things to explain Mr. Hale. Strategic leader and change-maker. He's one who truly believe in the motto lifting as we climb. Since he came back to Rochester after finishing his undergraduate degree, whatever industry he's had the opportunity to touch he has been intentional on ensuring that other individuals from the community have an opportunity to grow in those areas. He's currently in the Bitcoin industry and he took on the task of taking on five plus students from the Rochester City School District and giving them an opportunity within that industry. One of the challenges that they experience, which many of us from the Rochester School District have experienced, the students weren't quite prepared for that opportunity. So in recognizing that they were not prepared for that opportunity he assured that they would continue to invest in these

children. They gave them an opportunity by way of putting together needed resources to bring their math skills up to par, as well as their reading skills up to par. I'm proud to say that these five students have been with this industry now over a year-and-a-half and they're making 60,000 plus a year as graduating high school students. That is huge coming from a city like Rochester and it just speaks to his character and as long as I've known him he's been a man of his word. As it relate to things that he focus on and he commit his heart to. So I'm glad to stand in support of the candidates, in particular Adrian Hale. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mr. Meeks.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to explain my vote. I really want to honor the Chairs of the respective committees and the Rankers who went through this process along with their Senate counterpart to come up with three great candidates. And it's just exciting to see that a process can work and it's ironic how, you know, we always want to follow the -- how things happened in the past. And I love the fact that Mr. -- the Chair of the Education Committee explained the history of the Regents and why it was set up that way and I want people to keep one thing in mind. While our Senate counterparts are valuable to this process and normally they would actually be in this Chamber with us when we're doing this, but they've taken their position already, they

support these three candidates. The fact of the matter is that we are the People's House. We are the House that's closest to the population of the people who need to be educated and the people who need to have their professional standards evaluated in a manner that provides them an opportunity to do their jobs properly for our citizens across this entire New York State. So I am honored by the process, I am honored by the manner in which we were able to do this this year and I'm really honored by the candidates that have been selected to lead our new Regents. So congratulations to all who were involved. It's a pleasure to be supporting this resolution.

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

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The Concurrent Resolution is adopted.

(Applause)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes for the purpose of an introduction.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me the opportunity to again interrupt our proceedings for an introduction. How appropriate it is for this introduction today to introduce a young lady who happens to now be the Superintendent of the Buffalo Public School District, Mr. Speaker. I remember this young lady years ago. Actually I want to say she maybe used to be on my staff as I worked with the program that

helped young people develop their work experience options. She has for the last two years been the Superintendent of the Buffalo School District. Her name is Dr. Tonja Williams and I have to tell you I'm enormously proud of her. Very often, you know, we do national searches to find superintendents to run your school districts. I think it's critically important that sometimes you have to go back where you came from. This is the young lady who graduated from Buffalo Public Schools, went and was educated in New York State SUNY school systems and is now serving the children in the district of the City of Buffalo. It's really kind of great that she's actually here at the same time that we're electing new Regents. So would you please welcome Dr. Tonja Williams, Superintendent of the Buffalo School Districts to our House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, the Speaker and all the members, Dr. Williams we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. And our congratulations for the fine work that you're doing for the students of Buffalo which ultimately helps the entire State of New York. Continue that great work, please. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Yes, we certainly do.

We have a Resolution No. 147, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 147, Ms. Buttenschon.

Legislative Resolution commemorating the 31st Anniversary of the Independence of Bosnia and Herzegovina on March 1st, 2023.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Buttenschon on the resolution.

MS. BUTTENSCHON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, I just want to reconfirm the group that was here today from Utica honoring this resolution and the importance. They are in the Senate now. But again, this is a time for all of them as they reflect on the independence that they have received in the work and dedication that they have put forward not only in the community that I live in but across the State of New York. Thank you.

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

We do have a number of other 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. 145 and 146 were unanimously adopted.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned until March the 2nd, tomorrow being a legislative day and that we reconvene at 2:00 p.m. on March the 8th, Wednesday, March the 8th, Wednesday being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Did you say March 8th, a Wednesday, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes?

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Wednesday, March the 8th at 2:00 p.m., Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you so very much. The Assembly stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 12:29 p.m. the House stood adjourned until Thursday, March 2nd, that being a legislative day, and to reconvene on Wednesday, March 8th at 2:00 p.m., that being a Session day.)