

**MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024**

**3:00 P.M.**

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come to order.

Imam Tahir will offer a prayer.

IMAM TAHIR KUKAJ: In the name of God most gracious and merciful, we thank God Almighty for His countless blessings, blessings of this day and this place. In the beginning of month of Ramadan; month of past, month of relations, month of humanity and unity, month of all mankind. We pray God Almighty that enable those who fast. They've had the fasting of prophet Moses, the fasting of prophet David, the fasting of Mary and the fasting of Jesus and the fasting of prophet Muhammad. The fasting is unique to Muslims, it's to all believers in God Almighty as a sign of obedience towards God's teachings. We ask God Almighty to bless this Assembly, members, staffers and their family. We ask God Almighty to keep members of this Assembly always righteous, humble in heart,

unselfish in their service in governing this great State of New York. Enable them to make decisions, righteous decisions out of love for the State and New Yorkers. We ask God Almighty to enable our Assemblymembers to always discharge their duties with honor and dignity and love for this State of ours. And love for members they serve. And their member always that freedom is the best blessings that we have in this country. God bless New York State and God bless United States of America. In Your name we name this prayer. Amen.

MEMBERS: Amen.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Members, we will call for another moment of silence to honor the fallen New York State Troopers Casey Frankoski and John Grassia.

(Whereupon, Acting Speaker Aubry led visitors and members in a moment of silence)

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 Friday, March 8th.

Ms. Solages.

MS. SOLAGES: Mr. Speaker, I move to dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Friday, March 8th, and that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Without objection, so ordered.

Ms. Solages.

MS. SOLAGES: Thank you. So we're going to start off the day with a quote which is, *Our greatest -- our greatness come from when we appreciate each other's strengths, and when we learn from each other, when we lean on each other.* And that's a quote from Michelle Obama who is a American attorney and author who served as a First Lady of the United States from 2009 to 2017 being married to former President Barack Obama.

So Mr. Speaker, may I have the members' attention so that we can announce the schedule for the day. Members have on their desk a main Calendar with 19 new bills. After any introductions or housekeeping, we will take up the Calendar Resolutions on Page 3. When we -- we will then go on consent on the new bills to the Calendar and begin with Calendar No. 341 on Page 4. I will announce any other floor activity as we proceed. Majority members should be aware that there is a need for conference once we conclude our work on the floor, and as always I will consent with the Minority on their conference needs.

So with that as a general guideline, Mr. Speaker, let's begin with introductions and housekeeping.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: We'll start with housekeeping, Ms. Solages.

On a motion by Ms. Bichotte Hermelyn, Page 21,

Calendar No. 104, Bill No. A03978-A, amendments are received and adopted.

On a motion by Mr. Hevesi, Page 38, Calendar No. 269, Bill No. A08322 amendments are received and adopted.

On a motion by Ms. Paulin, Page 6, Calendar No. 354, Bill No. A08247-B, amendments are received and adopted.

For the purposes of a introduction, Mr. Fall.

MR. FALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to take this opportunity to thank Imam Tahir for giving the invocation today and for also traveling from Staten Island to Albany on the first day of Ramadan while fasting. It's not easy, but I do truly appreciate that you're able to do that, Imam. Imam Tahir's leadership as the Head Imam for the Albanian Cultural Center for a couple decades and also serving as a chaplain for the New York City Police Department. Wonderful father, grandfather, really just shows the example of, you know, what great leadership looks like within the Muslim community and the State of New York. And every time there's an issue in our community, whether there's a hate crime toward a certain group, Imam Tahir is the first one on site or dare to support that group. During the COVID pandemic he opened up the mosque to ensure that the mosque could be used as a vaccine site and help address any of the misinformation issues during that time period. And just last week he hosted his annual community days meeting with various groups to collaborate on several initiatives to support people that are in need.

So in short, Mr. Speaker, Imam Tahir is an incredible

leader in my eyes and in our community he leads by example on how us Muslims should be during this holy month of Ramadan, which includes doing good deeds, giving charity, purifying one's behavior, express thankfulness and appreciation for all we have and bringing the diverse community together. Different things to break fast or break bread. Of course these lessons that you learn this month should be carried on for the following months and so, Mr. Speaker, if you could kindly extend the privileges of the floor and today's cordialities to Imam Tahir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Fall, the Speaker and all the members, Imam, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. Our thanks for coming again.

(Applause).

IMAM TAHIR: Thank you so much. God bless you all.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Rozic for the purposes of a introduction.

MS. ROZIC: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Madam Majority Leader. Today I have the pleasure of introducing Jackie Xouris who serves as the Clinical Director of the Cancer Services Program in Queens. It's run out of New York-Presbyterian in Queens in my district. The Cancer Services Program is actually a Statewide program that offers free breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screening diagnostic testing, referrals to treatment and case

management to eligible, uninsured or underinsured residents. This program ensures that all New Yorkers receive routine cancer screenings when they need them, especially those who are disproportionately impacted by cancer. They are actually affiliated with most hospitals. Jackie runs out of New York Presbyterian, but has relationships with lots of different hospitals in peoples' districts. It's my honor today to ask that we extend the cordialities of the floor and welcome Jackie and her team. This is also -- March is Colorectal Awareness Month and so I know that she is trying her best to get every single resident in Queens screened and have them empowered with the knowledge that they need and deserve to have their health be at the forefront. I know she's on a mission and we should join her in that mission as well.

So, Mr. Speaker, please extend the cordialities of the floor and welcome Jackie and her team.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Rozic, 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 thanks particularly for those who are from Queens for the work that you're doing to keep us healthy and safe and raise awareness and services for those suffering that dreaded disease. Please know that you are always welcome here and we will always be behind you. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

Mr. Maher for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. MAHER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to introduce Reverend Jim Van Houten. Reverend Van Houten came to the Village of Walden October 16th, 1973, and served as the Walden Baptist Church Pastor. We recently celebrated 50 years of the Reverend serving in that capacity. Not only was he and is he still the Pastor of Walden Baptist Church, he's also been the Chaplain of the Walden VFW, Walden Fire Department including all of the companies in the Walden Fire Department, the Coldenham Fire Department, is the Chaplain of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association and the non-denominational chaplain for what is now Garnet Medical Center where he runs the No One Dies Alone program. He's also someone who has responded to disasters in our community.

Many years ago when I was a small child we had a tornado hit Coldenham Elementary School and he was a first responder that was there to make sure to be there for the families to get them through that time period. Also, in 9/11 he answered the call again making 126 trips down and back to Ground Zero from Orange County taking a crew of Walden firemen and DPW personnel from the greater Montgomery community and his list of accolades goes on and on. Earlier today I asked him, I said, this is tremendous work, does it feel good to do this? And he corrected me and said it is not work. It is a privilege and an honor to serve. And that is the type of quality human being we have with us today. He is joined by his wife Dawn, they have two children, Rebecca and Kathryn and their friend and

fellow member of their Walden Baptist Church, Michael Lynch. And sir, we ask you to extend all the cordialities of the floor to Reverend Van Houten.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Maher, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you, Reverend, here to the New York State Assembly and to your wife. We extend the privileges of the floor to both of you and to your guests. What an impressive career you have, sir. You have served in so many ways it's almost impossible to list them all, but it is a pleasure to know that you exist in this world in a time when we need the kind of commitment to other human beings that you have already shown. May we all follow that example. Thank you so very much for being here.

(Applause)

Ms. Simon for the purposes of a introduction.

MS. SIMON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm delighted today to make an introduction here. My niece Kathryn Lynch, I don't often have family members joining me on the floor so I'm particularly excited. She's here advocating today for an organization that she works for which provides counseling to people who are struggling with substance abuse. And I'm very excited to ask you to extend to her the cordialities of the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of your aunt, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly, extend to you the privileges of the



floor. And I'm reminded that I started my career working with people who have substance abuse, who knows where that would lead. Look where it led me; oh, my gosh. Thank you so much for the continued work you do. We are so pleased to have you.

(Applause)

Mr. Epstein for the purposes of a introduction.

MR. EPSTEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Mr. Fall and myself, I'd like to introduce some amazing community leaders from Lower Manhattan. Maria Casis, Michelle Cox, Olga Calderone, Ron Thomas, Sara McKell, Sherri Reed, Kim Cox, Aixa Torrez, Jose Santiago, Marquis Jenkins, Gwen Wikens, Kaze Islam, Ken Alfer, Louise Rodrigues and Amy Peterson. So we are fortunate to have these community leaders come up today to talk to us about the importance of public housing in our city. I want to offer them the cordialities of the House and the floor. I'd love to have you welcome them today.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Epstein, Mr. Fall, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly to the People's House. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. Hope that your trip here today will be beneficial. Know that we are always going to be supportive of Lower Manhattan, very important and we'll always know that your interest will be protected. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

Ms. Walker for the purposes of a introduction.

MS. WALKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I -- you know, I didn't plan to have an introduction when I walked in until I walked in and saw my former colleague, brother and friend Ron Thomas who is here. Ron and I first started in our work, in policy work in the Office of Congresswoman Yvette Clarke, and so we sort of got our stripes together. And so it is a pleasure to be able to have him here advocating on behalf of a -- of a situation which is near and dear to my heart since I grew up in public housing.

And so, Mr. Speaker, please extend to Mr. Thomas all the cordialities of the floor, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Walker, the Speaker and all the members, Ron, welcome to the New York State Assembly. It's so nice we'll do it twice. You have privileges of the floor. Know that you're always welcome here. Please know that we will continue to look out for your interest. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

We will go to Resolutions on Page 3, Assembly No. 922, the Clerk will read

THE CLERK: Assembly No. 922, Mr. Fitzpatrick. Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2024, as Irish American Heritage Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Fitzpatrick on the resolution.

MR. FITZPATRICK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, it is March and we celebrate Irish American Heritage Month. You know, Irish immigrants and their descendents have contributed greatly to the growth and development of this great nation of ours. Nine signatories of the Declaration of Independence and 22 presidents are known to have Irish roots. The Irish are known for their passion for liberty, their opposition to oppression and renown for their loyalty and thus have been prominent in the defense of our nation with 20 of George Washington's generals and a quarter of his army to be of Irish descent. Among those is Tim Murphy who was a hero at the Battle of Saratoga just down the road from where we stand here today. We're also known for The Fighting 69th which became famous on the battlefields of the American Civil War, World War I and whose Gaelic battle cry of *Faugh A Ballagh* is still heard this day in Iraq and Afghanistan. In fact, the first Congressional Medal of Honor that was given for the current conflict in Afghanistan was awarded to Navy Seal Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy of my hometown of Smithtown, New York who made the supreme sacrifice for his country. The Irish -- we also in March honor women. We honor women in the month of March as well, and Irish American women have made their contributions also being visionaries and trailblazers. Anne Sullivan who famously taught Helen Keller is one such woman, as well as crusading journalist Nellie Bly, and New York's own colonel, Eileen Collins who is the first woman to command the space shuttle. And this Saturday, Mr. Speaker, ever since 1762 the Irish have proudly

walked up 5th Avenue to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick, and we will do that again this coming Saturday. Even though St. Patrick's Day falls on Sunday, they never March on Sundays so we'll march on Saturday, the 16th and I want to extend an invitation to everyone to join us this evening on behalf of myself, Mary Beth Walsh who is our Corresponding Secretary of the American Irish Legislators, I serve as Vice President and Pat Fahy who is our faithful Treasurer. We want to welcome everyone tonight to the Irish Community Center, formerly known as the Ancient Order of Hibernians or AOH Hall this evening for our St. Patrick's Day dinner. We have -- we're counting about 200 people to attend and we have room for more. So we extend a -- a hearty Irish invitation and welcome to you to join us this evening to celebrate St. Patrick's over some Guinness and some corned beef and cabbage.

So, Mr. Speaker, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity and asking Governor Hochul to proclaim March as Irish American Heritage Month. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Brown on the resolution.

MR. K. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I want to thank everyone for wearing a touch of green today. So I want to speak briefly on the resolution. I'm very proud of my Irish heritage and I'm proud to be an Irish American legislator from the 12th District. Prior to Andrew Raia serving in the Assembly, there was a person by the name of John Flanagan, Jr., preceded by John Flanagan,

Sr., preceded by Joe McCarthy, so the lineage of -- of Irish representing the 12th Assembly District is -- is there.

So yesterday I had the distinct honor and privilege of emceeding the Huntington St. Patrick's Day Parade, the 90th Huntington St. Patrick's Day Parade, and it was important to me because it was 30 years ago that my father emceed the same parade. My father was also a member of the Fighting 69th from Brooklyn. And this past fall several members of the Assembly and the Senate traveled to Ireland, 42 of us actually in total, on a trip organized by Senator Kavanagh and Assemblymember Fitzpatrick. We had an amazing trip. We spent three days in Belfast, three days in Dublin, two days in Cork and two days in Killarney. And I hadn't been in Ireland since the summer of 1991 and to see how far Ireland had progressed in those -- those years was amazing to me. In particular, when I was there in 1991, my brother and I were hitchhiking through Ireland, we actually took a bus up to Belfast. Back then things were much different. I recall going through the boundary checkpoint between the Republic of Ireland and the -- the North of Ireland as it's referred to, and seeing the pill boxes on the side of the road, the checkpoints and the Royal Irish Constabulary on the side of the roadway with Uzis in their hand. In 2024 we had quite the opposite experience. Now, Belfast I'm happy to say is a thriving European city due to large part, and I didn't know this before I went, I'm happy to enlighten everyone. Due in large part to the investments made by the Office of the State Comptroller into the North of Ireland's economy.

So we had met with several elected officials. Just to name a few, we met with the Foreign Minister, the Consul General, two Irish senators from the Republic and countless mayors from all over Ireland. And what was important for me was being there on the 25th Anniversary of the Good Friday Peace Accord. And I was very proud of the role that the United States had played in the Good Friday Peace Accord in particular, United States Senator George Mitchell who in my opinion deserved the Noble Peace Prize for his work in bringing an end to the troubles in the North of Ireland. And I'm hopeful, sir, that through the power-sharing agreement that was established in that Peace Accord and the longstanding peace now for 25 years that has been in Ireland, that one day will result in the reunification of the Republic of Ireland. Thank you for allowing me to speak on this resolution, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Sayegh.

MR. SAYEGH: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

I represent the City of Yonkers with a very large Irish American community, and I can attest to the fact that the sponsor mentioned the contributions of Irish Americans in civic life, in business, in government, in development. And we look at the history of our nation and the role Irish Americans have played, it's not only commendable, but really it's part of our history and our accomplishments as a country.

So I join today in thanking the sponsor and congratulating the Irish American community not only for celebrating

each March as Irish American Month in the State of New York, but for their continued hard work, their pride and their ethnicity and their commitment as American members of our society. Thank you.

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 --

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Go ahead.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. 923, Ms. Buttenschon.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim July 2024, as Ice Cream Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Buttenschon on the resolution.

MS. BUTTENSCHON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor the dairy farmers of America as well as New York State by proclaiming July, Ice Cream Month. But as we all know, ice cream is great any time of the year. For the countless generations, dairy farmers across the State of New York have worked tirelessly to provide a surplus of dairy throughout the regions and have come together to support so many in times of need. As we talk about ice cream we talk about the importance of our small businesses also as they provide so much to our communities.

So again, on behalf of our great farmers of the State of New York, ice cream is available all throughout our year and please

enjoy it and support our local farmers. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

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

With that, we'll go to Page 4, Calendar No. 341, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00759, Calendar No. 341, L. Rosenthal, Dinowitz, Cook, Epstein, Taylor, Bores. An act to amend the Real Property Law, in relation to non preferential opportunity for use of amenities in certain buildings and apartments.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02282, Calendar No. 342, Stirpe, Sayegh, Santabarbara, Taylor, Weprin, Burdick. An act to amend the Banking Law, in relation to requiring transmitters of money to provide a certain warning to consumers.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02885-A, Calendar



No. 343, L. Rosenthal, Colton, Sayegh. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to requiring that functional epinephrine auto-injector devices be made available in places of public assembly and that at least one employee or volunteer of such place of public assembly be trained in its proper operation and use and be present at each facility function.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03719-A, Calendar No. 344, Epstein, Cunningham, Levenberg, Kelles, Gibbs, Sillitti, Reyes, Simon, Dickens, L. Rosenthal, Raga, Lee, Burdick, Thiele, Weprin. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to prohibiting idling by heavy duty vehicles.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04308, Calendar No. 345, Gunther, Santabarbara, De Los Santos. An act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law, in relation to the geriatric service demonstration program to promote mental health and home care collaboration.

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. A04714, Calendar No. 346, Lavine, Taylor. An act to amend the Section 255.17 of the Penal Law relating to the crime of adultery.

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. A05311, Calendar No. 347, Zebrowski. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to code enforcement training programs for code enforcement personnel.

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.

(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. A07105-A, Calendar No. 348, O'Donnell, Kelles, Otis, Burdick, Thiele. An act to amend

the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to prohibiting the use of drilling fluids, brine, and flowback water from wells, pools or fields on any highway.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07494-A, Calendar No. 349, Lunsford, Stirpe, Ardila, McMahon, Bronson, Lavine, González-Rojas, Dickens, Simon, Burdick, Sayegh. An act to amend the Public Health Law and the Agriculture and Markets Law, in relation to requiring allergen labeling for prepackaged foods.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07516-A, Calendar No. 350, Fall. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to including information congenital heart defect births in the informational leaflets required to be given to maternity patients.

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.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07703, Calendar No. 351, Paulin, Sayegh. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in

relation to permitting a close friend to make an anatomical gift of a decedent's body.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07716-A, Calendar No. 352, Hyndman. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to the provision of applications for registration to licensees by the state education department.

ACTING SPEAKER JONES: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER JONES: 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. A08206, Calendar No. 353, Jones. An act to authorize certain healthcare professionals

licensed to practice in other jurisdictions to practice in this state in connection with an event sanctioned by the World Triathlon Corporation; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER JONES: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER JONES: 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. A08247-B, Calendar No. 354 was previously amended on Third Reading.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08425, Calendar No. 355, Bores, Stillitti, Burdick, Berger. An act to amend the Penal Law, in relation to making technical corrections to the definition of the weapon designated as a "throwing star" or "shuriken".

ACTING SPEAKER JONES: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER JONES: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Bores to explain his vote.

MR. BORES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to

explain my vote. A shuriken, also known as a ninja star or a throwing star is a weapon that originated in Japan. For the past 40 years our statutes have referred to this weapon as either a shuriken, which is a type of a -- that sounds like a kind of pickle or as a kung fu star. Kung fu has nothing to do with this weapon and in fact kung fu originates in China. It's important that all of our laws properly reflect the history of what they describe and the cultures in which things come, and so today we make a small amendment that says that New York will be respectful to all cultures in all that we describe. I proudly vote yes.

ACTING SPEAKER JONES: Mr. Bores in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08557, Calendar No. 356, Magnarelli, Shimsky, Glick, Jean-Pierre, Santabarbara, Davila, Thiele, Hyndman, Taylor, Weprin. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to seat belts on charter buses.

ACTING SPEAKER JONES: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08585, Calendar No. 357, Thiele. An act to amend Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1907 relating to authorizing the formation of a park district in the Town of Southold, Suffolk County, to acquire lands for park purposes, and to issue bonds therefor, in relation to appointment of a treasurer by the park commissioners.

ACTING SPEAKER JONES: Home Rule message is at the desk. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER JONES: 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. A08622, Calendar No. 358, Barrett. An act to amend the Public Officers Law, in relation to the qualifications for holding the Office of Assistant District Attorney in the County of Columbia.

ACTING SPEAKER JONES: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER JONES: 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. A08874, Calendar No. 359, Reyes, Bichotte Hermelyn, Weprin. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to excluding certain student loan discharge or

forgiveness amounts from state income tax to the extent such amount is included in federal adjusted gross income.

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

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, we will continue our floor work if we could go to Page 26. We're going to take up Calendar No. 139 by Mr. Thiele, followed by Calendar No. 141, Mr. Lavine, followed by Calendar No. 142 by Ms. Hunter and then we're going to go to Page 27 and hopefully we'll go through that whole page or more, Mr. Speaker, so in that order. We will start with Page 26, Calendar No. 139.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. The Clerk will read.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04955-B, Calendar No. 139, Thiele, L. Rosenthal. An act to amend the Real Property Law, in relation to lease-hold retirement communities.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect October 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. A05048-A, Calendar No. 141, Lavine, Shimsky, Sayegh. An act to amend the Executive Law, the Judiciary Law and the Election Law, in relation to address confidentiality to federal, state and local court officials and their immediate families.

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. A05073, Calendar No. 142, Hunter, Steck, Wallace, Buttenschon, Hawley, Zebrowski. An act to amend the Real Property Law.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05212-A, Calendar No. 143, Wallace, Aubry, Jean-Pierre, Seawright, Epstein, Taylor, Cruz, Simon, Dickens, Cook, Otis, Reyes, Colton, Lee, Levenberg. An act to amend the Public Authorities Law, in relation to gender balance in state and local public authorities; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05370, Calendar No. 145, Paulin, Thiele, Seawright, Lupardo, Dinowitz, Jackson, Meeks, Hevesi, Bronson, Magnarelli, Brabenec, McDonough, Lunsford, Kelles, Zebrowski, Steck, Anderson, Simon, Glick, Vanel, L. Rosenthal, Williams, Bichotte Hermelyn, Walker, Otis, Sayegh, Stirpe, Woerner, Stern, Sillitti, Jacobson, Cook, Carroll, Gallagher, Colton, Fall, Aubry, Forrest, Cruz, Clark, Santabarbara, Hunter, Fahy, Jones, Zinerman, Buttenschon, De Los Santos, McDonald, Darling. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to creating the health emergency response data system.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05372, Calendar No. 147, Paulin, Darling, Woerner, Dinowitz, Bronson, González-Rojas, Steck, Anderson, Simon, Jacobson, Cook, Colton, Forrest, Santabarbara, Walker, Burgos, Taylor, Carroll, Cruz, Epstein, Lunsford, Clark, Bichotte Hermelyn, Zebrowski, Peoples-Stokes, L. Rosenthal, Reyes, Fall, Kelles, De Los Santos, Raga. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to increasing monetary penalties for Public Health Law violations and providing support for the nursing home quality improvement demonstration program.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05375, Calendar No. 148, Paulin, L. Rosenthal, Colton, Sayegh. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to hospital establishment.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05396, Calendar No. 149, Gunther, Weprin, Burdick, Colton. An act to amend the Correction Law, in relation to providing information regarding medicare part B coverage to certain individuals.

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. A05406, Calendar No. 150, Gunther, Woerner, Santabarbara, Taylor, L. Rosenthal, Brabenec, Hevesi, Braunstein, Reyes, Buttenschon, Sayegh. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to the employment of the persons to function as infection preventionists in certain general hospitals.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect January 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. A05409, Calendar No. 151, Gunther, Buttenschon, Norris. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to the solicitation of donations on state highways.

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. A05439, Calendar No. 152, Barclay, Hawley, Norris, Morinello, Lemondes, DeStefano, J.M. Giglio, Blankenbush, Jensen, Brabenec. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to flood insurance notice in communities bordering Lake Ontario.

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. A05468-A, Calendar No. 153, Gunther, Zebrowski, Wallace, Glick, Santabarbara, Buttenschon, Otis, Sayegh. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to the use of voice recognition features.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 120th 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. A05523, Calendar No. 154, Gunther, De Los Santos, Buttenschon, Santabarbara. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to allowing a suspending authority to condition the early return of a student on such student's voluntary participation in counseling or certain cases.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: We have both. We will take the housekeeping up first -- no housekeeping, I'm sorry.

Resolutions 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. 924-930 were unanimously approved.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: If you would call on Mr. Jacobson for the purposes of an announcement.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Jacobson.

MR. JACOBSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As anticipated, the Majority will have Conference in Hearing Room C immediately following Session.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned and that we will reconvene at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March the 12th, tomorrow being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Assembly stands

adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 4:35 p.m., the Assembly stood adjourned until Tuesday, March 12th at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday being a Session day.)