

**MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023**

**1:52 P.M.**

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come to order.

Rabbi Butman will offer a prayer.

RABBI SHMUEL BUTMAN: (Speaking Hebrew).

Our Heavenly Father, please bestow Your blessings on the members of the New York State Assembly. They have gathered here today, and today they are going to pass a resolution honoring the Rebbe for 121 years. It's going to be the birthday of the Rebbe, and the resolution will be for 121 days of education. And indeed, that is very, very befitting, for the whole world is worried. The people in Crown Heights are worried, the people in the City of New York are worried, the people in the State of New York are worried, the people in the United States, the people in Europe, in Israel. What is the worry?

The number one worry is safety and security. And the Rebbe says throughout the years that there's one way that we can take of that, and that is by educating our children. All children, regardless of race and religion, all children. But not to wait when the child is 20 years old, but because when he is 20 years old and she is 20 years old it may be a little too late. Let's start when they are very, very young. The education of every single child when they are very, very young. The Rebbe said many, many times that he wants a child, any child, to know that there is an ear that hears, there is an eye that sees, and that the world is not a jungle.

In 1991 I went to Washington to open the United States Senate. Before that, I went to the Rebbe and I asked for a berakah. A berakah means a blessing. So he says to me, *When you are going to be in the United States Senate in Washington, take with you a pushka. A pushka is a charity box. And while you're offering the prayer you should give a dollar in the pushka and they should see what you are doing so they should know what money should be spent for.* Here we are every -- every year, and we are going to ask you to give \$1 into the pushka. Don't get scared, I tell you this every year. This is not a fundraising campaign, because if it would be we would ask you for more -- more than \$1.

(Laughter)

Although I know you worry, that's the budget, you don't want to break the budget, we only want \$1 because it's an act of goodness and kindness, and that's what I am going to do. I'm going to

put in \$1 as the Rebbe told me, into the pushka as an act of goodness and kindness. If you notice, this pushka this year is new. It's transparent, because I heard that in Albany you like transparency.

(Laughter)

So, therefore, when you put in the pushka, the dollar, we will be able to see it. I also want to tell you that every Chabbas, every Sabbath, we say a prayer for you in our synagogues. And we ask for all those (speaking Hebrew), which means all those who serve the public faithfully, as you do, we ask for a prayer, you're sure to be healthy and you should have a lot of success in all your endeavors, in your communal endeavors and in your private endeavors.

And before we finish, I want to give you another blessing. You should pass the budget successfully today.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: I think we've got to make it a little wider. All right, there we go.

RABBI BUTMAN: Hey, we made it, believe it or not.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Visitors are invited to join the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A quorum being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of Friday, March the 10th.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, I move that we dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Friday, March the 10th and ask that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Without objection, so ordered.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, colleagues and guests that are in the Chambers, I want to offer a quote today. This one comes from Susan Brownell Anthony. Many of you may have known of her work, but her words for us today, *There shall never be another season of silence until women have the same rights as men on this green Earth* [sic]. Again, those words, Mr. Speaker, are from Susan B. Anthony.

Colleagues have on their desk a main Calendar. It has 13 new bills on it. And after there's any introductions or housekeepings [sic] we are going to begin our work on the floor by taking up resolutions on page 3. After that we will take up Calendar No. 23, which is on page 11. That one is by Mr. Vanel. Then we will begin to consent the new bills on page 4, beginning with Calendar No. 45. As we proceed, Mr. Speaker, there may be a need for additional legislative activity on the floor; if so, I will announce at the appropriate time. However, I do want to make sure our colleagues understand that there is absolutely a need for a Majority conference following the conclusion of our work here today. And of course, we will always confer with our colleagues on the other side to determine

what their needs are.

That's a general outline, Mr. Speaker. If there are any introductions and/or housekeeping, now would be a great time, sir.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes. We do have an introduction by Mr. Weprin.

MR. WEPRIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased once again to introduce Rabbi Shmuel Butman here today. Rabbi Butman is a longstanding friend of the Weprin family. He was a very close friend of my late father, Saul Weprin, and my late uncle, Jack Weprin. He is the Executive Director of the Lubavitch Youth Organization, headquartered in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. I'm very proud to sponsor a resolution once again which commemorates the anniversary celebration of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson's, 121st birthday. And as a result, the resolution calls for 121 days of education in honor of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who served for over 44 years of dedicated leadership of the Chabad movement. Rabbi Schneerson established over 1,500 Lubavitch Centers, helping people of all walks of life throughout the world, from Australia to Africa, from Holland to Argentina, and from Moscow to Jerusalem. Whereas, Rabbi Schneerson's educational activities throughout the globe have enriched and strengthened the religious, educational, cultural, moral and ethical fibers of all citizens of the world, and whereas he was a remarkable and holy man who inspired millions of Jews and non-Jews alike to greater dedication,

loyalty and commitment in all matters between man and God, and between man and man. And woman, as well.

So whereas Rabbi Schneerson proclaimed the redemption was on its way and he called upon all citizens of the world to prepare with a personal commitment to increase all activities of goodness and kindness. And commemorating this birthday this year will be -- correspond to April 12th, which corresponds to the 11th day of Nisan, which is on the eve of the high holiday of Passover. We will celebrate 121 days of education, and it is a great pleasure for me to welcome Rabbi Shmuel Butman here to celebrate this momentous occasion and the passing of this resolution for the 121st birthday of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. We will be voting on that resolution today.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Weprin, Ms. Weinstein, Mr. Lavine, the Speaker and all the members, Rabbi Butman, thank you again for coming here to the New York State Assembly and blessing us with a prayer. You will always have the privileges of the floor, you are part of our family. Thank you, and we are looking forward to seeing you again.

RABBI BUTMAN: Nice family.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Nice family; I say that every day.

(Applause)

Mr. Bronson for an introduction.

MR. BRONSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I rise to ask the

House to recognize some students not only from the Rochester area, but also from the Binghamton and Syracuse area. And on behalf of myself, Assemblymembers Meeks, Clark, Jensen, Magnarelli and Lupardo, we want to recognize these fine students who are part of the Hillside Work Scholarship Connection. The Hillside Work Scholarship Connection is a transformative program, helping students realize their potential through a unique work-study approach that partners each student with a dedicated advocate to provide academic and community support, in conjunction with job training and placement. Hillside Work Scholarship Connection is improving graduation outcomes, indeed, close to 100 percent of the students ultimately graduate. And also, over 90 percent of the students are from the BIPOC community. These students are amazing. They have worked so hard and tirelessly. We are so proud of their hard work and excited to recognize their success.

Mr. Speaker, if you would, please present to them the cordiality of the People's House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Bronson, 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 coming to watch the proceedings here in Albany, and encouraging you to continue the great work that you're doing as students to both enhance yourself and your fellow students. Thank you so much for that work. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Ramos for the purposes of a introduction.

MR. RAMOS: Mr. Speaker, I rise for an introduction. Today, as I have done for the past 18 years as being Chairman of the Angelo Del Toro Youth Conference, I have the distinct honor of introducing a group of young people. This is a Long Island delegation of students who have come up here to be able to conduct a mock session. This Conference takes students from all over New York State -- this is just the -- the Long Island delegation, but there's hundreds of students from all over New York State who converge here this weekend and they study not only in their districts, but while -- they have intensive training for two or three days here and it culminates with a mock session in which they sit in our seats. Many of my colleagues here probably had visits from them while they were preparing to debate for this mock session.

These young people are always the shining stars. You know, and it is sad when we see the people in our -- communities such as mine, a large Hispanic community, the public discourse, the public discourse that we hear about young Hispanic students and students of color in general. I mean, we -- we see -- we see so much negativity, but yet there's hundreds of young students here trying to make something in their life, about to go to college, wanting to be leaders, wanting to be learned about that. We don't read too much about that. These are the faces of young people who have parents who love them the same way we love our children. These are the faces of hope. These are the faces of faith. These are the faces of overcoming



obstacles. These are the faces of young people who are here in the spirit of the American Dream to be American. And not just because they were born here, but because they actually did something to overcome obstacles to be -- be American, and to me, that -- that is what the American Dream is about.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you please give this young group of leaders here a warm welcome, and please extend them all the courtesies of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Ramos, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly. We commend you on the work that you've done in this past weekend. We hope that it has given you a taste of what it means to be a legislator, and have that drive you in your ambitions one day to take one of these seats. And that you are from Long Island is an added benefit. We appreciate the work it takes to get all the way from Long Island up here to Albany. Thank you for that journey, hope that you will travel home safe and be well. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

Let us go to resolutions on page 3. The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 174, Ms. Jackson.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 3, 2023 as Employee Appreciation

Day in the State of New York.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 175, Mr. Benedetto.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 10, 2023 as Social Emotional Learning Day in the State of New York.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 176, Mr. Santabarbara.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 13, 2023 as K9 Veterans Day in the State of New York.

Mr. Santabarbara on the resolution.

MR. SANTABARBARA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to speak on this resolution. Military and law enforcement K9 units hold a rich part in American history. It was on this date in 1942 when the Army began training for its new War Dog -- War Dog program, also known as the K9 Corps, making it the first time dogs were officially used as part of the U.S. Armed Forces. Since then, K9 partners have served our nation in wars abroad and

here at home. Whether serving in the U.S. Secret Service, local police departments, or in search and rescue operations, dogs have been called upon to provide assistance to those in the field who serve our country and keep our communities safe. That's why I'm pleased to introduce this resolution to recognize today, March 13th, as K9 Veterans Day here in New York State, a day to honor our military and law enforcement's K9 companions. Earlier today, we had some local K9 units from my Assembly District joining us here at the State Capitol. I'd like to thank Schenectady Police Department K9 Officer Douglas Smith with his K9 Mynderse, named after James A. Mynderse, a patrolman who was lost -- who lost -- who lost his life in the City of Schenectady back in 1900. Also, we had from the City of -- from the Schenectady County Sheriff's Department K9 Handler Sean Clifford with his K9 Ramo, and Dan DiBlasio with his K9 Maizey. From Montgomery County, the Sheriff's Department, we had Jason Nare and his K9 Ginger, and Corrections Officer Jason -- Erik Krug with his K9 Sam.

We all know how these great men and women in uniform protect our families and keep our communities safe, and today we're also recognizing the work of their K9 partners, an important unit in many police departments and military regiments. Police K9 units serve as ambassadors between our community and law enforcement, and are some of our greatest assets in breaking down barriers. These dogs earn respect from officers, often granted retirement ceremonies, awards, medals, memorial services. And when

they are injured or lost in a line of duty, they are treated with great reverence. This resolution give us an opportunity to show our respect for these K9s that serve in vital roles here in New York State, across our country and overseas, and I'm pleased to see that we're taking it up here today.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Manktelow on the resolution.

MR. MANKTELOW: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First of all, I'd like to say thank you to the sponsor for bringing this forward. As a veteran, it's -- it's proud to talk about these dogs and what they've done, and I'd like to just share two of the whereas's in this resolution. The first one being, *To this day, dogs continue to serve on our borders and abroad every day, on both land and sea. Many New York State residents actively participate in and engage in K9 training and operational activities to assist the United States Military.* And the second whereas, *Due to the current war on terror, such dogs as customs dogs, search and rescue dogs, border control dogs, police dogs, Secret Service dogs and many more will be included with the military working dogs in this recognition as they also help protect and serve our country.*

And, Mr. Speaker, again, I want to thank the sponsor for bringing this forward. Not only in combat, not only in every day, but when these special dogs retire, they are still part of the lives of many of the military personnel and our first responders. So again,

Assemblyman, thank you for bringing it forward, and I just want to say thank you and thank all the individuals involved with these K9s and what they do for our country.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 177, Ms. Fahy.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2023 as Irish American Heritage Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Walsh on the resolution.

MS. WALSH: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I rise to support and speak about the Irish American Heritage Month in the State of New York. I am wearing the green today, as many of us are, because we know that the American-Irish Legislators are having their annual dinner tonight in observance of the St. Patrick's Day holiday on Friday. So I might not look like the map of Ireland, I look a little bit more like the map of Poland and Germany. But I assure you that on my mother's side of the family I am very, very Irish. The Gillicks and the Harts and the Noonans would beg to tell you that I've got quite a bit of Irish blood in myself, besides being married to a Walsh.

So what I really wanted to talk about today, though, very briefly is something that's very unique to the State of New York and our Irish heritage, and that's the 69th New York Infantry Regiment, otherwise known as the Fighting 69th. The Fighting 69th was really -- has its roots in the Civil War and it still exists today. And I was just speaking with a friend of mine yesterday who really follows what the Fighting 69th is up to, and he said to me yesterday that the Fighting 69th right now, Regiment, is in Africa right now on a humanitarian mission, and the CO of that unit is from my district. His name is Shawn Tabankin. And I -- I just think it's really wonderful that we have this piece of history like the Fighting 69th. And their motto just made me laugh and smile and I thought you might appreciate it. Does anybody else know that their motto is "Gentle when stroked, fierce when provoked."

So anyway, happy American Irish Heritage Month this month, and thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Ms. Walsh.

Mr. Fitzpatrick for -- on the resolution.

MR. FITZPATRICK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, rise in support of my colleague's resolution commemorating Irish American Heritage Month this -- in March. All of us of Irish descent are very proud of this month, and we look forward to marching up 5th Avenue on Friday as we follow the Fighting 69th, as Assemblymember Walsh just mentioned. We will follow the New

York State Troopers, proudly waiving our banner, carrying our banner of the American-Irish Legislator's Society. All are welcome to join us on Friday, and we also welcome you this evening at our annual dinner in which we raise funds to help Irish causes.

You know, the great famine that began in 1845 spawned the great migration of Irish around the world. Most of them came to the States, many went to Canada, many went to Australia and elsewhere, but Irish are all over the globe today in every corner of the world, and we're very proud of that fact. And every March we celebrate that heritage and we join all our brothers and sisters from every corner of the world to wear the green and celebrate Irish heritage with us.

So please consider joining us this evening, we'll have a wonderful time. And since there's no school tomorrow, we can stay out late tonight, so that will be a lot of fun.

(Laughter)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mr. McGowan on the resolution.

MR. MCGOWAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise as well joined by my colleagues in support of this resolution, and I thank the sponsor for bringing this to the floor today. I'm a proud Irish-American and I represent a large group of Irish and Irish-Americans in District 97 in Rockland County. There are many great Irish organizations in New York and Rockland, including the Rockland

Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, the Irish Cultural Center, Irish Northern Aid, as well as other -- many other county organizations. But I'd like to highlight two particular organizations in Rockland County that do such great work for our community, and that is the Rockland County Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Rockland Gaelic Athletic Association. The Ancient Order of Hibernians, or AOH, is an organization that was formed in 1836 when recently-arrived Irish Catholics in the United States came together to protect their churches and communities against the attacks of nativist groups that attacked and burned Catholic churches in Philadelphia, New York, as well as a convent in Boston. In Rockland County today, the AOH is comprised of four divisions, including Pearl River, my home town, which is home to 800 members which represents the largest AOH division in the United States. The motto of the AOH is "Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity", and as a member I can tell you that all of our members of the AOH strive to live out that motto every day; the work they do, as well as the charitable contributions that the order makes.

I'd also like to also recognize the Rockland County Gaelic Athletic Association, or better known as the GAA. It's an Irish international amateur sporting and cultural organization that focuses primarily on promoting Gaelic games including Irish curling and Gaelic football, as well as the promotion of Irish music, dance and Irish language studies. In Rockland County, the GAA last year celebrated its 50th anniversary, and is a vibrant organization that has made many charitable and cultural contributions to the betterment of



Rockland County.

The history of the Irish in America is one of overcoming much; overcoming struggle, oppression, hunger and poverty in Ireland, to come to the U.S. in pursuit of the American Dream. Yet here in America, the Irish faced poverty, discrimination, oppression. But due to their toughness, their resolve, their faith, and their sense of community, the Irish rose up and found success here in business, law enforcement, industry and politics nearly everywhere they settled, especially right here in New York State. There are so many stories of the Irish who have succeeded and overcome much to live that American Dream and, again, I am proud to be an Irish-American and to represent so many Irish in District 97 and, once again, thank the sponsor for this resolution.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Chang.

MR. CHANG: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In my district, in District 49, I do have a large contingent of Irish-American which I'm proud to -- to represent. And not too long ago when I was on military orders, about a year, year-and-a-half ago, under COVID, I was assigned to the Lexington Avenue 26th Street New York City Armory, which is the home of the Fighting 69th. I was there for about maybe eight months serving there. And that brigade is right now currently serving in Djibouti, Africa right now. So they're not here in their presence, but I will definitely will bring this resolution to their

commanding officers once they get back to the City. And they have a special brand of whiskey called the Fighting 69th, as well, so I hope I will be there this week and pick up a few of those bottles there, their very, very famous Irish whiskey over there.

But anyway, the unit itself has a proud history. They served in Afghanistan and Iran. Many -- some of the members have passed away, gave their life, but their -- the spirit is there, the fighting is there. Even though it's a very diverse unit, but they have that Irish, definitely their spirit is there and I want to make sure that they are recognized fully. And thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 178, Ms. Joyner.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2023 as Bleeding Disorders 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.

Mr. Conrad on -- for an introduction. Mr. Conrad for an introduction.

MR. CONRAD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to

introduce three fine young ladies in the audience today who've come all the way from Buffalo. First, my daughter Emma Mary Conrad; we have Katie Conrad, and Molly Eileen Conrad. They come from a school called Rince Na Tiarna in Buffalo. They'll be dancing in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Buffalo, the second biggest parade in all of the State, and they just want to say hello and I hope we can grant them the privileges of the floor. My wife, Mary Kate, was kind enough to bring them on the train today from Buffalo, so thank you. They're here to celebrate our Irish Legislators' dinner tonight.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of your father, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly. As family, you are always welcome here. You always have privileges of the floor. And I am collecting the dollar for everybody who wants to take a picture with them.

(Laughter)

Congratulations. So glad you're here, just absolutely fantastic. Thank you so much.

(Applause)

Page 11, Calendar No. 23, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01153-A, Calendar No. 23, Vanel. An act to amend the Banking Law, in relation to unregistered and unlicensed mortgage brokers.

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.)

First vote of the day.

Mr. Goodell to explain his vote.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Last week we laid this bill aside for some questions, and the questions related to what was meant by reasonable, whether a mortgage broker would have reason to know that they might be dealing with another mortgage broker or bank that's not licensed in New York State. And whenever we adopt the language that talks about reason to know, the real question is what does that mean and what are the boundaries. Well, I wanted to note that the bill sponsor, Mr. Vanel, was very helpful in that regard and pointed out that there is a database both on the Federal level with the Federal organization, as well as on the State level, that enables someone to very quickly and easily ascertain whether the mortgage broker or bank they're working with is licensed in New York State. You can type in their name and it comes up right away.

And so with the understanding that that clause relates to making that simple and straightforward check, I'm supporting this legislation and again, thanks to my colleague for helping us flesh out what was meant by that language.

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.

Page 4, Calendar No. 45, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00991, Calendar No. 45, L. Rosenthal. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to exempting certain income and resources provided to persons enrolled in certain pilot programs with direct cash transfers in determining eligibility for public assistance benefits.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

We -- on a motion by Ms. Rosenthal, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01669, Calendar No. 46, L. Rosenthal, Kelles, Colton. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to the definition of coal tar and its use in pavement products.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01771-A, Calendar No. 47, McDonald, Wallace, Burdick, Lupardo, Hunter, Sayegh, Angelino, Lunsford, Fahy, Otis, Woerner. Concurrent Resolution of the Senate and Assembly proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article VIII of the Constitution, in relation to limitations on local

indebtedness.

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. A02890, Calendar No. 48, Simone. An act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law, in relation to requiring that applications submitted by individuals with developmental disabilities for eligibility determinations and service authorizations be processed in a timely manner.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Simone, 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.)

Mr. Simone to explain his vote.

MR. SIMONE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. All of us have families in our districts struggling to care for their loved ones

who live with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Navigating the system can be a full-time job at times, onerous, taking forever for a result, and stopping many vital services. Over 120,000 New Yorkers are served annually by the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities. I hear from them all the time in my district. The difficulties they face navigating our accountability in the system that is meant to serve them is crucial for us to deliver. Preventing delays in eligibility determinations and service authorizations will help unlock the life people living with disabilities thrive for and deserve. The legislation would amend the Mental Hygiene Law to require eligibility determinations and service authorizations applicants for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to completed by the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities within 120 days, except in cases where applications are unclear or incomplete, or submitted fraudulently. With the ever-increasing demand for services, it is imperative that individuals receive timely consideration in determination of eligibility. And as my staff knows, I love a deadline. Due to the important nature of these services for the individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live more independent and fulfilling lives, the legislation will prevent unnecessary delays in receipt of those services. This chapter amendment streamlines reporting requirements and consistency, and everyone knows I love government efficiency.

I am proud to vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Simone in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mr. Simone, you have done something unusual. You have cleared the board. All A's, not one on your first vote.

Congratulations.

(Applause)

Won't happen again.

(Laughter)

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THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03528, Calendar No. 49, 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.

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. A03534, Calendar No.



50, Santabarbara. An act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law, in relation to the term limit of members of the Autism Spectrum Disorders Advisory Board.

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. A03652, Calendar No. 51, Pretlow. An act to amend the Racing, Pari-mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law, in relation to certain payments to the Horsemen's Organization.

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.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03751, Calendar No. 52, Stern. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to establishing the Flax Pond Tidal Wetlands Sanctuary; and to repeal Section 39-b of the Navigation Law relating to prohibiting the use of motor boats in the Flax Pond Tidal Wetlands Sanctuary.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

Oh, on a motion by Mr. Stern, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03969, Calendar No. 53, Paulin, Gunther, Thiele, Cruz, Dinowitz, McDonough, L. Rosenthal, Otis, Bronson, Simon. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to the prohibition of the use of plastic beverage container packaging.

ACTING SPEAKER RAGA: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04015, Calendar No. 54, Ardila. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to synchronization of multiple prescriptions; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2022 amending the Social Services Law relating to synchronization of multiple prescriptions, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.431-A and A.187, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

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

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04016, Calendar No. 55, Raga. An act to amend the Public Health Law and the Social Services Law, in relation to authorizing residents of assisted living programs to receive hospice services.

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

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Raga to explain his vote.

MR. RAGA: Thanks, Mr. Speaker. This chapter amendment allows Federal funds to be used for -- to provide care for residents of adult care facilities who receive both Hospice and assisted living program services. Last year, the New York State Legislature passed crucial legislation so that seniors who lived in adult care facilities no longer had to choose between Hospice care or assisted living program services, a terrible choice and complicated choice that our seniors in New York should never have to make. This bill now ensures that Medicaid recipients will be financially supported in receiving both needed services.

So I vote yes, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER BORES: Mr. Raga in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Though Mr. Raga could have made history by being the first to sign his own bill from the Speaker podium, we'll settle for having the history of having two first bills that are passed

unanimously. Congratulations, Mr. Raga.

(Applause)

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04037, Calendar No. 56, Hunter. An act to amend the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, in relation to exempting the Southwood Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. from the requirement that the percentage of non-resident fire department members not exceed 45 percent of the membership.

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. A04131, Calendar No. 57, Paulin. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to definitions of certain terms relating to the New York State Medical Indemnity Fund; to repeal Section 2999-k of the Public Health Law, relating to claims for qualifying health care costs under the New York State Medical Indemnity Fund; and to amend Chapter 517 of the Laws of 2016, amending the Public Health Law relating to payments from the New York State Medical Indemnity Fund, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

On a motion by Ms. Paulin, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced, the bill is laid aside.

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would you recognize Mr. Norris for an important announcement?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Norris for the purposes of a announcement.

MR. NORRIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There will be an immediate Republican members-only conference in the Parlor.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Republican conference in the Parlor.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would you please call on Mr. Jacobson for the purposes of an announcement?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Jacobson for the purposes of announcement.

MR. JACOBSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And it's a lucky day for the Majority in the Assembly because we will be having conference immediately after Session in Hearing Room A.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Conference by the Majority in Hearing Room A. Thank you very much.

I do believe, Mr. Jacobson, you said Hearing Room B?

MR. JACOBSON: Uh, yes, I said Hearing Room B.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: I knew it was that.

(Laughter)

Thank you so very much, Mr. Jacobson.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned until Tuesday, March --

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Before we adjourn --

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Do we have any housekeeping, Mr. Speaker?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: We don't have any housekeeping, 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. 179-183 were unanimously adopted.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned until Tuesday, March the 14th, tomorrow being a legislative day, and that we reconvene on Wednesday, March the 15th at 1:00 p.m.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: So Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, you're telling us to come back on Wednesday?

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Yes, March the 15th at 1:00 p.m.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Ides of March  
back here at 1:00 p.m. Thank you very much.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Yes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Assembly stands  
adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 3:16 p.m., the Assembly stood  
adjourned until Tuesday, March 14th, Tuesday being a legislative day,  
and to reconvene on Wednesday, March 15th at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday  
being a Session day.)