

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023

12:13 P.M.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come to order.

Pastor Richard Hinds will offer a prayer.

PASTOR EDWARD-RICHARD HINDS: Let us pray. God for (inaudible) silent tears. God who has brought us thus far along the way, we gather here today in the hallowed halls of the New York State Assembly, and we come before Your divine presence with hearts filled with gratitude and reverence. We acknowledge Your sovereignty, God, over all things and seek Your guidance and blessings as we embark in this Session. We thank You for the privilege of living in a state that embraces diversity, opportunity and progress. And so we are grateful for the men and women who have dedicated themselves to serve the people of New York, and we ask that You grant them wisdom, discernment and humility as they fulfill

their responsibilities. Lord, we pray for unity among our officials. Recognize that it is true collaboration and understand that we can best serve the needs of all communities. We ask for Your guidance in these decisions that were made in these Chambers. Grant, O God, the leaders the ability to look beyond their immediate to consider the long-term impact of their choices. God, we lift up those who are most vulnerable among us; the marginalized, the oppressed and the voiceless. We pray You'll give our elected officials the compassion and courage to advocate for their rights and to address the injustice that they face. God, as they navigate through the complex issues that confront us, we ask for Your divine wisdom to find sustainable solutions to the challenges of our time. And finally, Father, we pray for the State of New York and its people. Will You bless us with peace, bless us with prosperity and a deep sense of community. Help us embrace our diversity and to work together towards a future that upholds the values of equality and justice. May Your presence be with us as we strive to build a state where all are valued, respected and given an opportunity to thrive. We offer this prayer with humble hearts, seeking Your blessings and guidance. May Your light shine upon us as we embrace this Session. And while I respect every (inaudible), I ask this and I say amen.

MEMBERS: Amen.

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

(Whereupon, Acting Speaker Aubry led visitors and

members in the Pledge of Allegiance.)

A quorum being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of Tuesday, May 30th.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, I move to dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Tuesday, May the 30th and 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 want to start to -- today's session with a quote that comes from Mark Twain. I don't need to tell folks who he is, everybody remembers Mark Twain. His words for us today, "Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured." Again, words from Mark Twain that I think are very appropriate for today and every day in our lives.

Members have on their desks a main Calendar. We also have a debate list, and after any housekeeping or introductions, Mr. Speaker, we'll be calling for the following committees off the floor: Codes and Ways and Means. We'll take up the following bills from the debate list on debate: Rules Report No. 302 by Mrs. Peoples-Stokes. We will then continue on consent where we left off on yesterday with Rules Report No. 349 on page 14 by Ms. Reyes,

straight through to Rules Report No. 422. I may have to announce additional floor activity as we proceed, Mr. Speaker. Members should note that we will take up Calendar resolutions at the end of the day.

That's a general outline of where we are right now, sir. If there are any housekeeping or introductions that you have, now would be a great time. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Ms. Peoples-Stokes. We do have a bit of housekeeping.

On a motion by Mr. McDonald, page 21, Rules Report No. 384, Bill No. A.6568-A, amendments are received and adopted.

For the purposes of a introduction, Ms. Chandler-Waterman.

MS. CHANDLER-WATERMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my honor to introduce a dynamic leader in District 58 clergy community. As you heard him just pray for all of us, Reverend Edward-Richard Hinds is a youth pastor, choir and worship leader at the Rugby Deliverance Tabernacle. Not only is this church a safe haven for the community members with pantry services, they also are a small Black landlord for businesses and residents, even for my district office, under the leadership of Archbishop Dr. Sidley Mullings. Pastor Hinds goes beyond his congregation to serve our Brooklyn community as president of the GodSquad, 67th Precinct Clergy Council, an organization of clergy and volunteers who tackle social justice issues including gun violence. I am proud to say, under

his leadership the GodSquad is a member of our Assembly District 58 Public Safety Task Force and Safetyness Task Force, and he himself is a member as well. Pastor Hinds is a partner who shows up daily on behalf of the community, from the pulpit to the streets. And working alongside of him I would like -- Tyron, if you could please stand -- he served as a community engagement liaison at the (inaudible) Clergy Council, the GodSquad. He's a young man who is passionate about the community and strives to see the betterment of youth not just in Brooklyn, but in New York City, and possibly a future pastor standing right next to us. So I had the pleasure of working alongside these very prestiged [sic] young men for years, and I know the work and dedication. And it's my honor and privilege to introduce both Pastor Edward-Richard Hinds and Tyron Stearns of -- to the members of the New York State.

Thank you so much. Please extend the privileges of the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Chandler-Waterman, the Speaker and all the members, Reverend, thank you so very much for being here with us and sharing this day. Also to you, sir, for coming. We extend to you the privileges of the floor and you're always welcome back. Thank you so much.

(Applause)

Mr. Zebrowski for the purposes of a introduction.

MR. ZEBROWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have

a couple of constituents here today from the Polish American Cultural Association of Rockland County. Well, we actually -- there's a few of us who have Polish American constituents here. I think those are Ms. Gallagher's constituents who are already in the back there. There we go. Came in late, Mr. Speaker. But let me introduce to you today Renata Omelanczuk, as well as her husband Leszek Omelanczuk. These two folks are Rockland County residents, long-time Rockland County residents. They are proud parents of two daughters, Claudia and Carolina. Renata works at Rockland Community College in Rockland County and also is part of the IBNA Spoon River Real Estate team. She was the 2019 Rockland County Grand Marshal in the 82nd Pulaski Day Parade, and she heads up the Polish American Cultural Association of Rockland County. They are here today along -- along with a couple of my colleague's constituents to -- as we will later in the day pass a resolution honoring Polish American Heritage Month here in the State of New York and recognize the accomplishments of so many Polish Americans that are across the great State of New York. Certainly, from the early days from General Kosciuszko -- some of you will mispronounce it as Kosiaskow [phonetic] -- but General Kosciuszko was one the great military minds of Early America who have fortified West Point, as well as General Pulaski, who -- I see folks looking around, it is Kosciuszko. Yeah, so next time on the radio when you say Kosiaskow [phonetic] -- yeah, yeah, Kosciuszko. Am I right, to all my Polish friends in the back? Yes. Close enough? Better than Kosiaskow [phonetic]. And General

Pulaski, I was actually at a wedding down in Savannah, Georgia over the weekend and saw the big statue of General Pulaski, who was a -- a general who came from Poland who was -- led the first calvary in the American Revolution and died in Savannah, Georgia, but is also credited as one of the great Polish generals who came over and helped America fight for its independence.

And lastly, obviously with the Ukrainian crisis I think we all saw -- I think it's estimated that 1.6 million refugees from Ukraine came over the border into Poland and were hosted by Polish families, so a lot to be proud of. And if you could just welcome my constituents here today, Mr. Speaker, I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Zebrowski, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome these distinguished representatives of the Polish community here to the New York State Assembly, extend to you the privileges of the floor. Thank you so very much for sharing that with me. And I had been mispronouncing both names my entire life, so thank you so much for correcting that. You are always welcome.

(Applause)

Ms. Gallagher for the purposes of an introduction.

MS. GALLAGHER: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I am a proud representative of Greenpoint, Brooklyn, which historically is the second-largest Polish American community behind Chicago, and I have some wonderful representatives of that community that keep it thriving today. First, I have Jacek Bikowski.

Jacek immigrated to Greenpoint, Brooklyn in 1990 where he first worked as a maintenance man. As he learned the art of maintaining a building, he became aware of the many property owners who were not maintaining theirs, to the detriment of their tenants. Within a year he became an outspoken tenant advocate and one -- and remains one of the few Polish-speaking tenant advocates in the district. Mr. Bikowski works with Mr. Rich Mazur and -- and Yolanda Szczepkowska at North Brooklyn Development, where they have single-handedly saved thousands of Polish residents from eviction and harassment as the neighborhood has increasingly gentrified over the last 30 years. Mr. Rich Mazur is locally known as the Mayor of Greenpoint. Richard Mazur immigrated to Greenpoint at age two alongside many displaced Polish people from Germany. He's a community leader and an affordable housing developer, and his -- his organization, North Brooklyn Development Corporation, really serves our constituents at every level of their -- every time of their lives. They have after-school programs all the way up to senior programs, and they have -- they're one of the largest providers of senior housing in our district. He also has been an incredible activist throughout our -- the history of the neighborhood. Everything from environmental justice to housing justice to cultural justice, we can count on Mr. Mazur to show up and help us keep the community together, and he really builds bridges between so many of our community's residents. And finally, but also most impressively, I have Mr. Marian Zak. Marian Zak is a professional choreographer, teacher and cultural organizer who

currently presides as the president of the Polish and Slavic Center in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. He is a graduate of the State Ballet School in Warsaw, Poland and was the principal dancer with the Krakow Opera and the Silesian State Opera, and he directed and choreographed a variety of productions on stage and television in Poland. In 1988 he immigrated to America, where he works as a choreographer and dance teacher. In 1998, Mr. Zak founded New York Dance and Arts Innovation, a non-profit that concentrates on the promotion of international art with a focus on Polish art and cultural events. And for his artistic activity, Mr. Zak has received several awards in recognition from New York elected officials and Poland's government. Since 1989, Marian Zak has been a member of the Polish and Slavic Center, and he holds dual Polish and American citizenship. In 2019, Mr. Zak was elected the president of the Board of Directors. The Polish Slavic Center is an incredible organization, and they actually have one of the largest community banks in America. Thank you.

Please -- Mr. Speaker, please welcome them to the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Gallagher, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome this distinguished group from Greenpoint. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. Our congratulations on the work that you've done, Mr. Mayor, happy to have you here. You are always welcome in the New York State Assembly, the People's House. Please continue to enjoy

your day, and always know that you can come back. Thank you so much.

(Applause)

Ms. Buttenschon for the purposes of a introduction.

MS. BUTTENSCHON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As my colleagues have stated, I, too, am honored to have individuals here from Utica, New York as we celebrate a resolution later in our proceedings for Polish Heritage Month. I have with me today Ela Pawlowski and her son Max. Ela is the Gold Cross of Merit Award winner. This Gold Cross Merit is the highest civilian award given by the President of Poland and presented to a citizen in recognition of their outstanding public service in humanitarian work. As I read this award, that is Ela. Ela is at every event in the Utica area, promoting our Polish Community Home, ensuring that everyone understands the culture. With her many other awards, a Woman of the Year Unsung Hero, and the list goes on, Educator of the Year. She is not only the vice president of our club, but she also works full-time and is a real estate agent. The work that she provides for our community does not go unnoticed, and I thank you for you and your son being here today as we honor those with the Polish heritage a little bit later in our proceedings.

Please extend to my guests from the district.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Buttenschon, the Speaker and all the members, welcome to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the

floor. Congratulations on the work that you're doing. Please continue that work. Know, too, that you always have friends here in Albany. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

Ms. Seawright for the purposes of an introduction.

MS. SEAWRIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce two constituents and a delegation that are here today in the field of sexual assault. They're survivors and activists here in Albany today for their advocacy and rally in the State Capitol. Constituent Joyce Short, who hails from Roosevelt Island. She's the author of a book, *Your Consent: The Key to Conquering Sexual Assault*. She's also an avid pickleball player and coaches both tennis and pickleball on the Island. We're also joined by Andrea Jackson, who is president of RISA, which is the Roosevelt Island Senior Association. She is a leader and activist. Also joining are Mina Lucas (phonetic), Abbey Nye (phonetic), Stephanie Messina (phonetic) and Sarah Howard (phonetic). And we're pleased to have them today in the Chamber, appreciate their leadership, their advocacy and their activism on this important topic.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that you please extend the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Seawright, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome these distinguished representatives from Roosevelt Island here to the New York State Assembly, extend to you the privileges of the floor. Thank

you for visiting us here today in Albany and for your advocacy for those who sometimes cannot advocate for themselves. Continue that great work. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

Ms. Seawright again.

MS. SEAWRIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm also joined by a native Texan, my nephew, Chase Dunnahoe, who's in Albany today for his first trip to New York. He's here to tour Albany Law School where he's been offered a trustee scholarship and make a decision on where he would like to pursue his legal education. He's the valedictorian of his local high school in Fort Worth, Texas, an All-District basketball forward, All-State football receiver, All-District baseball pitcher. He's currently a law clerk at the law firm of Friedman and Feiger in Dallas, Texas, and he's an honors graduate from the University of Texas McCombs School of Business. We wish him well in his legal education, and more importantly, hope he decides on New York and Albany for that education. And he is joined by his cousin, my son Brad Hershenson. It's always a great day when I have a surprise visit from my wonderful son. He is a PhD student at the University of Albany School of Homeland Security and Information Technology. He's a former trustee of the State University of New York as the President of the SUNY Student Association. And he's a member of Manhattan's Community Board 8. Also a avid pickleball player and certified instructor.

I ask that you please extend the cordialities of the

House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Seawright, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly. You're family, so as family you're always given the privileges of the floor. Congratulations on the work that you both have done, and it sounds like Texas' loss will be our gain. So think kindly about a New York law school. Thank you.

(Applause)

Ms. Hunter for the purposes of a introduction.

MS. HUNTER: Yes, thank you and good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. I would like to welcome today Jayee Koffey. She is the Global Head of Enterprise Execution and Chief Corporate Affairs Officer for BNY Mellon, America's oldest bank. BNY Mellon's remarkable history of innovation began on June 9, 1784 when Alexander Hamilton, the first Secretary of the Treasury and one of the seven Founding Fathers of the United States, established BNY Mellon's predecessor, the Bank of New York. In 1784 while operating as a private bank under a constitution written by Hamilton, the coalition petitioned the New York State Legislature, us, a long time ago, to charter a piece of legislation which significantly, Mr. Speaker, was the first piece of banking legislation passed in New York State and was signed into law by Governor George Clinton. Since that time BNY Mellon has maintained its corporate headquarters in New York. And for those of my colleagues interested in this important part of New York State history with Ms. Koffey this

afternoon, Mr. Speaker, BNY Mellon has actually brought to the Capitol the original 1784 petition filed with the Assembly to create this bank which will be shown as a piece of history in the Albany Room later this afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

So if you would kindly welcome Ms. Koffey to this Chamber and extend her the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Hunter, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly, the People's House. We appreciate you restoring some of our history to this place. We welcome you here, and know that you are always welcome in Albany. Thank you for your work.

(Applause)

Ms. Cruz for the purposes of a introduction.

MS. CRUZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Member De Los Santos and myself, I'd like to introduce Dr. Rosa Gill, Dr. Rosa. She is the founder and president and CEO of Communilife. For the last 34 years, Communilife has been committed to providing vulnerable communities with housing, culturally-sensitive supportive services, and with programs that include affordable housing, medical respite services and Latina adolescent suicide prevention activities through the Life is Precious Program. Communilife serves more than 3,000 low-income vulnerable New Yorkers in 2022. I got the honor of visiting Dr. Gill's program, Communilife, about two years ago and got to see these wonderful young women who had had suicidal

ideations in one way or another, and the program came in and worked with them to provide them support and their family. And I can say Dr. Gill is nothing short than a hero for helping save many of these girls' lives. Dr. Gill is a powerhouse. She's an advocate for the people that she serves, but especially for these young girls. She's testified in front of our own committees about her work and the need to support suicide prevention programs. She has a distinguished career in the fields of health, mental health, social services and higher education. She served as the Mayor's Health Policy Advisor, she's the former Chairperson of New York City's Health and Hospitals Corporation, the Executive Director -- former Executive Director of Woodhull Medical Center and Metropolitan Hospital. She was the former Senior Vice President of Generation in Northern Manhattan Network, Senior Vice President of Mental Health and Hygiene in New York City's Health and Hospitals Corporation, and so many other titles. But as I said before, the one I'd like to call her is superhero, because Dr. Gill has saved the lives of so many of these young girls and we are so proud to continue to support the work that you do.

So, Mr. Speaker, if you will help us in welcoming Dr. Gill and providing her the cordialities of the House. Thank you, Dr. Gill, for all that you do.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Cruz and Mr. De Los Santos, the Speaker and all the members, Doctor, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly. We

salute you for the work that you have done and the work that you continue to do. Please know that you're always welcome here and you are extended the privileges of the floor. Thank you for spending your time with us today.

(Applause)

Mr. Simpson for the purposes of a introduction.

MR. SIMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm honored here today to introduce a fellow colleague from Vermont, Representative Jarrod Sammis. Jarrod was born in Vermont, but his family roots flow between Vermont and Upstate New York, particularly the Ticonderoga region which I have the privilege of representing. Representative Sammis was recently elected to the Vermont House of Representatives, representing Rutland 3 District last November 2022. Representative Sammis is an alum of Castleton State College where he earned his BS in communications, public relations, political science. He currently helps operate his family's home real estate business and has worked and volunteered with many groups across our lovely states including St. Jude's Children -- Children's Hospital, the Essex County Heroin Opiate Prevention Task Force, Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, the Vermont Association of Broadcasters, the American Legion Veterans Association, the Hometown Heroes Banner Program, Ticonderoga Area Neighbors Addressing Drug Abuse Coalition, and the Castleton State College-Castleton University Safe Ride Drunk Driving Prevention Program. As a newly-elected government official who is

-- who has the great privilege of representing the people, I believe that Representative Sammis will find this career one of public service especially rewarding.

So, Mr. Speaker, could you please welcome Representative Jarrod Sammis of the Vermont House of Representatives to the People's House and extend him the cordialities and privileges of the floor?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Simpson, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome the brother legislator here from Vermont. We welcome you here to the New York State Assembly, extend to you the privileges of the floor. Continue, I hope, in the great work that you're doing in your State. Know that this is always a bond between New York and Vermont. Please welcome yourself. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. McDonald for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. MCDONALD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Excuse me. I rise today to introduce a group from Neurofibromatosis Northeast as we declare May Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month. Neurofibromatosis, otherwise known as NF, encompasses a set of distinct genetic disorders that cause tumors to grow along various type of nerves and throughout the body. NF tumors can cause significant damage to nerves, leading to hearing loss, visual impairment, balance issues and other functional problems, depending on the location of the tumors. Treatment has been limited to surgery to remove the tumors,

often creating collateral damage to the nerves and the spinal cord. The reality is, living with NF, like living with many other chronic diseases, is challenging and at times discouraging. Our purpose this month of May as NF Month is to call attention to this devastating disease, to acknowledge the conditions and the families and all those who are supporting further research to provide hope for the people and the families. But in the greatest sense it's to recognize those people whose lives are affected by NF, and whose valiant struggle to live full and productive lives despite their disease is an inspiration that we should all acknowledge and appreciate.

Joining us today is Kathleen Wilcox, Susan Benjamin, Anne Patterson, Vito Grasso, Maureen O'Brien and Gabe O'Brien. Mr. Speaker, I've known Gabe O'Brien and his mom several years now, and as his mom often describes it, every year is another step forward. There was never a thought he would graduate from eighth grade or high school; he did it with honors. He just completed his first year of college, top of the line at Villanova. Please extend to Gabe and all those welcome today, your reception here in the New York State Assembly. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. McDonald, 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 for the work that you're doing, continue that great work. Know that you always are well-represented here in the New York State Assembly. Continue to join us as you

will. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

Ms. Jackson for the purposes of a introduction.

MS. JACKSON: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am introducing Emma Darcus (phonetic) and baby Royal Sweezer (phonetic), who is six months -- years [sic] old. Emma and Royal are here from the Fostering Youth Success Alliance Program, and today we have a group of them shadowing us as members, and I was fortunate to have Emma and Royal shadow me. Emma is 21 years old, lives out on Long Island, and they've spent the day so far seeing what we do as legislatures [sic], learning about civic engagement. And Emma has told me that she's interested in nursing. So she and I have talked about that. We both rolled through the halls and through Chambers with our strollers and our babies, just talking about parenting and civic engagement.

And, Mr. Speaker, I would love if you gave her the cordiality of the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Jackson, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you both here to the New York State Assembly, extend to you the privileges of the floor. Hope that you've had a great day shadowing, and you certainly have one beautiful child in your arms. Thank you so very much, and thank you for sharing that with us.

(Applause)

Mr. Zaccaro for the purposes of a introduction.

MR. ZACCARO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I rise to introduce Israel Williams. He's an incredible young man that I have the honor of spending today with as a part of the Foster Youth Shadow Day on behalf of Children's Aid and the Caucus. Israel joins us here for the first time in Albany, and hails from the great borough of the Bronx. You know, just in the short time that he's been here today we've been able to have a lot of discussions on what we do here today and what the work of a legislator is, and Israel has been able to talk with me about what his experience has been like, being impacted as a young person in the foster system and how we, as State legislators, can make sure and ensure that futures like Israel and young people like him can make sure that they flourish in the future. You know, mentorship is essential to molding New York's next generation of leaders, especially those who yearn to answer the call of public service. And, you know, in talking to Israel, Israel has a bright vision for the future as someone who wants to develop an app and -- and be a competitor for big companies like Uber. And I'm -- I'm especially excited to see what the world -- what he will offer to this -- to this State and to the world with the vision and the goals that he has for the future.

So, Mr. Speaker, today if you could welcome him to the People's House and extend to him the cordialities of the floor, I would be most grateful to you for that.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Zaccaro, Israel, welcome here to the New York State

Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. Our thanks for you joining us today. You certainly have a great member to shadow. We hope that you've learned a lot and that you consider public service along with that app invention that you may be considering as one of the things you can pursue in your life. Thank you so very much for being here.

(Applause)

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

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, would you please have the Codes Committee to go to the Speaker's Conference Room?

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

Page 12, Rules Report No. 302, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07430, Rules Report No. 302, Peoples-Stokes, Lupardo, Bronson. An act to amend the Cannabis Law, in relation to extending certain authorizations to minimally process and distribute cannabis products.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: An explanation is requested, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

But we will wait because there's a lot of movement in and around the Chamber. Please, we will be on debate, and if you can settle people down.

(Pause)

Let's make sure those doors in the back are closed so we can hear the member explain the bill. And please take those pictures quietly in the corner back there, please. Thank you.

Proceed, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr.

Speaker. This bill is necessary to allow for the establishment of adult use cannabis market by extending the conditional adult use cultivator and conditional adult use processors for another year, from June the 23rd to 24 [sic].

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Brown.

MR. K. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield for some questions?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mrs. Peoples-Stokes?

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Yes, of course, Mr.

Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The sponsor yields, sir.

MR. K. BROWN: Thank you very much for yielding for some questions on this important bill. I wanted to ask you, in connection with the rollout of legalizing cannabis, originally we contemplated that these adult use cultivation dispensary licenses would be developed by now and be sent out to applicants by now, correct, and it's going to expire next month?

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Well, actually, I anticipated that as well, sir --

MR. K. BROWN: So --

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: -- but sometimes, most of what we anticipate doesn't necessarily happen in that order.

MR. K. BROWN: Understood. So originally, when we passed the MRTA, how long a period of time did the CCD have to get up and running and get these licenses set?

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Well, in the original legislation I don't believe we put a time frame on when we anticipated that the dispensaries would be open. But from our research, you know, just looking at what other states have done, what other countries have done, it generally takes two to two-and-a-half years after the passage of legalization to actually have legal sales happening.

MR. K. BROWN: Right. But good thing for New York, we had the benefit of seeing what other states had done with respect to their rollout, and I'm not talking about just Colorado and California, I'm talking about nearby states like Vermont and Massachusetts, correct?

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: The board wasn't appointed -- well, we -- we -- I'm sure you know this, Mr. Brown, because you were here. We approved this legislation in March of '21.

MR. K. BROWN: Right.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: There was not even a board in place until October of '21. Now, had a board been in place maybe before we got out of Session that year, maybe it would have went a little quicker. But a board wasn't in place. It wasn't until

Governors were changed and the new Governor came in and put the board in place. Once the board was in place she also put the agencies' executives in place. And this is a brand-new agency, the State of New York has never operated a cannabis -- Office of Cannabis Management before. It never operated the medical side of it and the hemp side of it all in one agency. And so this was a creation of a brand-new agency, and sometimes it does take longer, particularly when you are interrupted by people who have decided that you're regulatory decision to focus on those that were more impacted to be the licensees gets challenged in court.

MR. K. BROWN: Right. And I can appreciate that, except for the fact that I stood here on the floor and we talked about it back then. I talked about the fact that I thought the way we were going about it, New York State was backwards and that we should have contemplated these things. And, in fact, we're seeing with the rollout now has been atrocious, and all the things we talked about here and that we called for and we warned about are now coming to fruition, and we're now extending this yet another year.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Yes, we are extending it another year, sir. (Inaudible)

MR. K. BROWN: Okay. And the fact is we're extending it, right, without -- to allow people who don't hold a license, provided that the licensee complies with all the requirements. So that's -- the Cannabis Control Board is reviewing those licenses, then? And they are the ones who are going to process --

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: It seems like you're answering your own questions, so maybe you should ask it again.

MR. K. BROWN: All right. So, I just want my fellow members and colleagues to understand exactly what they're voting for; that without this, people are getting licenses that are being reviewed by the Cannabis Control Board that hasn't done this already in the past several months, and we're giving them another year to review these and get these done; is that correct?

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: No. What's correct is that we're -- we're offering the farming community as well as the processing community an opportunity to extend their conditional license. Their licenses were conditional when we passed it. It's still conditional. But we ran, honestly, out of the time that they had for condition, and I think it's only fair to give them an additional year to figure out how can they get their products into these stores. Now, there are, I want to say, 12 of them already opened. I believe the Office of Cannabis Management will be having another board meeting imminently. And, by, I would say the end of the summer, everybody who is eligible for a card will have a --a license.

MR. K. BROWN: Right.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Now, how long will it take for them to get into a store, and for the farmers who have already grown the product for them to sell, processors who have already prepared products for them to sell, how long will that take? I don't know. But I think the people who started us out are due an

opportunity to be extended. Those are the people who started the growth process, who started the processing process, and there is not enough stores open yet to deal with their products. I think we owe them an opportunity for another year.

MR. K. BROWN: So, right now we have 12 that are open.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Yes.

MR. K. BROWN: Do we know how many applications are in right now for processing?

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: We have 40 conditional processors at the moment --

MR. K. BROWN: Okay.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: -- that have licenses.

MR. K. BROWN: Right. And in the meantime, while we're processing that, there's plenty of illegal sales that's happening on storefronts all over the State, correct?

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Okay, so if we want to talk about this bill or do we want to talk about a bill that deals with enforcement, which I think we did that during the budget, the enforcement issue has been handled, and it will take time to implement that enforcement because as you know, people work at their own speed. And, quite honestly, everybody who has an illicit business open, they will either be paying huge taxes and close, their buildings will be shut down, they would be padlocked. And so I -- I -- that is not the concern right now. The concern right now with this

piece of legislation is about the people who already put in, through their sweat equity in growing this plant and processing it into a useable product.

MR. K. BROWN: Right. With respect, I think this is very relevant to the bill, and this is exactly what I'm getting at, is that the fact is we have just in my district alone, recently Suffolk County PD issued eight vape stores citations for illegally selling marihuana. And it's happening throughout the State, throughout the City. I heard as many as 1,400 stores are illegally selling marihuana and in the time that it takes us to -- to get these regulations in. And to your point, I just heard on the news today that the Cannabis Control Board just passed emergency regulations to combat the illegal sales; isn't that correct?

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: They're doing what they should be doing, they're moving things forward.

MR. K BROWN: Right. But this Chamber voted to legalize without the proper process in place to make these applications and give these applications out to people. In the meantime, all these illegal sales is happening. And that's -- that's also tax revenue that the State is not collecting; isn't that correct?

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: That's right, but we will be collecting it momentarily. Tax and Finance has been authorized as a result of the budget that we passed with an enforcement piece for cannabis in it. Tax and Finance has been authorized to go into these places, illegal or not, could be a corner store that has a lottery machine

in it. Whoever is doing the selling of product, illegal -- illegally, Tax and Finance has been authorized to go in and collect our money that they've been collecting illegally.

MR. K. BROWN: And I appreciate --

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: I want to add this, too, Mr. Brown, because I think there -- it's necessary to bring some clarity to our debate and to your argument in a lot of ways, is these other states that went legal, it took them two-and-a-half years from the time that they passed something to figure out how to regulate it, to get a store opened. The only thing that happened different in New York that didn't happen in those states is that the agency, the Office of Cannabis Management and their Control Board decided to use their opportunity as regulators to regulate how licenses were going to be issued before they issued them to the general public. And in that regulation they created something called a card. It's a condition -- conditional licensing for adult dispensary retail. And in doing that, the people who thought they should have the first crack at this industry in New York did not. The people who were most impacted got the first crack. And that take times, that gets you into court, that gets you all kind of defensive language and opportunities to try to shut down the process as it's moving forward. And so I -- I hear what you're saying, and I hear this from constituencies all over Buffalo. I talked to some people right here in Albany this morning who are card eligible that don't have a license yet, who think that things should be moving faster. But I'm just saying the thing that New York has done

different than no other state has done is it put some priorities on where the licenses will go first. That was to our farmers, under conditional licensing there was two eligible processors under processing licenses, and that was to people who were just as impacted for a retail license.

MR. K. BROWN: Well, I guess my point is there were certainly several other ways we could have went about it. We had a medical marihuana processes and procedures in place. We could have expanded that while -- while working on cultivation, dispensing and smoking lounges and -- and making those available. In fact, where are --

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Would have, should have, could have.

MR. K. BROWN: Where are we with respect to any regulations as far as lounges are concerned and people smoking on premise?

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: I don't think there's anything in this legislation that speaks to that, sir.

MR. K. BROWN: Okay.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: But if you have some legislation that you would like to craft that speaks to the issues that concern you, then you should do that.

MR. K. BROWN: Madam Majority Leader, I would love to meet with you. I have a slew of legislation that's geared towards protecting --

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Okay, you know what?

Let -- let's talk. Let's talk about what you would like to see happen, because in fact, you did not even want it to be legalized. But it is now, and so we have to go from that reality.

MR. K. BROWN: Let me just correct you. I voted against it, and I voted against it for very good reasons. And the reasons were I thought the bill was extremely weak when it came to protecting kids under 21 for starting to use and to use marihuana, because there is something called marihuana use disorder that is being recognized under the DSM system as a psychological impairment. And we also know there was a report that just came out from Scandinavia the other day that talked about underage smoking and the dangers that it has on children psychologically. So we'll save that for another day. But I do want to talk to you --

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Great.

MR. K. BROWN: -- with respect to these rights in particular. Is there any way that we can amend this bill to allow for children who are starting to smoke to go in diversion programs to learn about the dangers of marihuana and marihuana use disorder?

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Is there any way to amend this bill? Sir, there are always opportunities to amend bills, but this one won't be amended today. And we have gotten the approval from the organized organizations around the farmers. We have gotten approval from the organized folks around the processors, we have gotten the approval from OCM, we've gotten the approval from the Second Floor, we've gotten approval from the Senate. And so we

really would like to move this forward. As you know, June -- June 1st is tomorrow, and there are people who have put their whole livelihoods out --

MR. K. BROWN: I understand.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: -- to make this happen.

MR. K. BROWN: They put their whole livelihoods (inaudible/cross-talk) --

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: (Inaudible/cross-talk).

MR. K. BROWN: -- (inaudible/cross-talk) 19 million other residents.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: If I could finish answering your question, sir. I don't think we should delay them in the interest of getting some added amendments to a bill that we are ready to pass today. However, if you like, I'm happy to sit with you or you can sit with the Program and Counsel Staff here and craft some language around the issue that's important to you and let us see if we can make that happen.

MR. K. BROWN: I -- I would absolutely love to do that, because I see another gaping hole in this whole regulatory system is the fact that we haven't addressed driving while impaired on marihuana, yet we know that accidents are up and we know that fatalities due to smoking and driving are up. But that's -- we'll save that for another day.

Just with respect to the money, do we know how much money has come in through Taxation and Finance from

cannabis sales --

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: We can have --

MR. K. BROWN: -- and how much has it cost the State of New York?

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: We can have Amanda Hillerman [sic], who is the Commissioner of Tax and Finance come in and explain what their process is. I'd imagine it's the same process that they use for collecting taxes on other businesses across the State, legal or illegal.

MR. K. BROWN: Well, are we yet in the black when it comes to generating revenue from the Cannabis Control Board? Are we still deeply in the red?

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: We -- we haven't -- I don't think that there's been enough revenue collected out of 12 stores, sir, in the cannabis industry. New York, as you know, and you could tell this just by how quickly all the illegal businesses popped up. It's the largest market in the world for cannabis. And once it's structured, including the enforcement capacities of the Tax and Finance Department, it's going to be a benefit to all of us. And there already is, in the original legislation under MRTA, opportunities to protect children. Well, there isn't a requirement for education process. They're -- they're all sorts of requirement that are still -- haven't all been met yet because we didn't get there yet. And I -- I -- again, I -- I understand your concerns, I respect them and I appreciate it. But I'm asking for colleagues who are in the Chambers today to support this

bill, support our farmers who have already extended, some of them, their whole livelihood and -- and making sure that they at least have the opportunity for a year to be able to sell the stuff that they already have ready.

MR. K. BROWN: So, I -- I think what I have to say with that is I think much of what you said is debatable, but we could agree to disagree.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: We can.

MR. K. BROWN: So, on the bill, Mr. Speaker. I guess I'm running out of time, so I'm -- I have one minute left?

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: It -- it's okay, sir. I don't have any problem agreeing to disagree.

MR. K. BROWN: Great. So if I may -- thank you for answering my questions.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: You're so welcome.

MR. K. BROWN: On the bill, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the bill, sir.

MR. K. BROWN: Thank you, sir. Mr. Speaker, with this entire rollout of marihuana it -- it just has been a disaster from day one. We -- we didn't need to do it this way, I've made this point and I'm going to make it again. We could have just expanded medical marihuana, we could have looked at other states and done a comparative analysis. But the way New York chose to do it has not worked up until this date, and yet this bill we're going to extend it another 12 months to continue the same bad, ass-backwards way of

doing it. So as a Body I think we owe it to the residents of New York to fix the current system to make it better and to protect kids and protect all under 21 from starting to smoke, and the motorists of our State from being in an accident by someone who is -- who is driving and smoking. Could I --

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On your second 15, Mr. Brown.

MR. K. BROWN: Thank you. I'll -- I'll just wrap up. You know, I -- I've have spoken to the Majority Leader about meeting, and I would request and really urge the fact that we have public hearings when it comes to the Cannabis Control Board and the rollout. My staff has watched the Zoom meetings. Much to our dismay it's -- it's a confused mess when it comes to how the meetings are conducted and -- and some of the comments by board members that are being made. I've been a critic of this bill since day one, you know, and I continue to be a critic because somebody needs to be a voice of reason when it comes to the use of -- of marihuana in this State. So, what -- what someone does in the confines of their own home is their business, I don't have a problem with that, Mr. Speaker, I never have. But when it starts to impact other people in the State, that's why I take issue with it and that's why I have the biggest issue with this piece of legislation, right? We have done nothing with respect to the fact that people are going to be smoking in lounges and then getting in a car and driving. And I've heard for years, *Why not treat it the same as alcohol, why not treat it the same as alcohol?* But we don't, and we're

not now, right? We don't allow people to make moonshine in their bathtubs anymore, yet we allow people to cultivate on their property. We even allow people to continue to possess five pounds of weed, which I don't know if that's a lot or a little, but it seems like five pounds of weed would probably last somebody about three years. So I take issue with that. I take issue with the fact that this bill just doesn't seem to be comprehensive enough to do what it really needs to do.

So I think we need to take action, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank you and the Majority Leader for her time. I'm voting in the negative and I urge my colleagues to do the same. Thank you very much, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: A Party vote has been requested.

Ms. Walsh.

MS. WALSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minority will generally be in the negative on this piece of legislation, but if there are members who wish to vote yes they can do so at their seats. Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Majority Conference is generally going to be in favor of

this piece of legislation; however, there may be some of us that would like to be an exception. You can do so by voting from our seat.

Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, ma'am.

The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 14, Rules Report No. 349, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05088-A, Rules Report No. 349, Reyes, Anderson, Carroll, González-Rojas, Epstein, Glick, L. Rosenthal, Simon, Dickens, Tapia, Jean-Pierre, Sillitti. An act to establish a task force on missing women and girls who are Black, indigenous and people of color; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER 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 CLERK: Assembly No. A05121-A, Rules Report No. 350, Stirpe, Magnarelli, Dickens, Lupardo, Gunther, McDonald. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to supervising the transfilling of medical oxygen.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect 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. A05167-A, Rules Report No. 351, Tague. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to authorizing the County of Otsego to impose an additional mortgage recording tax; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Home Rule message is at the desk.

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, will you please call the Ways and Means Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. Thank you. Ways and Means, Speaker's Conference Room immediately, please.

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05255, Rules Report No. 352, Shimsky, Burdick, Sayegh, DeStefano, Reyes. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to enacting the "STAR Credit Bill of Rights" and establishing the Office of STAR Ombudsman.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect July first.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05288, Rules Report No. 353, Hawley. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to permitting the electronic appearance of a defendant in the County of Orleans.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: On a motion by Hawley [sic], 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 EACHUS: 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. A05334, Rules Report No. 354, Palmesano. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to granting peace officer status to animal control officers of

the county of Schuylers.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: 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. A05371, Rules Report No. 355, Bendett. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to designating the animal control officer in the Town of Sand Lake as a peace officer.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: 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.

Congratulations to Mr. Bendett on his first bill.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05409, Rules Report No. 356, Gunther, Buttenschon, Norris. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to the solicitation of donations on State highways.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: 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 has passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05505, Rules Report No. 357, L. Rosenthal. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to directing the New York State Interagency Task Force on Human Trafficking to investigate connections between social media and human trafficking.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: 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. A05520, Rules Report No. 358, Kim, Reyes, Aubry, Williams, Walker. An act to amend the Elder Law, in relation o the Naturally-Occurring Retirement Community Supportive Service Program; in relation to authorizing the study of the number of senior citizens residing in naturally-occurring retirement communities who are suffering from loneliness and social isolation; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon the expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: On a motion by Mr. Kim, 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 EACHUS: 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. A05627, Rules Report No. 359, Seawright, Shimsky, Simone, Lunsford, Simon, L.

Rosenthal, González-Rojas, Glick, Bronson. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to requiring the Department of Health to conduct a public information and outreach campaign on medically unnecessary treatments on persons born with intersex traits or variations in sex characteristics.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: On a motion by Ms. Seawright, the bill -- 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 EACHUS: 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. A05673, Rules Report No. 360, Eachus. An act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating a portion of the State highway system as the "Catholic War Veterans Memorial Highway."

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: 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. A05679, Rules Report No. 361, Pheffer Amato, Santabarbara. An act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law, in relation to eligibility for retirement benefits for certain members of the Unified Court System.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: 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. A05716, Rules Report No. 362, Pheffer Amato, Fall, Colton. An act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law, in relation to establishing a 25-year retirement plan for firefighters employed by the Division of Military and Naval Affairs.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: Read the last section.

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

2024.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Fitzpatrick to explain his vote.

MR. FITZPATRICK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise just to explain my vote on this bill. I am not opposed to enhancing or improving benefits, but it is my belief that benefits should be -- should be done through collective bargaining. Our friends in -- in the organized labor vehemently protect the right to collectively bargain, and this is where a benefit like this should be -- should be awarded. It's not unfair nor is it unreasonable to ask for something to be put on the table to help offset the cost of this benefit to taxpayers, and for that reason I vote in the negative.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: Mr. Fitzpatrick in the negative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05717-A, Rules Report No. 363, Otis, Paulin. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to extending the authorization of the City of New Rochelle to impose an additional sales and compensating use tax.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: On a motion by the

Senate [sic], the bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.
Home Rule message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER EACHUS: 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. A05755-A, Rules
Report No. 364, Blankenbush, Barclay, Gray. An act to amend the
Tax Law, in relation to authorizing the County of Jefferson to impose
additional sales tax.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr.
Blankenbush, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is
advanced. Home Rule message is at the desk.

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: Thank you, Mr.

Speaker, for the opportunity to introduce guests that are in our Chambers.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Shh. We need a little quiet, please. Members take their seats. Take your conversations out of the Chamber.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr.

Speaker. On behalf of Assemblywoman Jaime Williams and the legislative Caribbean members, in honor of Caribbean American Heritage Month we would like to introduce two Consul Generals; the Honorable Mackie Holder was appointed to Barbados Consul General to New York in October of 2018. He is from St. Peter's on Barbados and has extensive experience in promoting Barbados. His role as Barbados Consul General to New York, in his role the Honorable Mr. Mackie Holder reached out to New York City media and organizations representing people of the diaspora, as well as Black Americans, to build relationships within the community and share information and highlights about Barbados. We also have the Honorable Alsion Wilson Roach [sic]. Mrs. Wilson Roach [sic] is currently Jamaica's 11th Consul General to New York. Mr. Speaker, by the way, I'm sure she must know our former colleague, now Ambassador, Nick Perry. Under her jurisdiction she assumes the responsibilities for Jamaica's national and interests for 33 states within

the United States plus Bermuda and Puerto Rico.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of our colleagues, would you please extend the privilege of the floor and offer them the cordialities of our House?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, Ms. Williams, the Speaker, all members of Caribbean heritage here and the entire Assembly, we extend to you the privileges of the floor. Our thanks for joining us here today both from Barbados and Jamaica. Please know that the union that you have with this legislator -- Legislature is strong and always intact. Know that you are always welcome here, and one day hope to you see on the islands. Take care. Thank you so much.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05773-A, Rules Report No. 365, Hawley. An act to amend Chapter 579 of the Laws of 2004, amending the Tax Law relating to authorizing the County of Genesee to impose a county recording tax on obligation secured by a mortgage on real property, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Hawley, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home Rule message is at the desk.

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. A05783-A, Rules Report No. 366, Bronson. An act in relation to authorizing the Town of Henrietta, County of Monroe, to alienate certain lands used as parkland and to dedicate certain other lands as parklands.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Bronson, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home Rule message is at the desk.

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. A05792, Rules Report No. 367, Stern. An act to amend Chapter 431 of the Laws of 2018 relating to authorizing the State Commissioner of Transportation to convey real property to the Town of Huntington, County of Suffolk, in relation to extending certain provisions.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Home Rule message is at the desk.

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. A05814-A, Rules Report No. 368, Burdick. An act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating a portion of the State highway system in the Town of Lewisboro as the "John Jay High School Veterans Memorial Highway."

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Burdick, 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. A05869-A, Rules Report No. 369 was previously amended on Third Reading and is high.

Assembly No. A05897-B, Rules Report No. 370, Rivera. An act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating a portion of the State highway system as the "Trooper William P. Keane Memorial Bridge."

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. A05960, Rules Report No. 371, Solages, Chandler-Waterman, Darling. An act to establish a task force to identify evidence-based and evidence-informed solutions to reduce children's exposure to adverse childhood experience.

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. A05969, Rules Report No. 372, Williams. An act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to certain notices for payments in lieu of taxes.

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. 6 --

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

MS. WALSH: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to interrupt the proceedings for an introduction. Today -- this is on behalf of Assemblymember DiPietro. Today we're joined by guests from the Albany Army Recruiting Battalion headquartered at the Watervliet Arsenal in I think that's Mr. McDonald's district, I believe. Anyway, we're joined today by Michael Hutchinson, Kyle Matus, David Williams, Jeremy Becker and Santos Lopez.

Would you please welcome them to the Chamber and afford to them the privileges of the floor? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Walsh, Mr. DiPietro, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you gentlemen here to the New York State Assembly, extend to you the privileges of the floor. Thank you for your service and continuing service. You are always welcome here. I hope you have enjoyed your day with us. Know you can always return. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06029, Rules Report No. 373, Paulin, Colton, Otis. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to coverage for services provided by school-based health centers for medical assistance recipients; and to amend Part JJ of Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2021 amending the Social Services Law relating to managed care programs, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06081, Rules Report No. 374, Pheffer Amato, Stern, Colton. An act to amend the Retirement and Social Security Law, in relation to providing accidental disability retirement for deputy sheriffs in Nassau County.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Home Rule message is at the desk.

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. Fitzpatrick to explain his vote.

MR. FITZPATRICK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Again, while I have no objection to improving employee benefits, it is my firm belief that a benefit enhancement like this should be negotiated at the bargaining table and should not be given away freely. And there is nothing wrong nor -- not unfair or unreasonable to ask for something to be put on the table in return for such a generous benefit to show some respect for the taxpayers.

So for that reason I'll be voting in the negative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Fitzpatrick in the negative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06113-B, Rules Report No. 375, Carroll, Levenberg, Colton, Simon, Dickens. An act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to updating and modifying the tax abatements for certain solar and electric storage systems.

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. A06142-A, Rules Report No. 376, Bronson. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to extending the authorization for the County of Monroe to impose certain sales and compensating use taxes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Bronson, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home Rule message is at the desk.

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. A06164, Rules Report No. 377, Weprin. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to financial guaranty insurance single-risk limits for municipal obligation bonds, special revenue bonds and similar obligations of debt issuers in highly-rated member countries of the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development.

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. A06246-A, Rules Report No. 378, Pretlow. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to revising the period of authorization for the County of Westchester's additional 1 percent rate of sales and compensating use tax; and to amend Chapter 272 of the Laws of 1991, amending the Tax Law relating to the method of disposition of sales and compensating use tax revenue in Westchester County and enacting the Westchester

County Spending Limitation Act, in relation to revising the period of authorization for the County of Westchester's additional 1 percent rate of sales and compensating use tax.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Pretlow, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home Rule message is at the desk.

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. A06385, Rules Report No. 379, Hawley. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to extending the expiration of the authorization to the County of Genesee to impose an additional 1 percent sales and compensating use tax.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Hawley, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home Rule message is at the desk.

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. A06506-A, Rules Report No. 380, Tapia, Zaccaro, Alvarez, Lavine, Rajkumar, De Los Santos, Simone, Reyes, Solages, Dickens, Rivera, Ramos, Ardila, Buttenschon, Forrest, Shimsky, Lucas, Cunningham, Cruz, Simon, Sayegh, Epstein, Bichotte Hermelyn, Bores. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to prohibiting the sale of Xylazine.

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. A06551, Rules Report No. 381, Conrad. An act to amend Chapter 413 of the Laws of 2003 amending the Labor Law relating to the Self-Employment Assistance Program and other matters, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(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. A06552, Rules Report No. 382, Blankenbush. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to extending authorization for the County of Lewis to impose an additional 1 percent of sales and compensating use taxes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Blankenbush, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home Rule message is at the desk.

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. A06558, Rules Report No. 383, Hunter. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to the imposition of an occupancy tax in the Town of DeWitt; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Home Rule message is at the desk.

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. A06568-A, Rules Report No. 384 was previously amended.

Assembly No. A06570, Rules Report No. 385, Levenberg. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to the residential parking system in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Levenberg, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home Rule message is at the desk.

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. A06591, Rules Report No. 386, Kelles, Steck. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to extending the authorization of the County of Tompkins to impose an additional 1 percent of sales and compensating use taxes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Kelles, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home Rule message is at the desk.

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. A06656, Rules Report No. 387, Weinstein, Hyndman, Epstein, Wallace, Tapia, L. Rosenthal, Thiele, McDonald, Gunther, Otis, Dinowitz, Cruz, Hunter, Kelles, Sayegh, Colton, Glick, Zebrowski, Reyes. An act to amend the Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law, the Real Property Law, the Criminal Procedure Law and the Civil Practice Law and Rules, in relation to the theft of real property and protections for victims of real property theft.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06691, Rules Report No. 388, Brabenec, Eachus. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to extending the authority of the County of Orange to impose an additional rate of sales and compensating use taxes; and providing for the use of the tax funds collected.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Brabenec, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home Rule message is at the desk.

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. A06695, Rules Report No. 389, Fahy. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to the imposition of sales and compensating use taxes by the County of Albany.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Fahy, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home Rule message is at the desk.

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. A06732, Rules Report No. 390, Aubry, Rozic, Pheffer Amato, Braunstein, Sillitti. An act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating a portion of the State highway system as the "Port Authority Police Officer Pavlos D. Pallas Memorial Bridge."

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. A06779-A, Rules Report No. 391, McDonald, Fahy. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to the administration of certain medications by a pharmacist; and to amend Chapter 802 of the Laws of 2022 amending the Education relating to the definition of the practice of pharmacy, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06806, Rules Report No. 392, Pheffer Amato, Colton. An act to amend the Civil Service Law, in relation to continuation of State health benefit plans for certain survivors of employees of the State and/or of a political subdivision or of a public authority.

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. A06807, Rules Report No. 393, Woerner, Otis. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to digital materials.

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. A06960, Rules Report No. 394, Davila, Santabarbara. An act to establish a Latina suicide prevention task force; and provides for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

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

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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. A07015, Rules Report No. 395, Woerner. An act to amend the Public Authorities Law, in relation to the Capital District Transportation District.

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. A7035-A, Rules Report No. 396, Fahy. An act to amend the Public Health law, in relation to establishing a special needs assisted living program to serve persons with neurodegenerative diseases.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07037-A, Rules Report No. 397, L. Rosenthal, Otis. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to requiring schools to provide teachers with written information material on the use of epinephrine auto-injectors.

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

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect 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. A07073, Rules Report No. 398, Curran. An act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, in relation to a license to sell liquor at retail for consumption on certain premises.

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. A07107-B, Rules Report No. 399, Solages, Stirpe, Hunter, Magnarelli, Fahy. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to permissible activities for athletic associations, conferences, or other groups or organizations with authority over intercollegiate athletics and the definition of student-athlete.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07112, Rules Report No. 400, Pheffer Amato. An act to amend the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act, in relation to compensation for deputy public administrators in the City of New York.

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. A07121, Rules Report No. 401, Zebrowski. An act in relation to authorizing the State Cemetery Board to accept from the Town of Clarkstown an application for funding from the State Cemetery Vandalism Restoration, Monument Repair or Removal and Administration Fund for three abandoned cemeteries.

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. A07156, Rules Report No. 402, Pheffer Amato, Colton, Cunningham. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to providing for the automatic enrollment of employees of the City of New York eligible to join the New York

City Board of Education Retirement System.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect July 1st,
2024.

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. A07165, Rules Report
403, Solages, L. Rosenthal, Thiele, Simon, Colton, Otis, Lupardo,
Santabarbara. An act to amend the Public Service Law, in relation to
utility intervenor reimbursement; and to amend the State Finance
Law, in relation to establishing the utility intervenor account.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07189, Rules Report
No. 404, Dilan. An act to amend Chapter 573 of the Laws of 2011,
amending the Correction Law relating to the boarding of out of State
inmates at local correctional facilities, in relation to extending the
expiration of the provisions thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(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. A07255, Rules Report No. 405, Anderson, Weprin. An act to amend Chapter 673 of the Laws of 2005, amending the Insurance Law relating to excess medical malpractice insurance, in relation to the effectiveness of the provisions of such chapter.

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. A07270, Rules Report No. 406, McDonald. An act in relation to permitting the City of Troy to retroactively extend a real property tax exemption to Hillside Redevelopment Associates.

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. A07271, Rules Report No. 407, McDonald. An act in relation to permitting the City of Troy to retroactively extend a real property tax exemption to T.R.I.P. Redevelopment Associates.

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. A07291, Rules Report No. 408, Steck. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to extending authorization for certain exemptions from filing requirements.

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. A07352, Rules Report No. 409, Hunter, Weprin. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to extending provisions of the Property/Casualty Insurance Availability Act and the authority of the New York Property Insurance Underwriting Association.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Hunter, 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. A07353, Rules Report No. 410, Hunter, Peoples-Stokes. An act to amend the Banking Law, in relation to authorizing New York chartered banking institutions to exercise powers authorized to banking institutions chartered in other states, subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Financial

Services.

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. A07357, Rules Report No. 411, Taylor. An act to amend Chapter 490 of the Laws of 2017 amending the Insurance Law relating to limits on certain supplementary insurance, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

Oh -- on a motion by Mr. Taylor, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced and the bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07359, Rules Report No. 412, Lucas, Epstein. An act to amend the Private Housing Finance Law, in relation to increasing the bonding authority of the New York City Housing Development Corporation.

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. A07364, Rules Report No. 413, Otis. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to the security and cyber security of certain critical infrastructures.

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.)

Mr. Otis to explain his vote.

MR. OTIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill tightens up our rules, our statutes related to cyber-security by making it clear that our homeland security agency in their review of energy generating and transmission facilities, storage facilities for hazardous substances, and commercial aviation petroleum and natural gas fuel transmission facilities that they will also be reviewing cyber-security vulnerabilities for those areas. It's a good way to clean up and further protect critical infrastructure. And I see from broad support on the board everyone agrees so we're doing a good thing for cyber-security. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I vote aye.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Otis in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07373, Rules Report No. 414, Reyes. An act to amend Chapter 81 of the Laws of 1995, amending the Public Health Law and other laws relating to medical reimbursement and welfare reform, in relation to extending the effectiveness of certain provisions thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(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. A07383, Rules Report No. 415, McMahon. An act to amend Chapter 307 of the Laws of 2005 amending the Public Authorities Law relating to the special powers of the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(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. A07394, Rules Report No. 416, Glick. An act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to applicants eligible for a rent increase exemption order and abatement of taxes pursuant to certain local law, ordinance or resolution in a city with a population of one million or more.

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. A07398, Rules Report No. 417, Zebrowski. An act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to extending limitations on the shift between classes of taxable property in the Town of Orangetown, County of Rockland.

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. A07399, Rules Report No. 418, Zebrowski. An act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to extending limitations on the shift between classes of taxable property in the Town of Clarkstown, County of Rockland.

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. A07400, Rules Report No. 419, Pheffer Amato. An act to amend Chapter 130 of the Laws of 1998, amending the General Municipal Law relating to temporary investments by local governments, in relation to extending the expiration of the provisions thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(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. A07408, Rules Report No. 420, Ramos. An act to amend Chapter 719 of the Laws of 1980 amending the Local Finance Law relating to the period of probable usefulness of certain judgments, comprised claims or settled claims, in relation to extending the provisions of such chapter.

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.)

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07410, Rules Report No. 421, Fitzpatrick, Stern, Sillitti. An act to amend the Highway Law, in relation to designating a portion of the State Highway System as the "Port Authority Police Officer Steven J. Tursellino Memorial Highway."

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Fitzpatrick to explain his vote.

MR. FITZPATRICK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, to explain my vote. Port Authority Police Officer Steven J. Tursellino passed away on September 13, 2013 at the age of 45. Officer Tursellino died as a result of cancer he developed following his assignment to the search and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center after the September 11th terrorist attacks. Officer Tursellino, who was as originally sworn in as a member of the NYPD, spent the majority of his 20-year career with the Port Authority Police Department. He left behind his beloved wife, Lisa, and four beautiful children, Jake, Ryan, Regan, and Thomas. Officer Tursellino resided in Hauppauge, my hometown, and both his family and colleagues wanted to recognize his sacrifice by renaming a portion of a New York State Highway in his honor. In consultation with Officer Tursellino's family and the Long Island DOT Regional Director's Office, it was decided that New York State Route 111, bounded to the North by New York State Route 347, and bounded to the South by New York State Route 454 would be an appropriate stretch of roadway. In his honor, I vote in the affirmative, Mr. Speaker, and may God bless Officer Tursellino and his family.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Mr. Fitzpatrick in

the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07431, Rules Report No. 422, Walker. An act to amend a Chapter of the Laws of 2022 amending the Election Law relating to establishing the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of New York, establishing rights of action for denying or abridging of the right of any member of a protected class to vote, providing assistance to language-minority groups, requiring certain political subdivisions to receive preclearance for potential violations of the NYVRA, and creating civil liability for voter intimidation, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 1046-E and A. 6678-E, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

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

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am excited about our progress here today on getting some of these bills done. I would ask us to bring our attention now to our debate list, Calendar -- from Calendar No. 3. We're going to start with Rules Report No. 139 by Ms. Rosenthal, followed by Calendar No. 171 by Mr. Epstein. Then we're going to go to Calendar No. 150 by Ms. Paulin, followed by -- I'm sorry, Ms. Paulin's is Calendar No. 4,

followed by Calendar No. 103 by Mr. Dinowitz. If we could go in that order, please, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Page 5, Rules Report No. 139, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Senate No. S01522, Rules Report No. 139, Senator Persaud (A01296, L. Rosenthal). An act to amend the Correction Law, the Public Health Law and the Tax Law, in relation to replacing all instances of the words or variations of the words feminine hygiene products and sanitary napkins with the words "menstrual products and pads", respectively, or a variation thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 38, Calendar No. 171, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04504-A, Calendar No. 171, Epstein, Cruz, Seawright, Gibbs, Cook, Dinowitz, Colton, Glick, Santabarbara, Reyes, Shimsky, Stern, Cunningham, Raga, Zinerman, Levenberg, Kim, Bores, Ardila, Gallagher, Dickens, González-Rojas. An act to amend the Public Authorities Law, in

relation to requiring one voting member of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority be a transit-dependent individual.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 29, Calendar No. 4, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00150, Calendar No. 4, Paulin, Cruz, Jean-Pierre, Reyes, Sayegh, DeStefano, Wallace, Steck, Taylor, Fahy, Jacobson, Zebrowski, Dinowitz, Seawright. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to the operation of all-terrain vehicles by minors.

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

MS. PAULIN: Yes. The legislation promotes enhanced ATV safety for minors.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Mr. Tague.

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

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: The sponsor

yields?

MS. PAULIN: I would be happy to.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: The sponsor yields.

MR. TAGUE: Thank you, Mrs. [sic]Paulin. You and I have discussed this bill prior. I'm just wondering, what is the difference between the last time we talked about this and today?

MS. PAULIN: I've -- I've never debated the bill.

MR. TAGUE: I think we made -- we -- we talked about -- we had some discussions with -- with regards to agriculture. Were those things --

MS. PAULIN: The debate I think that we had before had to do with tires.

MR. TAGUE: No, no. We -- we talked about this bill. When you brought the bill together, you and I had a private discussion --

MS. PAULIN: Oh, oh, we might have. (Inaudible)

MR. TAGUE: -- about -- about agriculture and the use of the -- these ATVs, but I don't see anything in the bill with regards to the discussion that you and I had.

MS. PAULIN: So maybe you can remind me. It's been awhile, you know, about what you're looking for exactly.

MR. TAGUE: Well, was there any consideration given to allowing youths under 14 to use smaller, less powerful ATVs rather than just simply raising the age?

MS. PAULIN: So, right now under this bill someone who's 14 years old could operate an ATV on agricultural lands or anywhere else. So, you know, it didn't seem -- you know, it seemed young enough, frankly, to accommodate any -- any agricultural use or any use anywhere.

MR. TAGUE: Well, shouldn't the parents have the responsibility and discretion in determining whether or not their children are capable of operating an ATV?

MS. PAULIN: So, under this bill if you are on your own land you could -- a parent could have their six-month-old drive the ATV. There's no restriction for age when the parent is on the premises with the -- on their own land.

MR. TAGUE: Well, if the ATV can be operated by a person under the age of 14 on lands that are owned by the parents, what is the rationale for prohibiting such operation on other lands?

MS. PAULIN: I think it's similar to any kind of motorized vehicle. For example, you know, we have rules for cars and we have -- we even have rules for -- for bicycles. So this is just another vehicle that we have historically had rules on. The rule that we had prior was a limit at ten years old, so if somebody was ten years old they could operate this anywhere, you know, whether, you know, on public land that's allowed on other people's property, that was allowed. It's just the accidents that have occurred over time. The -- all the accidents relating to children, for example, a quarter of them are -- are ten to 12. So you want to protect, you know, kids, which is

what we do in bicycle laws requiring helmets, in -- in cars requiring you to have a learner's permit in order to drive. So this is just -- over time we saw the accidents targeted this area, this young age, so it was time for an amendment. Also, I will note that surrounding states all are at the same age as 14.

MR. TAGUE: But those statistics that you're talking about, how many of those accidents in your statistics happened in the State of New York?

MS. PAULIN: I'm talking -- that's what I'm talking about, only -- only --

MR. TAGUE: All -- all those accidents were -- happened in the State of New York?

MS. PAULIN: Yeah. In fact, I can --

MR. TAGUE: And do you know how many ATVs are owned in the State of New York?

MS. PAULIN: I -- I don't, but it -- it's really the percentage -- you know, just like with cars, there's a certain percentage, you know, more cars, more accidents because the percentage has remained the same.

MR. TAGUE: So should we raise the age for people to be able to drive a vehicle on the road?

MS. PAULIN: I think some people would likely argue for that, I'm not. I think that we've tried to address cars in a certain way, and we're just trying to update the law on ATVs because we have learned that they are dangerous for young people. For

example, just in the last year in Wayne County, a 13-year-old boy dies in August. The teen was not wearing a helmet while he drove the ATV, died. Critical injury (inaudible), Cayuga County, two 16-year-olds injured. Wyndham, Greene County, a 13-year-old girl killed in April 2022. Oswe -- Os -- I can't -- some other county, a seven-year-old died in August 2021. Berne, Albany County, eight-year-old killed in May of 2020 when an ATV collided with a bulldozer. And I have a long list just in the last three years, you know, of -- of young people who have died in New York.

MR. TAGUE: Right. But how many of those -- how many of those kids were actually operating the ATV and aren't -- weren't riding?

MS. PAULIN: All of the --

MR. TAGUE: All of those were (inaudible) --

MS. PAULIN: All of them were operating the ATV.

MR. TAGUE: Okay. Because, you know, sometimes if you're in an ATV that has a rollover protected system you don't have to wear a helmet.

MS. PAULIN: So, if they were in a protected ATV that didn't roll over, perhaps they wouldn't have been dead, but they were. So they weren't. And -- and --

MR. TAGUE: You're sure -- you're sure of that?

MS. PAULIN: Well, no, but I -- you know --

MR. TAGUE: Okay.

MS. PAULIN: -- but we can verify, I can give you

the list.

MR. TAGUE: Okay. So the Parks and Recreation and Historic Preservation Law allows operators age ten or older, but under age 14, to operate snowmobiles as long as they hold a snowmobile safety certificate. Are ATVs more inherently dangerous than snowmobiles?

MS. PAULIN: I've never ridden either, but you're giving me another idea for a bill.

MR. TAGUE: That's what I -- that's what I was afraid of.

So in the study cited in your memorandum, was there any data distinguishing whether or not use injured or killed, if any of those children held safety certificates?

MS. PAULIN: So, in order to operate you would be required under current law to -- to have a safety certificate. You're allowed to have one under current law if you're ten and ride it anywhere. So I didn't -- there's -- there was nothing in the newspaper articles regarding that, but -- but they should have and they would have been required to have a safety certificate. And that's -- frankly, you know, if kids are going to do it, they're going to do it after we do this law, too, right? So -- so we can't protect those kids, but what we can say is that at age 14 now, you -- in order to ride it you have to have a safety certificate. So we're sending the message that younger than 14 are really not equipped or capable of riding these very complex --

MR. TAGUE: I -- I will disagree with you there and I will save that part of it to speak on the bill. But I do disagree with you there. There's a big difference between a ten- and 12-year-old kid that lives in rural Upstate New York than a ten- or 12-year-old kid that lives in suburbia. Big difference, big difference.

MS. PAULIN: I -- and I --

MR. TAGUE: And I'll -- I'll elaborate -- I'll elaborate on that when I speak on the bill.

I had just one other question --

MS. PAULIN: Sure.

MR. TAGUE: -- if you -- if you don't mind. Out of all the ATV accidents that happened in the State of New York, how many adults were killed?

MS. PAULIN: Well, there are a great many more adults. You know, the -- you know, again, the stats are that, you know, a quarter of them are kids, so three-quarters are adults. I -- I get that, but it's still, as you're suggesting, you know, very -- very few -- fewer number of kids are actually using them, but yet they're a big portion of the accidents. So they're disproportionately getting impacted, and that's the part of the problem.

MR. TAGUE: Well, as we had discussed previously, there are some issues, other issues with this bill, and one of them that's a little disturbing is the fact that it says leased land or owned land, but sometimes you may have to travel on somebody else's property to get to a farm field. In some agricultural situations in rural Upstate New

York, these ATVs are a very important part of the -- of the family operation. And by the way, we have kids eight to ten years old that are part of the family operation, and in a case of an emergency, it may -- it may be the only way to save somebody's life that a ten-year-old kid drives an ATV out to the farm field to either get help or to help somebody. That -- that's a little disturbing to me that they would be in violation.

And I guess one other question --

MS. PAULIN: But they wouldn't be in violation because they would be on their own farm.

MR. TAGUE: No, they wouldn't. That's what I'm trying to say to you, they may have to travel on somebody else's property to get from one of their fields to another field. We have -- where we come from, okay, you may own a farm with 140 acres, but you may have another field four fields over that you've got to go across the neighbor's property to get to because you have a hay or cornfield over there. So you would have to travel on somebody else's property, or you might have to travel on a town road to get there. So, I mean, that's -- that's what happens when you --

MS. PAULIN: So I guess would just ask you how common is it to have -- how many farms are you going to have where you're going to have an eight-year-old going -- saving the parent or saving the circumstance to be able to travel across the street? I think it's such a narrow window that you're going to protect many, many more eight-year-olds and ten-year-olds by preventing them from

riding them free willing around -- around their -- their neighborhoods. You know, so -- so I think it's a balance always in the law that you have to strike.

MR. TAGUE: How are we going to -- how are we going to enforce this? Are we now going to have ATV cops running around rural Upstate New York?

MS. PAULIN: No -- no different than what you do now. The law -- we're not changing anything in the law except raising the age from ten to 14, at which point you could freely ride ATVs with a safety certificate. So we're not changing any of the natures of enforcement. Enforcements, in fact, could get weaker because you might argue that, you know, there's a -- there's just -- the enforcement's not going to change. It's just not -- it -- there's -- there's no reason to (inaudible).

MR. TAGUE: Then why are we -- why are we wasting our time here debating a bill and bringing a bill if we're not going to enforce them to do it?

MS. PAULIN: I'm not saying that we won't enforce it, I'm just saying that enforcement won't change.

MR. TAGUE: Mr. Speaker, on the bill.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: On the bill.

MR. TAGUE: Again, you know, I grew up in rural Upstate New York. At ten years old my grandfather had me out plowing in a tractor when I was ten years old, mowing hay, baling hay, chopping corn, chopping haylage, ten, 12 years old, because I

was taught responsibility and that's what we do. In rural Upstate New York, young kids, these vehicles sometimes are something that they use at home on the farm. Sometimes for safety reasons, sometimes for business, and yes, sometimes for pleasure and recreation. But they are taught responsibility. They are taught how to operate these pieces of equipment. We have kids eight, ten years old driving stock cars. Eight to ten years old, driving motorcycles on motocross. Are we going to continue to wussify our children or are we going to let them live like Americans?

This bill is just an overreach. This bill is an overreach and it's a bad bill. It was a bad bill a month ago, it's a bad bill now. I vote no and I ask everybody to join me, stop wussifying our kids and let's vote no.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Mr. Manktelow.

MR. MANKTELOW: Thank you -- thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield for a couple of questions?

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Will the sponsor yield?

MS. PAULIN: Yes, happy to.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: The sponsor yields.

MR. MANKTELOW: Just to -- thank you very much. Just to clarify a few things, you said earlier that even though we're going to change this it probably wouldn't be enforced?

MS. PAULIN: No. I said that -- I guess the question

to me was, you know, is enforcement going to change and I said enforcement will be relatively the same. I don't expect enforcement to change.

MR. MANKTELOW: Okay. As -- as -- as we change over to -- to more and more electric vehicles, how would an electric ATV fall into play here?

MS. PAULIN: It would be treated the same way as a regular gas-driven ATV.

MR. MANKTELOW: So -- so does it matter where the ATV comes from?

MS. PAULIN: No.

MR. MANKTELOW: So --

MS. PAULIN: An ATV is an ATV.

MR. MANKTELOW: An ATV is an ATV.

MS. PAULIN: As far as I know.

MR. MANKTELOW: All right. Thank you. So I guess one of my first questions would be, we all have young kids, very young kids. We see a lot of young kids here in the Chamber. We can buy the -- the electrical ATVs, ones that we charge at our homes, and our little three- or four-year old can ride them around -- around the lawn. They are an ATV, they are chargeable. What happens at that point?

MS. PAULIN: If it's on your property the three-year-old can still do it.

MR. MANKTELOW: So let's say you and I are

neighbors. You have a three-year-old daughter, I have a four-year-old son, they're best of friends. Are you telling me now that my son who's four years old can't drive his ATV over to your daughter's house and ride the ATV around the yard together?

MS. PAULIN: Currently, under the current law they couldn't.

MR. MANKTELOW: Okay. Thank you for that. I appreciate that -- that answer. I'm not saying I agree with it, but we're -- as my colleague just said, sometimes in this House, sometimes in the State, we push things way too far. There are practical ways of doing things. I -- I applaud the idea of saving our children, absolutely. We, as parents, do the same thing. Have -- have any of your children ever ridden an ATV?

MS. PAULIN: Not when I've ever seen them.

MR. MANKTELOW: Okay. So my next question is, are you familiar with governors?

MS. PAULIN: With what? I'm sorry.

MR. MANKTELOW: With governors.

MS. PAULIN: Governors?

MR. MANKTELOW: Yes.

MS. PAULIN: Yes, I've served under many.

MR. MANKTELOW: All right, I'll rephrase the question.

(Laughter)

Are -- are you familiar with --

MS. PAULIN: Wrong answer, (inaudible).

MR. MANKTELOW: That's not the answer I was looking for, but I was hoping you were going to say that, so (inaudible). My second question, then, is to go along with that. So, a governor reduces the ability of a motorized vehicle to go faster and to lower the RPMs of that vehicle. Are you familiar with that?

MS. PAULIN: I'm not familiar with that type of governor.

MR. MANKTELOW: Right. So let me give you this. A certain company makes a little grizzly 90 -- I almost said the company -- a 90 ATV, okay, and on that ATV there are governors that we, as parents, can adjust. So I can adjust that governor down to less than almost a crawl. If these vehicles are equipped with governors, would we then be able to allow our young people to ride without doing this law?

MS. PAULIN: So, I do know that the -- all the manufacturers for ATVs, regardless of whether they're the large kind or the small kind, all in their brochure that they give and in their advertisement they actually say these vehicles are not safe for anyone under the age of 14 or 16, depending on the vehicle.

MR. MANKTELOW: Okay. So there's a VFZ-50, it's a 49cc. You understand what ccs are and all that?

MS. PAULIN: Mm-hmm.

MR. MANKTELOW: Okay. It's about how much power is in the engine, okay? Take my word for it. They're designed

for six years old and up right now. So you and I can go out and buy one this afternoon for our six-year-old. What are we going to do in this situation?

MS. PAULIN: So, six-year-olds are not changed in the law at all. So, you know, what we're changing is ten to 14.

MR. MANKTELOW: Ten to 14.

MS. PAULIN: Yeah.

MR. MANKTELOW: So, an eight-year-old can go ahead and drive it because it's not in the law, but --

MS. PAULIN: No, no, an eight-year-old is the same in this law and before -- in the current law and in the proposed law. The eight-year-old, if they could have done it before under whatever the circumstances, they can do it again. If they couldn't do it, they still can't do it. They are treated the same. What's different is the ten to 14. So current law is if you're a ten-year-old you could have gotten the safety course, then you could have driven this ATV down the highway, across the road, you know, all over the place. But now under current -- under the proposed law you wouldn't be able to do that unless you were being supervised by someone who was 18 or more. Then you could still do it. But -- but that's the -- that's the difference, it's ten to 14. The eight-year-olds are still the eight-year-olds, the six-year-olds are still the six-year-olds.

MR. MANKTELOW: Okay. So -- so to -- to piggyback off of that question, I have another add-on to what my colleague was talking about earlier. In where we farm in Upstate New

York, we don't always have contiguous fields. They're not always connected to each other. And I know for a fact that my children used to take our four-wheeler and go out and pick up rocks and they absolutely loved doing it, absolutely. Not really, but I'm just being funny. Sometimes some of the neighbor children, they wanted to earn a little extra money, we're teaching them how to work, and we would allow them to go with them, with the permission from their parents. In this situation that's going to stop all of that.

MS. PAULIN: So, a four-wheeler is an ATV? I'm asking.

MR. MANKTELOW: Yes. I'm sorry, yes, a four-wheeler is an ATV.

MS. PAULIN: Yes, okay. And the children are -- were how old?

MR. MANKTELOW: Probably ten years old, eight years old.

MS. PAULIN: So was -- the ten-year-old was the driver, I'm assuming, or...

MR. MANKTELOW: I would -- I would think so, yes.

MS. PAULIN: Okay. So you're asking if it would change to allow a ten-year-old to drive with neighbors' children who were also ten and younger.

MR. MANKTELOW: Or could be a year older. My -- my question is, what is it going to take as a farmer to go to the field

that's over there and I have to go through your property, I have permission to drive through your property, this law will not allow that to happen?

MS. PAULIN: Well, with adult supervision it would.

MR. MANKTELOW: So with adult supervision, that means I have to be with that -- with those two children at all times?

MS. PAULIN: So, adult supervision is not defined as direct adult supervision, it's just defined as supervision. So similarly to the way we have evolved in terms of teaching someone to drive, right? It'll get litigated, a judge will decide what supervision means. So I would say that, you know, it doesn't say direct supervision, it's supervision. If a judge later decides that you were in your house and but watching them, that could be deemed supervision. But again, a judge is going to decide that, not me, not us right here.

MR. MANKTELOW: All right.

MS. PAULIN: But maybe if you were in your house and you weren't paying attention, there was no supervision. I mean, that would be -- if I were a judge that would be something that I would think about, but again, we don't define supervision in the -- in the bill.

MR. MANKTELOW: So -- so it's not defined in the bill, so if I believe that my child is capable of operating that vehicle, that ATV, four-wheeler, whatever you like to call it, and I'm fine with him or her going out to the field to do what they got to do, in this bill that's okay?

MS. PAULIN: Well, it would be okay anyway because it would be on your field.

MR. MANKTELOW: But what if it's a field that I lease?

MS. PAULIN: It -- it's regardless of whether you lease it or whether you own it, it's -- it would be your field. And so, therefore, any age child, including a baby, could drive an ATV as long as they were your baby on your land.

MR. MANKTELOW: Okay. And just thinking back on some other things that I see in the district. We have a lot of horseback riders back home. Is there any -- is there any age limits for riding horses?

MS. PAULIN: I -- I don't know.

MR. MANKTELOW: Because horseback riding is by far the number one hospital visit, broken bone, above anything else. Above skateboards, above ATVs, above motorcycles, above playing football, above skiing, and I'm just wondering why we are looking at only ATVs or why is the ATVs, four-wheelers. And please don't do another bill.

(Laughter)

It's not what I'm asking for.

MS. PAULIN: You read my mind.

MR. MANKTELOW: If we're truly -- if we're truly concerned about the young person, why are we hitting the ATVs first when that's the least amount of accidents, with the most being on

horseback.

MS. PAULIN: The reason I have this bill is because there was an accident in one of -- a community nearby, Yorktown, where a young person died, and so it was a -- a big deal in Westchester and -- and somebody who was friends with this family asked me to carry the bill and that's why I carried the bill.

MR. MANKTELOW: Okay. Is there any other consideration just -- and you -- and you referenced one up in Wayne County; that's my home county. I'm very familiar with that accident. Is there any consideration to do this versus population in a rural area where we need them and use them more versus in the city? Like, I'm assuming where you live is probably more populated than where I live. Has there been any consideration of saying, *Hey, maybe in the rural areas they can exempt out of this?* Because we do use them for -- for farming, for other -- going out to get maple syrup, you know, doing all those things. It's totally different in a rural area. And as my colleague said and I 100 percent agree, as a parent I am doing to darn sure make sure that my child knows the ins and outs, the rights and wrongs about that individual vehicle, that four-wheeler, that ATV, because I don't want to see my child get hurt or any other child. And I think that needs to go back on the parents, back on the -- the ones that are supervising the children and not so much being mandated by the State that this has to happen.

MS. PAULIN: So, I -- I would say that that's gonna still be the -- the rule of the law, right? That's gonna -- because a

child can -- can ride these things or operate these things at any age, it will be up to the parent to decide what's appropriate on their own land. But where this draws the line is that that same parent can't make that decision for the neighbor's child, for someone's who's coming onto their land. That's where this bill changes it. So this bill will say you want your child age eight or nine or ten to ride on your land, that's okay. But what you can't do is decide for my child. My child can't visit you and you make that decision. My child going to your property would have to be 14 with one of these courses.

MR. MANKTELOW: I -- and I just want to make this crystal clear. So if your child was friends with my child and your child wants to work on our farm and I talked to you and I said, *Mom, am I allowed to take Joey with my child to go work in that farm field,* if I get permission from you is that going to be okay?

MS. PAULIN: So, if you're riding it you're 18 and you could ride it.

MR. MANKTELOW: No, not that I'm riding it.

MS. PAULIN: I see.

MR. MANKTELOW: My child who is very skilled at riding and maneuvering, driving, taking care of the ATV, using it and your child is my child's friend and he or she wants to make some extra money and if I get permission from the parent to allow your child to ride with my child, is that acceptable?

MS. PAULIN: So, I would just say that I had the Program and Counsel person from Transportation, not Labor, but I

don't know what age you can actually pay someone to work. I don't know that it's ten. If it's -- if it's 14 then we're good. If you're paying someone who's 12 then I would want the Program and Counsel person from Labor to advise me whether or not you could actually employ a 12-year-old.

MR. MANKTELOW: Okay. Then -- and I'll stop after this question. So let's throw out the labor part. Let's say they're friends again, and my son has a trap line or he wants to go check the sugar, the maple syrup. Same situation, he wants to take his friend with him on the ATV to go check the maple lines. If I get permission from the parent --

MS. PAULIN: And the maple lines are on your property?

MR. MANKTELOW: Yeah, but on some of the farmland, yes.

MS. PAULIN: So, it's all your farmland?

MR. MANKTELOW: No, we're going through one person's property to get to my other field. Is that going to be acceptable?

MS. PAULIN: And your child is less than 14?

MR. MANKTELOW: Absolutely.

MS. PAULIN: So, if the child's less than 14 and they had a safety certificate at ten they could have ridden across somebody else's property. But now this will change that and they will not be able to ride across the person's property without supervision of

someone who is 18, but they can ride on your land and, frankly, they can ride with any passenger, a friend or whatever.

MR. MANKTELOW: So it goes back to your definition of what supervision is.

MS. PAULIN: Yes.

MR. MANKTELOW: Okay. I -- I threw those scenarios at you because sometimes I think we think here in this Chamber that those things don't happen in real life, but they do happen in real life. I've seen it firsthand. I have just as much consideration and care about that child riding with my child as anyone else's child. And I -- I agree with the -- the direction you want to take this, but sometimes it's always not practical, it's not always what people want throughout and across New York State.

So, thank you for taking the time in answering my questions and, Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to have the time as well. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Gallahan.

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

MS. PAULIN: Yes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Paulin yields.

MS. PAULIN: Yes.

MR. GALLAHAN: Thank you. I'm going to take this from the agricultural twist to a little different twist where it's going to cost some people some money. Can you tell me what the

definition of an all-terrain vehicle is?

MS. PAULIN: I'm sure it's in the law. I can look for it. See is it in the bill or not? Yeah, we'll find it.

(Pause)

Okay, we're just -- staff is looking it up.

MR. GALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you.

MS. PAULIN: I don't see it in any of my stuff.

MR. GALLAHAN: My colleague mentioned an electrified vehicle and it --

MS. PAULIN: I have the definition.

MR. GALLAHAN: -- raises some questions. Thank you.

MS. PAULIN: Okay. All-terrain vehicle, or ATV, means any self-propelled vehicle which is manufactured for sale for operation primarily on off-highway trails or off-highway competitions, and only incidentally operated on public highways providing that such vehicle does not exceed 70 inches in width or 1,000 pounds dry weight, provided, however, this definition shall not include a snowmobile - whoever mentioned that before - or other self-propelled vehicles manufactured for off-highway use explicitly designed for travel on snow or ice, steered by skis or runners, and supported in whole or in part by one or more skis, belts or cleats which utilize an endless belt thread -- tread. There's a little more, but maybe it's enough?

MR. GALLAHAN: That's fine. Thank you very

much.

MS. PAULIN: Okay.

MR. GALLAHAN: You mentioned competitions, and that's where I want to go with this. Upstate we have many tracks, dirt tracks, where they race all-terrain vehicles and go-carts. Is a go-cart considered an all-terrain vehicle?

MS. PAULIN: So, according to this it could not be used for competition, I believe.

(Pause)

So -- I'm sorry, so ask your question. I just read it again.

MR. GALLAHAN: Okay, so I know the definition now. Or I -- I think I know the definition.

MS. PAULIN: That's okay.

MR. GALLAHAN: So, we have several racetracks Upstate New York, dirt tracks where they race ATVs and they race go-carts. You're going to take a ten- to 14-year-old class and exclude them, if I'm understanding this right, from racing on that racetrack?

MS. PAULIN: Not if their parents are there or anyone 18 or over. So if someone is supervising that race, and I would think that if a ten-year-old is actually operating an ATV that -- and racing, you know, that there should be some kind of adult supervision. But -- but honestly, it can be an older brother or sister.

MR. GALLAHAN: On someone else's property?

MS. PAULIN: No. Yes, on someone else's property,

MR. GALLAHAN: Now I'm confused.

MR. PAULIN: So, if it's on someone else's property, if there's supervision of a 18-year-old, it could be anybody driving the thing again.

MR. GALLAHAN: So my colleague can take his child, a ten-year-old, put on an ATV, stand out in the field, drives across his field and across four neighbors' fields to get to his field, that's okay?

MS. PAULIN: If -- if he's with a 18-year-old, yeah. If they're being supervised.

MR. GALLAHAN: So you can ride on somebody else's property, then, if you're supervised.

MS. PAULIN: Yes.

MR. GALLAHAN: Okay. So these -- these competitions and these races are not going to be affected by this law in any way whatsoever?

MS. PAULIN: No. Not if they're supervised.

MR. GALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you very much. Appreciate your help.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Pirozzolo.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Paulin?

MS. PAULIN: Yes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: She yields.

MR. PIROZZOLO: So, thank you. I mean, I appreciate what you do, but I've been listening to this conversation, a couple of things popped into my mind that I'd like a little bit of clarification. So we're talking about minors being anyone under 18 years of age. So whether they're six to eight or 14 to 16 they're a minor and they -- this would affect them.

MS. PAULIN: Actually -- sorry. The only category that's affected by this bill are ten to 14.

MR. PIROZZOLO: Ten to 14.

MS. PAULIN: Yes.

MR. PIROZZOLO: Good enough. You gave a statistic before about one-quarter of the injuries or fatalities are children --

MS. PAULIN: Right.

MR. PIROZZOLO: -- meaning three-quarters of the adults or the remaining would be adults.

MS. PAULIN: Right.

MR. PIROZZOLO: Adults who have died from this, were they wearing safety equipment?

MS. PAULIN: I don't know.

MR. PIROZZOLO: You don't know.

MS. PAULIN: No. There's no requirement in the law to wear safety equipment whether you're a child or an adult.

MR. PIROZZOLO: Okay. May I ask who's responsible for making sure a six- or an eight-year-old has to wear

their helmet?

MS. PAULIN: There would be a -- I mean, there's no requirement for a helmet in the law for an ATV.

MR. PIROZZOLO: Okay. So who's going to be responsible in making sure that this bill is carried out, that --

MS. PAULIN: Whoever's responsible now. I -- that's why I said enforcement doesn't change, because all we're doing is we're saying -- we're changing the current law that in the prior law or the current law you could be ten and get a course and drive anywhere.

MR. PIROZZOLO: Right.

MS. PAULIN: We're now saying you have to be 14 to do that.

MR. PIROZZOLO: Okay.

MS. PAULIN: So whoever are the big enforcers out there, they remain the same.

MR. PIROZZOLO: But I mean, what about parents? Are parents going to be saying that your children should be protected, those parents are responsible to make sure that this is --

MS. PAULIN: (Coughing) I'm sorry.

MR. PIROZZOLO: Take your time, don't even worry about it.

MS. PAULIN: I -- I think I'm okay. I'm just going to talk a little less. So, somebody, water? Water? That would be good. Yeah.

MR. PIROZZOLO: So parents would be --

MS. PAULIN: Yeah.

MR. PIROZZOLO: Okay. So (inaudible) to make sure there's responsibility falls on parents that they're eight -- six to eight years old.

MS. PAULIN: It -- it's the same as now.

MR. PIROZZOLO: Okay. That's it. Thank you, I -- I appreciate it, and I hope you get your water and you're good.

I'd like to speak on the bill, please.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the bill, sir.

MR. PIROZZOLO: Okay. So, my concern is that we're making parents responsible for this, and as they should be, or it's just the same. Yet we allow access to sex changes, gender affirming counseling, birth control, abortion drugs, to any child, regardless of their age. In some cases we hide things from parents where a child may want to have a gender-changing surgery or discuss or have any considerations about gender affirmation. We go as far as to try to hide these things from parents, yet we're here to hold them responsible for young children six to eight years old about ATV safety. So I just wanted to point that out, that sometimes I think that -- you know, we're here to serve the public, but sometimes as legislators we really do become self-serving because as we know, there are so many other sports and activities that were pointed out that we're not regulating and I'm not suggesting that we do regulate. I just want to really point out that we have so many critical life issues that are here as far as

taking care of our children and our youth, but we go ahead with that and we're debating for a very long time here about the safety of ATVs with young children.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mr. Pirozzolo.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: A Party vote has been requested.

Ms. Walsh.

MS. WALSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Our side of the aisle will generally be against -- in opposition to this piece of legislation, but if members feel differently they are free to certainly cast their vote accordingly at their desk. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Majority Conference is generally going to be in favor of this piece of legislation; however, there may be a few of our colleagues that would desire to be an exception. They should feel free to cast their vote likewise.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Novakhov, if you -- one minute -- is going to explain his vote.

Mr. Stern?

MR. NOVAKHOV: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I'll be shorter than that. I support this bill in general because illegal and underage ATV use is a huge problem in New York City. But at the same time, my colleagues from the rural areas have a point, sometimes it is just a necessity. So Assemblymembers from urban areas, please consult (clearing throat) -- excuse me -- please consult with your colleagues from rural areas while drafting such bills.

Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: And how are you voting, Mr. Novakhov?

MR. NOVAKHOV: I'm voting yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Novakhov in the negative. Thank you, sir.

MR. NOVAKHOV: No, no, in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Oh, in the affirmative.

MR. NOVAKHOV: Yes, thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Okay. Thank you, sir.

Ms. Glick to explain her vote.

MS. GLICK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I -- I rise to support the -- the bill and to be somewhat concerned at the notion that we would tell eight-year-olds that if they're not -- we don't want them to be wimps, like, get on the ATV and go ride. I understand that people may have to travel across fields, but if you've got an eight-year-old driving down a country road to get to another field, maybe the sheriff should say, you know, *You shouldn't be on this road*. Sometimes people that are familiar with back roads drive them pretty damn fast. So I -- I -- I understand that if it's on your property or if you're traveling to other property, you know, that's -- I -- I get that. But I don't -- I don't think that we should be implying to youngsters that if they have any hesitancy that they better stop being wimps because we wind up seeing youngsters feeling like they have to do things that they're not comfortable with sometimes.

So I withdraw my request and vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Glick in the affirmative.

Ms. Paulin to explain her vote.

MS. PAULIN: I -- I'm actually just going to do a correction. The staff looked it up, and actually helmets are required for ATVs. So they are required. I didn't want that to go without saying that.

So I withdraw and vote in the positive.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Paulin withdraws her objection and provides a correction and votes in the

affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 34, Calendar No. 103, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01731, Calendar No. 103, Dinowitz, Weprin, Epstein, Dickens. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to restricting insurers from demanding intrusive personal, financial and tax information from insured as a standard practice in processing ordinary theft claims.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: An explanation is requested, Mr. Dinowitz.

MR. DINOWITZ: This legislation restricts insurers -- restricts insurers from demanding intrusive personal, financial and tax information from an insured as a standard practice in ordinary theft claims. Under the bill, though, the insurers may request such information if special articulable circumstances exist which directly relate to the individual facts of the theft claim and which warrant the making of such demand for the specific purpose of determining if such theft claim is fraudulent.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Blumencranz.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Dinowitz, will you yield?

MR. DINOWITZ: I will.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The sponsor yields, sir.

MR. BLUMENCRANZ: A few questions. So my first question is, how does this bill differ compared to current DFS regulations surrounding unfair claim practices?

MR. DINOWITZ: Well, currently, often or all too often, insurers will demand information, very intrusive information totally irrelevant to the claim itself.

MR. BLUMENCRANZ: Now, what would you describe as intrusive information in a fraud -- or sorry, a theft claim?

MR. DINOWITZ: I happen to have a list. So, intrusive information which would be barred under this legislation would include copies of the insured's personal and business tax returns, permits or licenses which the insured holds in New York State other than a driver's license, loan applications which the insured filed, statements setting forth the county and state in which the insured has been registered to vote over a period of time other than from his or her present residence, copies of any bank statements of banks in which the insured has accounts, copies of any Doing Business As or certificates of incorporation for any business the insured owns or, last, information or material of a similar personal, financial, tax or private nature which the Superintendent, by regulation, finds to be intrusive or which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of privacy in the context of a standard or ordinary theft claim.

MR. BLUMENCRANZ: Thank you. Now, what -- I mean, you state in the bill here that the discovered materials -- if under the special circumstances the discovered materials need to directly relate to a particular individual facts of the claim. Now, if someone has a very troubled business and makes several claims on their personal insurance, how would the insurance company go about finding out that they would need to start looking into a claim in the first place?

MR. DINOWITZ: They can do that through their ordinary investigatory procedures other than asking the irrelevant and unconnected personal and intrusive information listed in the bill.

MR. BLUMENCRANZ: Now, this bill was written or introduced many years ago, I think almost -- almost 30 years ago. A lot has changed in the claims investigations conducted by almost all insurance companies now. In many cases, and within the next few years (inaudible), AI algorithms are used to scour the internet, to look for information related to a -- a claimant or a claim. How -- how would that affect those companies using those algorithms if they're able to find on the internet, say, information about an individual's business that may prompt them to want to have a further investigation of a claim? Would that be -- would they be violating this law if they were able to use publicly-available information, say, related to your business that would give them pause for -- for making or starting an investigation where they would then initiate asking for more information (inaudible)?

MR. DINOWITZ: Well, they're -- they're certainly free to, you know, Google somebody, go on -- on the internet to find out information, but this relates to demanding personal and irrelevant information.

MR. BLUMENCRANZ: I guess my issue here is the fact that I just think you'd have some -- some very litigious issues surrounding this directly relates to particular individual facts related to the theft. Because if these algorithms start to see issues within someone's life outside of the relevant facts that specific claim that may warrant further investigation, would that not be in violation of, you know, some of the limits you try and place here within your newer versions of the general business practices (inaudible) the Insurance Law?

MR. DINOWITZ: The -- the bill is meant to stop insurance companies from asking for information that, frankly, they have no business asking for, that they have no business knowing and that they shouldn't be asking. I mean, you know, I -- I suppose you could say often they would go on some kind of fishing expedition, but that's not really their job. I understand that insurance companies don't like to pay out money to claimants even when -- sometimes when the -- it's well-deserved, but they certainly can search for information. What they can't do under this legislation is insist upon information such as the ones I've listed, I won't list it again, because if it has nothing to do with the claim then, frankly, it's none of their business.

MR. BLUMENCRANZ: Now, I would say almost

always when -- I'm an insurance broker -- when I have someone submitting a claim to me I always ask for a police report to provide to the insurance company so they can start the claims process. If those police reports show reason for a concern that the missing item may or may not be theft, would that warrant them to be able to ask for some of these necessary items?

MR. DINOWITZ: Well, as I mentioned earlier, the insurers may request such information if there is specially -- and I'm reading the words here -- articulable circumstances that exist which directly, directly, relate to the individual facts of a theft claim and which warrant the making of such demand for the specific purpose of determining if such claim is fraudulent. So this doesn't totally ban them from asking for certain information, but something would have to come to light. If there are specific circumstances, then they can ask for information, but they can't just willy-nilly ask for information because they're nosey.

MR. BLUMENCRANZ: So, how -- I'm guessing the determining factor would be DFS would decide whether those circumstances are -- those articulable circumstances would be sufficient to qualify for them asking for that information?

MR. DINOWITZ: I guess if the insurance company wants to be extremely litigious, they could try to litigate the matter. But, you know, we don't like overly litigious circumstances.

MR. BLUMENCRANZ: Well, then I'm -- I'm still curious who -- who would be the -- the determinant that it is a special

circumstance or not?

MR. DINOWITZ: Well, I guess the insurance company can try to claim that there are special circumstances and if the insured says, *No, no special circumstances, none of your business*, then the insurance company would have to figure out a way to litigate that.

MR. BLUMENCRANZ: I was going to say reading between the lines it just sounds like you're saying every time they suspect something, they should sue now.

MR. DINOWITZ: I'm not saying they should sue at all, and nor am I saying that they should always suspect something. But let's be honest here. Most insurance companies most of the time try to do every last thing they can, whether it's theft insurance, whether it's car insurance, whether it's medical insurance, to not pay out a penny to the very people who are paying them lots of money to be insured in the first place. And all this is meant to do is to prevent, best as possible, and protect people from being asked information which -- which the insurance company really has no business knowing and which has no direct connection to the claim that's being made. If there is a reason for there to be a connection, then, as I said, they can do that.

MR. BLUMENCRANZ: I -- all right. Thank you. Thank you so much.

MR. DINOWITZ: You're welcome.

MR. BLUMENCRANZ: Mr. Speaker, on the bill,

please.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the bill, sir.

MR. BLUMENCRANZ: This bill I think has very, very laudable goals to make it a little bit easier on the insurance consumer who may make a claim, but unfortunately, on -- on all insurance lines in the United States there's about 300 million -- I'm sorry, \$300 billion in false claims made every year. The loss to insurance fraud particularly relating to theft, the number is not as large but it is still very concerning and leads to increases in our premiums. If someone is not committing insurance fraud, simply providing basic financial information to the insurance companies would help reduce bad actors from being able to succeed in -- in stealing from insurance companies. I believe that this bill does not take into account the way that the claims within the insurance industry is evolving and will continue to evolve, and I will be voting in the negative.

Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: A Party vote has been requested.

Ms. Walsh.

MS. WALSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minority Conference will generally be in the negative on this piece of legislation. If members wish to vote in the affirmative they may do so

at their desks. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr.

Speaker. The Majority Conference is generally going to be in favor of this piece of legislation; however, there may be some colleagues that would desire to be an exception. At their desks they can take that opportunity to do so. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Blankenbush for the purposes of an explanation of his vote.

MR. BLANKENBUSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In 1986, I started an independent insurance agency and just sold it last year so you don't have outside income, by the way. But a couple of comments that the sponsor said. Of all the years that I was in the business, in the insurance business, in the property casualty business, there may have been five incidents all those years that I had a client call me and told me, *The big bad insurance companies are not paying my claim*. When you look at -- I believe when I took my CE class, because you have to take a CE class every two years to get your -- keep your license, the one course I took was fraud. And if you want to take a look at what causes insurance premiums to go up, take a course on fraud. Because what you'll see is that that's -- that is always a

problem in the State of New York. Back then they were telling us in that class -- by the way, the class that New York State did, it was their course -- New York State was telling me back then, it might be different now, \$52 million a year is spent on fraudulent claims. A million a week. The consumer sometimes says, *Well, we can claim this because of the big bad insurance companies*, and then who -- who's it going to affect? It's going to affect the consumer. It's going to affect you. So if we put handcuffs on the claims adjusters and the insurance companies, what you're going to see in the State of New York is that fraudulent claims will go up, more fraudulent claims will hit us in the wallet because what will happen is the price of insurance, the price to the consumer is going up. So for all the good consumers that have paid their premiums over the years, the bad actors are going to come at us with premium increases because that's the way the insurance companies will adjust their losses. So, \$52 million a year. That -- that was back when I took my fraud class. I don't even know what it would be now. \$1 million a week. And so what we're doing is we're allowing the insurance companies not to -- not to even investigate properly. I don't even know what ordinary theft is. Theft is theft, and we're going to call it ordinary theft. And that's the problem with what we're doing across our -- our society with that, ordinary theft. So my two minutes is up?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: I think you've expend -- tell us how you vote.

MR. BLANKENBUSH: I didn't hear the ding. So, I

-- I will be voting no. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you so very much, Mr. Blankenbush.

Mr. Dinowitz to explain his vote, with a time limit.

MR. DINOWITZ: Oh, I get a time limit. I heard the ding loudly and clearly. I'll be honest, I get annoyed when sponsors have to explain their vote, but I do have to clarify one or two things. I'll speak rapidly since I will stick to the two minutes. Maybe things are different, you're in a different reality than I am. We get people coming to our office all the time, not every day, but we get a lot of it where people are being denied by insurance companies. And, you know, when an insurance company -- I'm not saying all these companies are bad because I know they're not, but when an insurance company denies as a default position claims, regardless of what kind of insurance it is, to me, that's a kind of fraud if the person deserves to be paid. So when we talk about fraud, there's fraud on one side, there's fraud on another side. But not everybody is committing fraud. But the purpose of this bill isn't to hurt the insurance companies, it's to protect our own constituents, people who pay a lot of money for insurance and who are entitled to not being asked questions that have absolutely nothing to do with the claim that's being made. This is not going to, in my opinion, raise anybody's rates unless insurance companies decide, *Well, you know, we're going to just raise people's rates.* But this should not have an impact on it. But when it comes to fraud, one can easily argue that fraud is not unique to one side. You

know, the insurance companies aren't all angelic companies that are out to help people, they're out to make money. And they have a right to make money, but not off the backs of our constituents and certainly not by doing things that many of us would consider wrong. So this legislation cures some of the problems that people have had with being asked for information in order to block them from getting paid on a claim that -- to which they're entitled.

So because two minutes is probably approaching, I will stick to the rules and vote yes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Dinowitz in the affirmative in a timely fashion. Thank you, sir.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, if we could now go to resolutions on page 3.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you very much. Page 3, Assembly No. 575, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 575, Ms. Rajkumar.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 28, 2023 as Nepali-American Heritage Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, all

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 576, Mr. Burdick.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 22-28, 2023 as Period Poverty Awareness Week in the State of New York.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 577, Mr. Magnarelli.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 18-24, 2023 as Diaper Need Awareness Week in the State of New York.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 578, Mr. Cunningham.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 2023 as Peripheral Arterial Disease Awareness Month in the State of New York.

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

adopted.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 579, Mr. DeStefano.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 2023 as Dystonia Awareness Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. DeStefano on the resolution.

MR. DESTEFANO: I know it's been a while, but I'm back. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to talk about my resolution. Dystonia is a relatively unknown neurological disorder that affects many people worldwide. The condition causes muscle spasms and con -- contractions that can be painful and debilitating, leading to significant impact on patients' quality of life. Despite this, dystonia awareness is limited, with many people living with the condition undiagnosed and untreated. Dystonia can affect people of all ages, genders and ethnic backgrounds, and may occur in any part of the body. The symptoms of dystonia vary from mild to severe, and the condition can be progressively worse over time. Some patients find their symptoms and present all the time, while others experience intermittently make it difficult to predict when they will occur. Dystonia is caused by an ab -- abnormality in the brain's basal ganglia which controls movement. The condition may be idiopathic, which means the cause is unknown. Or it can be caused by other factors such as trauma, infections, stroke and medications. The symptoms of

dystonia can be challenging to manage, and most patients receive a variety of treatments including oral medications, injections or Botox, surgery and physical therapy. However, despite these treatments many people living with dystonia experience a quality of life due to the impact of the condition they face on a daily basis. There's a clear -- there's a clear need for increased dystonia awareness to better manage the condition and improve patient outcomes. Awareness can lead to a more significant understanding of the condition, increase researching -- research, funding and better support for those affected by the condition. To increase dystonia awareness, education is key. Healthcare providers need to be more aware of the signs and symptoms of dystonia to improve early diagnosis and appreciate -- appropriately treat them. Additionally, the general public needs to be educated about this disorder, its causes and symptoms. Social media and other forms of digital communication can be valuable tools in raising awareness of dystonia. Patient groups and advocacy organizations can utilize the platforms to share information about this disorder, connect with other patients and raise public awareness about the symptoms, treatments, options and the impact of the condition in their patients and their families. Ultimately, increased dystonia awareness can lead to more research and development on new treatments to manage the condition better, which can help improve patient outcomes. It also can support those living with the condition to reduce stigma, creating more opportunities for social support and improving their overall quality of life.

In conclusion, dystonia awareness is essential to improve the diagnosis, treatment and quality of life of patients living with the condition. Through education, patient groups and advocacy organizations, we can raise awareness about dystonia and promote a better understanding of its impact on patients, families and society as a whole.

I want to thank my colleagues for allowing me to speak on this, and I appreciate your support. And thank you again, Mr. Speaker. I know it's long sometimes, but it's -- it is a very important disease that we all need to be made aware of. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

On the resolution, all those in favor --

Mr. Fitzpatrick. On the resolution, sir?

MR. FITZPATRICK: On the resolution. I want to thank the sponsor for bringing it up. Dystonia is an affliction that has affected my mother since 1983. She has what's called spasmodic torticollis. She was taking an experimental drug called Botox before FDA approval on a quarterly basis to get some relief. She did not get relief. She had two surgeries in Montreal, Canada to get some relief, it worked for a while. It's a horrible affliction. She suffers with it to this day. And I really -- I thank the sponsor for bringing it up because it caused great pain to my mother and she still suffers with it to this day. So thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mr. Fitzpatrick.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 580, Mr. Hevesi.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 2023 as Kinship Care Month in the State of New York.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 581, Ms. Jackson.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 9, 2023 as Sneakers Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Jackson on the resolution.

MS. JACKSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to speak on this resolution. It's Sneaker [sic] Day in New York. I remember the song, "My Adidas" by Run DMC. I'm sure some of you remember that song and the Michael Jack -- the Michael Jordan commercials where everyone wanted to be like Mike. We -- the sneaker culture has gone mainstream. It has become extremely profitable. We are in a time where sneakers have made its way onto the Oval Office floor, and against our Sergeant-at-Arms Wayne

Jackson's approval, sneakers have been worn in here by some prominent members. You will see people rocking their Air Force Ones and their retro Jordans and their Chuck Taylors. You'll hear more about that tonight. They're Chuck Taylors and Yeezys and some of us, or even our Alexander McQueen. I also recall a time, Mr. Speaker, not me, but my peers, would skip school to go get a pair of sneakers, and people would stand in line for hours to -- to make sure they got that exclusive pair. And I remember a time, unfortunately, of people being robbed of their sneakers, all because everyone wanted to be a part of the culture. Now we see people at home on apps, purchasing exclusive pairs and hoping to get a win on a pair of sneakers. I know this -- this may sound like foreign language to some of you all, but your kids, if you were to ask them, they would know a lot about it. They sit on their computers and they wish for that exclusive pair. And so I remember distinctly a young woman, a young girl was actually visiting us in Albany, and she said, You are the coolest Assemblymember because you have on a pair of sneakers when everyone else was wearing heels. Now, the men may not understand this, but wearing heels from the LOB to the Capitol is extremely difficult. And so I'm grateful today that we are acknowledging Sneaker [sic] Day here in the State of New York.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Ms. Jacket.

Ms. Giglio on the resolution.

MS. GIGLIO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I want to thank the sponsor for this great resolution. And all I have to say to mom and dads is if you find a box and the sneakers are not in it, do not throw away the box. That's all I have to say. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 582, Mr. Maher.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 23-29, 2023 as Respiratory Care Week in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Maher on the resolution.

MR. MAHER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to speak on this resolution. It's very personal for me. There's a lot of folks that are suffering with COPD, asthma. My father-in-law suffered from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. His name was Jim Miller, and he is somebody who was very important to me, and he is no longer with us. I just wanted to stand up here today, say his name, memorialize him, and also just to raise awareness for the doctors, nurses and respiratory therapists that do so much hard work to really improve the quality of life of people like my father-in-law who was a great man, hardworking man. We all wish he was here, but we are so

thankful for these professionals that helped improve his quality of life during that time period. Also, Brody Weddell-DeGroot, who is an intern of mine, suffered from asthma and he wanted to make sure that I mentioned that we focus on the education component because it was that education in a class that he took that allowed him to get the education he needed to improve his diet and do things that allows him to not even need an inhaler these days. So, **Brody** and our team is gonna work on some education events in October when we have this week, and we encourage all of our colleagues here to do the same.

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. 583, Ms. Jean-Pierre.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 28, 2023 as Chucks-N-Pearls Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Jean-Pierre on the resolution.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We go from Chucks to sneakers. Sneakers are Chucks, but they're much more classier. Chucks-N-Sneakers [sic] Day in the State of New York. LaTanga Raney founded Chucks-N-Pearls Day in 2021. It's celebrated on October 28th every year to honor the simple but unique

dressing style of Kamala Harris, the first female Vice President of the United States and first woman to deliver a commencement speech at West Point, who is to known for wearing -- wearing her Converse sneakers and pearls to numerous notable events. So today we celebrate Chucks-N-Pearls, and I'm so honored to lead the Legislative Women's Caucus where we're a bipartisan organization of 73 women, and I'm so proud that we are wearing our Chucks and our pearls. And many organizations wear their pearls and pearls significant -- signif -- signifies elegance, and so many women organizations, so many sorority organizations honor wearing their pearls. So Kamala Harris wears her Chucks and pearls, and today in the State of New York we all wear our Chucks and pearls on our Kamala Harris and we'll celebrate again on October 28th.

Again, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 584, Mr. Zebrowski.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, Ms. Giglio.

MS. GIGLIO: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the

representative of Riverhead, New York, which is considered Polish Town U.S.A., I am happy to represent the Polish community and the immigrants that came to New York State. And the third Saturday of August we have the Polish Street Fest where Polish Hall will have a Polish wedding, they'll have a Polish reception. They'll have the Polish dancers, they'll have the Polka bands. So I invite you all to come and enjoy some kielbasa sandwiches with the Polish community of the great town of Riverhead.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Brown.

MR. K. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll be very brief. My mother would kill me if I didn't stand up and say something because her last name was Tencza, which means "rainbow" in Polish. So I want to thank the speaker -- the sponsor of the resolution for doing this today and when I was a kid I used to go to Polish Town every year for that fair, it's a wonderful fair. So thank you very much. Thank you.

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. 585, Mr. Bronson.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2023 as Breast Cancer 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.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: We have both, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

On a motion by Mr. Epstein, page 38, Calendar No. 172, Bill No. A.4750, amendments are received and adopted.

On a motion by Ms. Rajkumar, page 14, Rules Report No. 338, Bill No. A.3301, amendments are received and adopted.

Numerous fine resolutions, we will take them 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. 586-593 were unanimously adopted.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned and that we reconvene at 10:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. on June the 1st, tomorrow being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Assembly stands adjourned until tomorrow, 10:00 a.m.

(Whereupon at 5:49 p.m., the House stood adjourned

until Thursday, June 1st at 10:00 a.m., that being a Session day.)