

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026**

**1:42 P.M.**

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The House will  
come to order.

Good afternoon, colleagues and guests.

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

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

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

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

A quorum being present, the Clerk will read the  
Journal of Tuesday, January 20th.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, I move to dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Tuesday, January the 20th and that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Without objection, so ordered.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

Good afternoon to all colleagues and guests that are in the Chambers as well. I want to share this quote with you today from Cynthia McKinney, who served six terms in the United States House of Representatives. She was the first African-American woman -- African-American woman to be elected to represent Georgia in the House. Her words for us today: *We are way more powerful when we turn to each other and not on each other, when we celebrate our diversity and together tear down the mighty walls of injustice* [sic]. Again, these words from former Congressional Representative -- or U.S. House of Representatives Cynthia McKinney.

Madam Speaker, members have on their desk a A-Calendar, and before you do any introductions and/or housekeeping we're gonna call for the following committees to meet off the floor: Codes and Rules. These committees are gonna produce an A-Calendar of which we will take up today. After any housekeeping and/or introductions, we will take up Calendar resolutions on page 3, and then we're gonna continue to consent on the main Calendar where

we left off on yesterday; that is Calendar No. 52 and it's on page 13.

I will announce any further floor activity as we proceed should it be necessary; however, Madam Speaker, that is the general outline of where we're going today. And if you could please begin by calling the Codes Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you. Codes Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room. Codes Committee members please meet Chair Dinowitz in the Speaker's Conference Room. As you move slowly, quickly, but quietly.

We don't have any housekeeping today, but we do have a few introductions. Let's start with the purpose of an introduction with Ms. Woerner.

MS. WOERNER: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for allowing me to interrupt our proceedings for the purposes of an introduction today. It is a great pleasure for me to introduce you to truly one of my heroes. We are joined in the Chamber today by Officer Glenn Barrett, a Saratoga Springs police officer who retired recently. And Officer Barrett is without question the best exemplar I could ever bring to you to highlight what it means to be a community police officer. Truly, wherever I went in Saratoga Springs, there was Officer Barrett. He was a certified bicycle patrol officer, riding his bike through the city. He was a member of the Saratoga Springs Mounted Police Force. And you all probably don't have mounted officers in your communities, but a mounted officer in our community

is an important ambassador throughout the community. And -- and really, if he was not on duty his -- his fellow officers would report that people would come up to him and say, *Is Officer Barrett on duty today?* Because Officer Barrett was truly what it means to be a community police officer.

He served as a School Resource Officer at the Saratoga Springs School District for six years, and he was fondly known by the students there as "the horse cop." But I have to say that one of the -- one of the things that touched my heart about Officer Barrett was that when I would attend Friday night services at Temple Sinai in Saratoga Springs, I would walk in seeing Officer Barrett outside and I would leave seeing Officer Barrett outside. He was always on duty to make sure that everyone in the community was safe. When he retired this fall and the announcement was made, I have to tell you, I got a lump in my throat.

So please, Madam Speaker, if you would offer the cordialities of the House to Officer Barrett and his wife Heather who has joined him today.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Yes. On behalf of Ms. Woerner, the Speaker and all members, we welcome you, Officer Barrett and your beloved here to the Assembly Chamber and extend the privileges of the floor to you. We hope you enjoy the proceedings today. We congratulate you on your recent retirement, and thank you so much for your longstanding community service. Exemplary performance. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Ms. Walsh for the purpose of an introduction.

MS. WALSH: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for allowing me to interrupt the proceedings for the purposes of an introduction. So, this morning -- or this afternoon, rather, we are joined by Cub Scout Troop 4001 from Ballston Spa Pack 1. Pack 1 is made up of scouts ranging from those in grades K through five from Gordon Creek, Malta Ave, Milton Terrace and Wood Road Elementary Schools in Ballston Spa, New York, part of the 112th Assembly District.

Since 1960, Pack 1 has provided the youth of Ballston Spa a scouting experience that has developed in them skills and knowledge that they will carry throughout their entire lives. They're part of the Turning Point District of the Twin Rivers Council. And for most of these kids and some of the adult chaperones, it is their first time visiting our State Capitol. We're joined today by eight scouts and seven adult chaperones including parents and pack leaders, including my good friend, Jason Gertler (phonetic).

Madam Speaker, if you would please welcome this group to the New York State Assembly and accord to them the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Ms. Walsh, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome Troop 4001, Pack 1 to our Assembly Chamber, to the People's House. We hope you do enjoy the proceedings today. But more importantly, to our

Cub Scouts, may your motto, "Do Your Best", "Do Your Best", let this core principle guide you every single day in everything you do. Whether it be your academics or athletics, this should guide you for the rest of your life and something very easy to do. We hope you do enjoy the proceedings today. Thank you all so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mr. Slater for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. SLATER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm very excited to welcome to our historic Chamber today two great leaders for us here in New York. We're joined today by Jason Loughran and his Senior Advisor Barbara Gruson. Jason is the Regional Administrator for HUD, covering New York and New Jersey. He was appointed by Secretary Turner and President Trump, and his focus on expanding access to affordable housing, promoting community revitalization and unlocking homeownership opportunities for Americans in rural, tribal and urban communities. Previously, Jason served as a Senior Advisor for Intergovernmental Affairs at the New York City Department of Veterans' Services. He is a U.S. Navy veteran -- Go Navy -- where he served in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom, where he earned a Presidential Unit Citation. Jason holds a Bachelor's of Science in Homeland Security from St. John's University, and an Executive Master of Public Administration from the Marxe School of Public and International Affairs at Baruch College.

Madam Speaker, if you could please extend the cordialities of the floor and welcome our guests today I would greatly appreciate it.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. Slater, the Speaker and all members, Jason and Barbara, welcome to the Assembly Chamber. We extend the privileges of the floor to you and hope you enjoy our proceedings today. And thank you so very much for your continued service not only with housing and all of the things that HUD does to provide economic development for our area, but for your service to our country as a Navy veteran as well. Thank you so very much for joining us today. Go Army, Beat Navy. Thank you.

(Applause)

Resolutions, page 3, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 859, Mr. Magnarelli.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 18-24, 2026, as Enrolled Agent Week in the State of New York.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 860, Ms. Buttenschon.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor

Hochul to proclaim January 2026, as Firefighter Cancer Prevention Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Ms. Buttenschon on the resolution.

MS. BUTTENSCHON: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to remind us of the importance of firefighters across the State of New York, whether they are career or professional, as the services they provide invite a difficult situation to all of them with an occupational hazard of cancer. So this resolution reminds us that we must reflect on their sacrifices and understand the profession provides the risks to all of them, as well as many times extended to their family. I will continue to advocate and ask all of you to join me to advocate for those that serve us in the fire service.

So not only as a mother of a firefighter, but as a community member that thanks all of them for their service, I remind us of this important resolution and that we must protect them in this occupation.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 861, Mr. DeStefano.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 2026 as Thyroid Disease

Awareness Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. DeStefano on the resolution.

MR. DESTEFANO: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for the opportunity to speak on this very important resolution.

The thyroid gland, through -- though small and often overlooked, plays a vital role in maintaining overall health. Located at the base of the neck, it regulates essential bodily functions such as metabolism, heart rate, body temperature and energy levels through the hormones it produces. When the thyroid does not function properly, it can affect nearly every system in the body. Despite its importance, thyroid disorders are frequently misunderstood or underdiagnosed, making awareness and edu -- education crucial.

Thyroid disease generally fall into two main categories; hypothyroidism, where the thyroid produces too little hormone, and hyperthyroidism, where it produces too much. Symptoms can vary widely, including fatigue, weight changes, mood swings, hair loss, anxiety and difficulty concentrating. Because these symptoms often resemble those of stress or other common conditions, many people delay seeking medical attention. This can delay and can lead to long-term complications affecting the heart, mental health, and overall quality of life.

My understanding of thyroid disease and health can be (indiscernible) because of my personal encounter with my mom, who had been living with thyroid disorder. Before her diagnosis, she

struggled with persistent tiredness, unexplained weight changes and emotional fluctuations that were difficult for our family to understand. Once she was properly diagnosed, it became clear how profoundly the thyroid influences our daily lives. Watching her manage medications, regular blood tests and lifestyle adjustments, showed me that thyroid disease is not just a medical condition, but a long-term journey that requires patience, support and awareness.

My mother's experience highlighted the importance of an early detection and consistent treatment. With proper medical care, many individuals with thyroid disorders can live healthy, active lives. However, this depends heavily on awareness, both personal and society. When people recognize symptoms early and feel encouraged to seek help, outcomes improve significantly. Education reduces stigma, especially since thyroid disorders can affect mood and mental health, are areas that still often are misunderstood.

Thyroid awareness is particularly important for women, who are more likely to develop thyroid conditions especially during periods of hormonal change such as pregnancy and menopause. Public health campaigns, routine screening and open conversations can make a meaningful difference. Families, schools and healthcare providers all play a role in spreading knowledge and encouraging proactive health habits.

In conclusion, thyroid health deserves far more attention than it current -- currently receives. Through my mother's experience, I have learned how silently and powerful thyroid disease

can impact a person's life. Raising awareness, promoting early diagnosis, and supporting those affected can lead to better health outcomes and improve quality of life. By talking openly and about thyroid health, we can take an important step toward a more informed and compassionate society.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

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

On consent, page 13, Calendar No. 52, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01410, Calendar No. 52, Rosenthal, Simone. An act to amend the Public Officers Law, in relation to requiring entities that submit records to State agencies that are excepted from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Law to periodically reapply for the exemption.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01422, Calendar No. 53, Cruz, De Los Santos, Simone, Kelles, Simon, Raga, Taylor, Seawright, Levenberg, Otis, Walker, Davila, Glick, Zaccaro, Zinerman, Rosenthal, K. Brown, González-Rojas, Tapia. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to requiring accurate interpretation of statements made by deponents with limited English proficiency in accusatory and supporting depositions.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01441-A, Calendar No. 54, Dinowitz, Seawright, Otis, Jacobson, Weprin, Alvarez, Kay, Santabarbara, Colton. An act to amend the Public Service Law, in relation to complaint handling procedures by the Public Service Commission.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01450, Calendar No. 55, Dinowitz, Weprin, Tapia. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to restricting insurers from demanding intrusive personal, financial and tax information from insureds as a standard practice in processing ordinary theft claims.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01461-A, Calendar No. 56, Paulin, Sayegh, Steck, Simon, Cook, Glick, Vanel, Lunsford, Rosenthal, Bronson, Williams, Bichotte Hermelyn, R. Carroll, Fall, Gallagher, Forrest, Cruz, Stirpe, Clark, Colton, Santabarbara, Hunter, Jackson, Zinerman, Kelles, Jacobson, Otis, Meeks, Weprin, Raga. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to the use of psychotropic medications in nursing homes and adult care facilities.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01506, Calendar No. 57, Rosenthal, Burdick, Seawright, Lee, Reyes, Levenberg. An act to amend the Emergency Tenant Protection Act of 1974 and the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to rent registration statements filed by a limited liability company.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is -- this bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01515, Calendar No. 58, Weprin, Simon, Raga, Seawright, De Los Santos, Taylor, Santabarbara, Sayegh. An act to amend the Banking Law, in relation to requiring licensed cashers of checks to file suspicious activity reports.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: 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: Madam Speaker, the Committee on Codes has completed their work. Would you please call the Rules Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room?

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Rules Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room. Rules Committee members, please make your way to the Speaker's Conference Room.

On consent, page 15, Calendar No. 59, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01529-A, Calendar No. 59, Rivera, Benedetto, Bronson, Clark, Colton, Conrad, De Los Santos, Dinowitz, Glick, González-Rojas, Hevesi, Jackson, Jacobson, Lunsford, McDonough, Meeks, Peoples-Stokes, Reyes, Rosenthal, Seawright, Septimo, Simon, Steck, Taylor, Stirpe, Stern, Walker, Kelles, Burdick, Santabarbara, Shimsky, Zinerman, Cunningham, Forrest, Levenberg, Gallagher, Otis. An act to amend the Real Property Law, in relation to requiring the disclosure of lead-based paint test reports in real estate transactions.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01535, Calendar No. 60, Kelles, Taylor, Reyes, Tapia, Cruz. An act to amend the Real Property Law, in relation to enacting the "Tenants Organizing Act."

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01541-A, Calendar No. 61, Paulin, Burdick, González-Rojas, Simon, Woerner, Forrest, Sayegh, Kelles, Jacobson, Levenberg, Clark, Reyes, Bichotte Hermelyn, Zinerman, Zaccaro, Rozic, Lee, McDonald. An act to

amend the Public Health Law, in relation to establishing the Cesarean Births Review Board.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: 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. A01556-F, Calendar No. 62, Kelles, Colton, Gibbs, Glick, Jackson, Lee, Levenberg, Raga, Reyes, Rosenthal, Sayegh, Seawright, Shimsky, Simon, Steck, Stirpe, Tapia, Clark, P. Carroll, Hevesi, Torres, Cruz, Norber, Dinowitz, Kay, Lunsford, Gallagher, Slater, Paulin, Burroughs, Schiavoni, De Los Santos, Tague, Angelino, Meeks, Gallahan, Alvarez, Otis, Santabarbara, Brook-Krasny, Bichotte Hermelyn. An act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law, in relation to enacting the "Food Safety and Chemical Disclosure Act."

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01563-A, Calendar No. 63, Rosenthal, Taylor, Lee, Reyes. An act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to information to be provided with all

new and renewal leases for certain housing accommodations.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01656-A, Calendar No. 64, Rosenthal, Seawright, Raga, Forrest, Shrestha, Colton. An act to amend the Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law, in relation to prohibiting naming dependent children under the age of 18 in petitions to recover possession of real property and eviction warrants and sealing any records pertaining to such children.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01673, Calendar No. 65, Weprin, De Los Santos. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to the payment of restitution by registered and unregistered repair shops.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01698-A, Calendar No. 66, Weprin, Buttenschon, Schiavoni, Kay. An act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law, in relation to the recovery of a deceased dog or cat on public roads.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01740-A, Calendar No. 67, Rosenthal, Simon, Gallagher, Glick, Shimsky, Reyes, Cruz,

Levenberg, Walker, Taylor, Raga, De Los Santos, Weprin, Lavine, Otis. An act to amend the Public Buildings Law, in relation to providing access to menstrual products in toilet facilities in certain public buildings.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01749, Calendar No. 68, Glick, Burdick, Rosenthal, Paulin, Shimsky, Colton, Reyes, R. Carroll, Rajkumar, González-Rojas, Lunsford, Gallagher, Burke, Steck, Kelles, Levenberg, Raga, Simon, Cunningham, Simone, Shrestha, De Los Santos, Tapia, Eachus, Seawright, Dinowitz, Hevesi, Alvarez, Forrest, Otis, Gibbs, Stirpe, Rivera, Cruz, Anderson, Ramos, Weprin, Zinerman, Mitaynes, Bichotte Hermelyn, Lee, Barrett, Jacobson, Stern, McMahon, Kim, Taylor, Clark, Sayegh, Benedetto, Jackson, Meeks, Conrad, Davila, Williams, Bores, Bronson, Lucas, Dilan, Lasher, Lavine, Schiavoni, Torres, Kay, Valdez, Romero, Kassay, P. Carroll, Fall, Wright, McDonald, Walker, Brook-Krasny, Chandler-Waterman, Solages. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to enacting the "Packing Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act."

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01799, Calendar No. 69, Hyndman, Santabarbara. An act to amend the Banking Law, in relation to prohibiting certain financial institutions from charging a fee

for periodic paper statements.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Walsh to explain her vote.

MS. WALSH: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So, last year we had some debate on this bill and there were 14 no votes as it ended up. So this bill does have the support of, you know, a majority of this Body. But one of the things I'm kind of concerned about with this bill is that, you know, it -- what it provides is that if somebody is applying for public assistance, they can go to their financial institution and they can get a free statement and that statement is then, I guess, gonna be presented to show eligibility to public assistance when they apply. But the bill doesn't elaborate on whose burden it is to determine if the statement request is for a public assistance application, and I think it's gonna create a difficult situation for some of the -- the credit unions and the -- you know, the lenders. I mean, are they gonna need to update their procedures, then, to ask the question of whether it's for public assistance? I don't know how you're gonna really monitor this.

So I -- I -- I understand what the overall intent was

behind the bill, but I don't -- I think it creates some problems and I'm not gonna support it. Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Ms. Walsh in the negative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, colleagues have on their desk an A-Calendar. I would like to move to advance that A-Calendar.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion by Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, the A-Calendar is advanced.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you. If we can begin on page 3 with Rules Report No. 39.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

On consent, page 3, Rules Report No. 39, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09446, Rules Report No. 39, Rozic. An act to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025 amending the General Business Law and the Mental Hygiene Law relating to requiring warning labels on addictive social media platforms, as proposed in legislative bills number S.4505 and A.5346, in relation to the legislative intent and the effectiveness thereof; to amend the General Business Law, in relation to warning labels on

addictive feature platforms; and to repeal Section 7.48 of the Mental Hygiene Lw relating to addictive social media platform warning labels.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion by Ms. Rozic, 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 HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Norber to explain his vote.

MR. NORBER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Today I rise in strong support of Assembly No. A.9446. It's a commonsense and necessary step towards protecting the health, well-being and autonomy of New Yorkers, especially of our children and the young people. This bill recognizes a simple truth: Many digital platforms are not neutral tools. They are deliberately designed with addictive features that exploit human psychology. They keep users endlessly engaged and prioritize profit over well-being on a systematic basis. Infinite scrolling, auto-play algorithmic manipulation and constant notifications are not accidental. They are engineered to keep people hooked.

This bill does not ban technology. It does not silence speech. It does not tell people how long they can be online. Instead,

it inserts transparency and informed choice. This bill gives users the information they deserve at the moment it matters most. Just as warning labels on cigarettes or alcohol empower consumers to make informed decisions, this bill empowers users to pause, reflect and choose for themselves. This is especially critical for young people whose brains are still developing and who are uniquely vulnerable to addictive design. Parents across New York are asking for help. Educators are asking for help. Mental health professionals are sounding the alarm about rising anxiety, depression and attention deficit disorders linked to excessive and compulsive platform use.

Most importantly, this bill places responsibility where it belongs: On the companies that design and deploy these addictive features. If a platform profits from addiction like engagement, it should also be honest about the risks. Transparency is not a burden --

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you, Mr. Norris.

MR. NORBER: -- it's accountability.

I would like to thank the sponsor for this bill and I'm proud to vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Norber in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09447, Rules Report

No. 40, Cruz. An act to amend the Real Property Law and the Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law, in relation to the discharge of a mortgage; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025 amending the Real Property Law and the Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law relating to discharge of a mortgage, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.6363 and A.2739, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion by Ms. Cruz, 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 HUNTER: 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. A09452, Rules Report No. 41, Steck. An act to amend the Labor Law, in relation to prohibiting the use of employment promissory notes and other similar provisions; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025 amending the Labor Law relating to enacting the "Trapped at Work Act", as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.4070-B and A.584-C, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last

section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: 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. A09453, Rules Report  
No. 42, Paulin. An act to amend the Labor Law, in relation to  
requiring employers to include an opioid antagonist in first aid  
supplies required by Federal law; and to amend a chapter of the Laws  
of 2025 amending the Labor Law relating to requiring employers to  
include an opioid antagonist in first aid supplies required by Federal  
law, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.5922-A and A.2725-A,  
in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last  
section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: 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. A09454, Rules Report No. 43, Barrett. An act to amend the Labor Law, in relation to requiring contractors and subcontractors performing construction work for covered renewable energy systems to have apprenticeship agreements; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025, amending the Labor Law relating to requiring contractors and subcontractors performing construction work for covered renewable energy systems to use apprenticeship agreements, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.4881-A and A.2730-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

(Pause)

On a motion by Ms. Barrett, 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 HUNTER: 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. A09463, Rules Report No. 44, Bronson. An act to amend the Labor Law, in relation to the

determination of a verifiable shortage of licensed mechanics by the Commissioner of Labor for purposes of the issuance of a temporary elevator mechanic license, continuing education requirements for elevator mechanic's and accessibility life technician's licensees, and authorizing the Commissioner of Labor to impose civil penalties for the employment or use of unlicensed mechanics; to repeal certain provisions of such law related to the inspection of elevators and conveyances; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025 amending the Labor Law relating to clarifying key provisions around elevator licensing on examinations and experience, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.7944-A and A.8032-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion by Mr. Bronson, 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 HUNTER: 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. A09464, Rules Report No. 45, Bronson. An act to amend the Labor Law, in relation to

certain offsite custom fabrication public works projects and the payment of prevailing wage.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09466, Rules Report No. 46, Bronson. An act to amend the Workers' Compensation Law, in relation to extending Paid Family Leave benefits to certain construction workers; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025 amending the Workers' Compensation Law relating to extending Paid Family Leave benefits, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.50 and A.4727, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

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

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Sempolinski to explain his vote.

MR. SEMPOLINSKI: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm gonna be voting in the affirmative on this chapter amendment. And I just wanted to highlight, I voted down, there was ten of us who voted down on the original bill and we had a very pleasant and -- and professional debate, my -- myself and the Chairman. And this chapter

amendment tweaks what we were talking about in that debate and -- and changed it. And at that time I said if this got changed I would vote yes.

And so I'm very pleased that somebody somewhere listened and it got changed, and so I'll be voting yes. So thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Sempolinski in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09473, Rules Report No. 47, González-Rojas. An act to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025 amending the Public Health Law relating to defining enforcement officers in a city with a population of one million or more for the purposes of regulating tobacco products, herbal cigarettes and smoking paraphernalia, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.5624 and A.8468, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion by Ms. González-Rojas, 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 HUNTER: 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. A09478, Rules Report No. 48, Kelles. An act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law, in relation to establishing a New York Native Plants designation; to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025 amending the Agriculture and Markets Law relating to establishing a New York Native Plants designation, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.7359-A and A.7964-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: 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. A09485, Rules Report No. 49, Zaccaro. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to prohibiting charges for the issuance of a certificate of still birth or pregnancy loss; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating

thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion by Mr. Zaccaro, 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 HUNTER: 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. A09486, Rules Report No. 50, Paulin. An act to amend the Public Health Law and the Insurance Law, in relation to oversight of continuing care retirement communities; to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025 amending the Public Health Law and the Insurance Law relating to promoting efficient and effective oversight of continuing care retirement communities and repealing certain provisions of such law relating thereto; as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.4585 and A.1464-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and to repeal certain provisions of such chapter of the Laws of 2025 relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion by Ms. Paulin, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is

advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: 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. A09487, Rules Report No. 51, Otis. An act to amend the State Technology Law, the Education Law and the Civil Service Law, in relation to the use of automated employment decisionmaking tools and artificial intelligence systems by certain State and local entities; to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025 amending the State Technology Law, the Education Law and the Civil Service Law relating to automated employment decisionmaking by government agencies, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.7599-C and A.8295-D, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and to repeal certain provisions of the State Technology Law, the Education Law, the Civil Service Law and a chapter of the Laws of 2025 amending the State Technology Law, the Education Law and the Civil Service Law relating to automated decisionmaking by government agencies, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.7599-C and A.8295-A, relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion by Mr.

Otis, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: 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. A09488, Rules Report  
No. 52, Paulin. An act to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025  
amending the Public Health Law relating to permitting a close friend  
to make an anatomical gift of a decedent's body, as proposed in  
legislative bills numbers S.3360 and A.1395, in relation to the  
effectiveness thereof.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: 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. A09503, Rules Report No. 53, Rosenthal. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to the restriction of certain substances in menstrual products; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025 amending the General Business Law relating to the restriction of certain substances in menstrual products, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.1548 and A.1502, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: 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. A09507, Rules Report No. 54, Weprin. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to high-deductible health plans and health savings accounts; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025 amending the Insurance Law relating to high-deductible health plans and health savings accounts, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.6895-A and A.5367-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion by Mr.

Weprin, 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 HUNTER: 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. A09508, Rules Report No. 55, Weprin. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to the kinds of insurance with respect to which a rental vehicle company or peer-to-peer car sharing program administrator may act as an agent for an authorized insurer.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09509, Rules Report No. 56, Weprin. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to the calculation of rates for certain treatment pursuant to the Medical Assistance Program; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025 amending the Insurance Law relating to requiring rates paid for rehabilitation and opioid treatment be pursuant to certain fee schedules published by the Office of Addiction Services and Supports, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.6897-A and A.7038-A, in

relation to the effectiveness thereof.

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

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Walsh to explain her vote.

MS. WALSH: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. So this bill was a bill that we passed unanimously last year, so this is a chapter amendment to that bill. I don't support this because I don't believe that the chapter really improves the bill. I liked the original a lot better. The whole purpose, I think, to the bill-in-chief, the -- the original bill, was to publish information regarding Medicaid reimbursement rates that was gonna be more transparent, more understandable, more clear. I think that what the chapter ends up doing is it just -- I don't know, I think it creates a situation where I think it's just gonna to be, like, continue to be murky. I -- I don't -- I don't think it's gonna really help.

So I prefer the original bill, so I'll be voting in the negative. Thank you so much.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Ms. Walsh in the negative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09510, Rules Report No. 57, Bores. An act to amend the Insurance Law and the Public Health Law, in relation to the use of virtual credit cards by insurers and certain health care plans; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2025 amending the Insurance Law and the Public Health Law relating to the use of virtual credit cards by insurers and certain health care plans, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.2105-A and A.3986-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: 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. A09512, Rules Report No. 58, Cunningham. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to providing a defense from liability for certain MTA vehicles standing, stopped, or parked in violation of certain bus lane restrictions in New York City.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, 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 HUNTER: 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. A09517, Rules Report No. 59, Kim. An act to amend the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law, in relation to requiring operational safety plans to require an employee to check in with the incident commander or safety officer prior to taking action at an incident location, and requiring the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to make reasonable efforts to provide employees with incident-specific operational safety plans under certain circumstances.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: 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 HUNTER: 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: Madam Speaker, do you have any further housekeeping or resolutions?

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: We have a number of resolutions before the House. Without objection, these resolutions will be taken up together.

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

(Whereupon, Assembly Resolution Nos. 862-867 were unanimously approved.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned until Thursday, January the 22nd, tomorrow being a legislative day, and that we reconvene at 2:00 p.m. on January 26th, Monday being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On Mrs. Peoples-Stokes' motion, the House stand adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 3:02 p.m., the House stood adjourned until Thursday, January 22nd, that being a legislative day, and to reconvene on Monday, January 26th at 2:00 p.m., that being a Session day.)