

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025

2:40 P.M.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The House will come to order. Good afternoon, colleagues.

In the absence of clergy today if we could pause for a moment of silence for the victims and their families of last week's tragic airplane crash in Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia in our thoughts, as well as the first responders who continue to serve the communities that have been devastated by these tragedies.

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

Visitors are invited to join the 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 Sunday, February 2nd.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, I move to dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Sunday, February the 2nd, and that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Without objection, so ordered.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Today is the first day -- well, not the first, it's the first work day of Black History Month, and I thought it might be interesting for folks know that February became the Black History Month because it coincides with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two prominent figures in the fight for abolition. With Lincoln's birthday falling on February the 12th and Douglass's on February the 14th, historian Carter Woodson originally designated this period as Negro History Week in 1926. President Gerald Ford officially recognized the entire month as Black History Month in 1976. So Madam Speaker, my quote for the day is going to come from Frederick Douglass which you know is a long way back since Frederick has quoted anything, but these words still ring true. They rang true when he said it, and they still do. His words: *Once you let a black man get upon his person the brass letters of the United States, let him get an eagle on his buttons, a musket on his shoulder, and bullets in his pocket, there is no power on Earth or under the*

Earth that can deny that he is earned the rights of citizenship in the United States of America. Again, Frederick Douglass, a 19th Century abolitionist and orator. Thank you, Madam Speaker and colleagues.

Members have on their desk an A-Calendar, it has two bills on it. We're going to begin our floor work today by taking up Calendar resolutions on page 3. We will then consent the two new bills on page 4, and then continue our consent where we left off on last week, beginning with Rules Report No. 55, it's on page 7. Minority colleagues may have a need for a conference, but for sure the Majority colleagues have a need for a conference immediately following our floor work. If there's a need for any additional floor knowledge, Madam Speaker, I will announce that at the appropriate time.

That's a general outline of where we're going today. If you have housekeeping or introductions, now would be a great time.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes. We have no housekeeping, but a few introductions.

We will start with Mr. Jones for an introduction.

MR. JONES: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and gentlemen, today is Canadian Heritage Day here in the New York State Assembly. We will be introducing a resolution honoring today as Canada Day in the New York State Assembly momentarily, and we have some introductions of our friends. I would just like to say we are intertwined deeply, economically, historically, culturally with our friends and neighbors to the North. They are by far and away our

largest trading partner here in New York and in the entire United States. New York exports \$28 billion in goods and \$50 billion in annual bilateral trade. Over 800 Canadian-owned companies operate in the State and employ over 58,000 New Yorkers. Canada is our friend and our neighbor, and it's the number one export market for the United States.

Now, I'll get along with the introductions. With us today we have Consul General Tom Clark; Deputy Consul General Geoff Gartshore; Consul Genevieve Fletcher; Consul Sabrina Yoong; Consul Paul Pagliuso, IRCC; Consul and Senior Economic Officer Aaron Pinto, Ontario Trade and Investment Office in New York; Quebec Delegate General David Brulotte; Quebec Government Attaché Taylor Reid; and everyone's favorite, our RCMP Mountie Corporal Sean Thompson. Rachel Homewood is with them, as well; Rachel's been here many times, she is a senior advisor.

Madam Speaker, will you introduce and give the -- I've already introduced them, will you give them the courtesy of the floor to our friends and neighbors from the North.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you, Mr. Jones. On behalf of Mr. Jones, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you back to this Chamber, Consul General, and your distinguished colleagues. We are excited for you to be here, extend the privileges of the floor to you and hope you enjoy the proceedings today. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mr. McDonald for the purpose of an introduction.

MR. MCDONALD: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Today, we are being visited throughout the Capitol by the New York State Displaced Homemaker's Program, and I'd like to welcome the Capital District Women's Employment and Research Center, known as WERC, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering women in the Capital Region by providing workforce development services. Since 1988, WERC has helped over 10,000 women find and regain economic and personal independence following life's challenges, whether it be divorce, job loss, or death of a spouse. The Center offers free career readiness, computer training, job search assistance, and much, much more. WERC's mission is to equip women with the skills and confidence to succeed in the workplace and to advance their careers. Additionally, WERC is committed to promoting inclusivity and addressing systemic racism through its programs and community initiatives.

Here from the Capital Region are Elizabeth Miller Guthrie who is the Executive Director; Marge Adams who is the Employment and Training Coordinator; Lorraine Kaifer, the Intake Specialist; and Mary Richards, the Student Services Representative. But for our colleagues I also should note, other organizations are here. The Resource Foundation of the City University of New York on behalf of the Bronx Community College; the E.O.C. of Nassau County; WERC at Empowered Pathways, which is in the Utica area; and Women's Opportunity Center, which is in Ithaca and Syracuse.

Madam Speaker, please welcome these WERC-ing individuals to our established -- our Body.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

On behalf of Mr. McDonald and the Speaker and all the members, we welcome all of you distinguished guests to our Chamber today and extend the privileges of the floor to you and hope you enjoy our proceedings. Thank you so very much for joining us today.

(Applause)

Mr. Fall for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. FALL: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am honored -- have the honor and pleasure of introducing some special guests we have with us today that are from my district and also overseas. We're celebrating Kosovo's 17th independence from their invasion of Serbia back in 1999. And with us today we have Ambassador Blerim Reka who is the Consul General of Kosovo in New York; Imam Tahir who is the head Imam for the Albanian Cultural Center; Emina who is the honorary Consul of Albania to Florida; Arber Gashi who is the member of the Parliament of Sweden; and Gazmend Hoxha who is the police colonel of Kosovo.

I just want to add, Madam Speaker, here in New York the Kosovo-American community plays an important role contributing to our cultural diversity and economic growth. Their achievements and contributions are a testament to their perseverance and determination. As we celebrate this important day, let us

remember the journey that brought Kosovo to independence, and honor the remarkable achievements of its people.

Madam Speaker, can you kindly extend the cordialities of the floor and welcome our guests.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

On behalf of Member Fall, Zaccaro, and Benedetto, and the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you to the Chamber, our distinguished guests, and extend the privileges of the floor and hope you enjoy our proceedings today. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mr. Yeger for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. YEGER: Good afternoon; thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce my constituent and my former colleague in the New York City Council, the Honorable Inna Vernikov from the 48th Council District in the very great Borough of Brooklyn, New York. Ms. Vernikov is the first Ukrainian-born member of the City Council representing many of the same neighborhoods I am honored to represent in these Chambers. In the Council, we shared a border and I was privileged to work alongside her to serve our constituents and our common community. Councilwoman Vernikov is a strong and fierce voice against anti-Semitism, never failing to stand tall when others sit down. I was honored to work with her in the Council to expose how the City University has continuously failed its students by allowing its

campuses to become dangerous bastions of Jew hatred. Over the last two years, we conducted hours-long hearings in the City Council, listening to CUNY's victims and calling on CUNY leadership to abide by its responsibility to our students.

In our community, Councilwoman Vernikov delivers. She runs a robust constituent services operation that helps our shared constituents every day. I'm grateful for the dedication she places in ensuring that our neighbor's every day needs are seen to. I appreciate that she took some time to visit us here in the Chambers and, Madam Speaker, I ask that you extend to her the graciousness of this House and give her the most warm welcome and extend the cordialities of our floor. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

On behalf of Member Yeger, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you, Councilor Vernikov, to the Chamber, to the People's House, and extend the privileges of the floor and hope you enjoy our proceedings today. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Resolutions, page 3, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 66, Mr. Eachus.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 3rd, 2025 as Four Chaplains Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Eachus on the resolution.

MR. EACHUS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Four Chaplains Day is in reference to four chaplains who died rescuing civilian and military personnel as the American Troop Ship, the S.S. Dorchester sank on February 3rd, 1943 after being torpedoed by a German submarine, which resulted in the loss of nearly 700 lives. Today is the 82nd anniversary of that event.

The chaplains were George L. Fox, Alexander D. Goode, John P. Washington, and Clark V. Poling. Reverend Fox was a Methodist Minister; Goode was a Reform Rabbi; John P. Washington was a Catholic Priest; and Clark V. Poling was a Reformed Church in America Minister. All four held the rank of First Lieutenant. Goode, Poling, and Washington had all served as leaders in the Boy Scouts of America, which is very important to me also. One of the four, Lieutenant Alexander D. Goode was born in Brooklyn, New York on May 10th, 1911. His father, Hyman Goodekowitz, was a prominent Brooklyn Rabbi.

Each of the four was awarded the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously. What was important about this is a comment from one of the survivors: *Just before our ship went down, these chaplains, these four chaplains, took off their own life preservers and gave them to us.* This quoted from 19-year-old Daniel O'Keefe at the time, of the U.S. Merchant Marine. He said, *they were standing on the deck praying hand in hand as our*

lifeboat drifted out of sight. Let's take their actions and put them to our heart.

So on behalf of the Four Chaplains and all of our military personnel, I thank you, Madam Speaker.

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. 67, Mr. Lavine.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 2025 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Lavine on the resolution.

MR. LAVINE: Thank you. February, this month, marks the 14th anniversary of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, a noble effort to shed light on an issue that affects teens in the United States. The adolescent years present new challenges and personal choices for teens as they experience dating for the first time -- I guess all these folks behind me are here in support of this resolution.

A significant number of high school students report being subjected to physical and/or sexual violence at the hands of their dating partners, with 1:5 female students and 1:10 male students experiencing physical and/or sexual dating violence in the last year, in

the last 12 months. This month represents a national initiative that goes beyond just acknowledging the issue. Our emphasis this month is to raise awareness and knowledge about teen dating violence to promote safety and healthy relationships and empower individuals to recognize warning signs and danger signs.

As social media and other technology outlets constantly impact young people's lives, we must work together to educate our kids about the dangers of teen violence and honor and protect those who have the courage to speak out on these issues. Here in New York, we are committed to fostering safety and healthy and respectful relationships for all people, including young people. The Governor has taken action to recognize this and works with agencies such as the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence to provide resources and help adolescents learn the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships.

As we commemorate Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, let us unite in our commitment to prevent dating violence among teenagers. Together, we should commit to being advocates, allies, and change makers, working together to break the cycle of abuse and build a future where every teen in New York is free from dating violence.

Thank you all for letting me speak on this important tough topic that is so critically important to each and every one of us. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you, Mr.

Lavine.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 68, Mr. Jones.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 3rd, 2025 as Canadian Heritage Day in the State of New York, in celebration of this great Empire State's long-standing economic and cultural relationship with Canada.

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. 69, Mr. Epstein.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 7th, 2025 as Students with Disabilities Advocacy Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Epstein on the resolution.

MR. EPSTEIN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I, on behalf of the 85,000 college students in New York State with disabilities, I want to acknowledge this resolution. You know, they are trying to provide the support that they -- we are trying to provide the support that they need to ensure they are successful throughout their careers. Finishing high school, finishing college, creating

professional opportunities, students with disabilities just need a little more support. This resolution acknowledges their struggle, that they were -- that we're there for them and we're supporting their efforts, and encourage my colleagues to vote in favor of this resolution for the thousands of students throughout our State who need our support.

Thank you.

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. 70, Ms. Paulin.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 2025 as Marfan Syndrome Awareness Month 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.

On consent, page 4, Calendar No. 2, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00356, Calendar No. 2, Weprin, Burdick, Simon, Seawright, Meeks, Epstein. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to prohibiting the Division of Criminal Justice Services from disclosing pending orders of adjournment in contemplation of dismissal on civil records of arrests and prosecutions.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02430, Calendar No. 3, Braunstein. An act to amend the Public Service Law, in relation to requiring the Public Service Commission to develop a formula for the calculation of a residential water cost index; requiring each water-works corporation and municipal water system service 1,000 customers or more to calculate and submit to the Public Service Commission its residential water cost index; and requiring the Public Service Commission to publish a report on the residential water cost index of each applicable water-works corporation and municipal water system.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The bill is laid aside.

Page 7, Rules Report No. 55, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01679, Rules Report No. 55, Shimsky. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to expanding the Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Program; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2024 amending the Environmental Conservation Law relating to expanding the Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Program, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 5331-A and A. 5906-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The bill is laid aside.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01680, Rules Report No. 56, Epstein. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to permitting the sale or distribution of expanded polystyrene containers that are designed or intended to be used for cold storage for certain purposes.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section. On a motion by Ms. Shimsky -- on a motion by Mr. Epstein, the Senate bill is before the -- the Senate bill is before the House. The bill is advanced and we're going forward with this one, okay.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 90th day.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Epstein to explain his vote.

MR. EPSTEIN: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I just rise to explain my vote. I just want to thank the Speaker and the staff for -- to allow us to continue to move forward banning polystyrene, those Styrofoam coolers, with limited exceptions. I think this is really an important environmental step for the State to take those out of the waste stream, those single-use coolers. I encourage everyone to vote in favor of this bill and thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Epstein in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02056, Rules Report No. 57, Hunter, Weprin, Sayegh. An act to amend the Real Property Law, in relation to prohibiting mortgagees from requiring mortgagors of certain real property to purchase flood insurance exceeding certain limits; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2024 amending the Real Property Law relating to prohibiting mortgagees from requiring mortgagors of certain real property to purchase flood insurance exceeding certain limits, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7125-A and A. 5073-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. A02057, Rules Report No. 58, Paulin, Weprin, Sayegh. An act to amend the Family Court

Act and the General Business Law, in relation to surrogacy agreements; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2024 amending the Family Court Act, the Domestic Relations Law and the General Business Law relating to surrogacy programs and agreements, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 5107-C and A. 4921-C.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02058, Rules Report No. 59, Cunningham. An act to amend the Veterans' Services Law and the Public Health Law, in relation to veteran maternity care; to repeal certain provisions of the Veterans' Services Law relating thereto; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2024 amending the Veterans' Services Law and the Public Health Law relating to establishing a maternity care coordination program for pregnant and postpartum veterans, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 9259 and A. 8162-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. A02250, Rules Report No. 62, Torres, González-Rojas. An act to amend the Correction Law, in relation to breast cancer screening and diagnosis testing for incarcerated individuals.

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. Torres to explain her vote.

MS. TORRES: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm proud to both vote in favor of this bill, my first bill to be passed in this Chamber, and to carry it because it addresses a critical health care gap for incarcerated individuals, ensuring equitable access to life-saving breast cancer screenings and diagnostic testing. This legislation will have a profound impact on New Yorkers by promoting health equity, especially for underserved populations, reducing long-term health care costs through early detection, improving public health outcomes by addressing disparities and enhancing humane treatment standards in our correctional facilities. By passing this bill, New York can continue to lead by example and advancing justice and fairness for all its residents, including the most vulnerable. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Ms. Torres, this is it, your first vote, congratulations to you.

(Applause)

This won't be happening again.

(Laughter)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02435, Rules Report No. 63, Cruz. An act to amend the Veterans' Services Law, in relation to the Alex R. Jimenez New York State Military Immigrant Family Legacy Program.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 150th day.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Cruz to explain her vote.

MS. CRUZ: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and apologies because I'm losing my voice. This bill has been a long time coming. Sergeant Jimenez is a son of Corona, Queens who disappeared in Iraq while fighting for our country at the same time

that his wife was being deported. And this is a bill that goes to honor his memory, his sacrifice, and does the same for all of the thousands of New Yorkers and Americans who are serving in our Army, who are serving in our Armed Forces, and who have an immigrant in their family. What we're doing is providing them with the resources to make sure that they can fulfil that American Dream, that we are giving them the opportunity to go all the way to citizenship. While they're serving our country no one should have to face the idea of losing their loved one, let alone their wife.

And so I just want to thank the previous Chairs of the Committee - excuse me - of the Veterans' Committee, Kimberly Jean-Pierre, as well as Didi Barrett, who were integral in helping me pass it over the years and, unfortunately, had been vetoed previously but this year we got it done and I can go back to Corona and tell Alex's mother that we have honored her son's sacrifice for our country and that from now on, the State of New York will ensure that veterans and folks who are serving have someone to support them while they fight to keep their family together. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Ms. Cruz in the affirmative.

(Applause)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00419, Rules Report

No. 64, R. Carroll. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to requiring certain insurance policies to cover neuropsychological exams for dyslexia.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

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

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. A00424, Rules Report No. 65, Weprin. An act to amend the Banking Law, in relation to notice of the posting of the what mortgage applicants need to know pamphlet on residential mortgages and modification of such pamphlet.

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.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00425, Rules Report No. 66, Otis. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to increasing the number of properties eligible for the Coastal Market Assistance Program.

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. A00426, Rules Report No. 67, Otis. An act to amend the State Finance Law, in relation to procurement requirements for end point device security.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 90th day.

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. A00427, Rules Report No. 68, Paulin. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to the definition of medical debt.

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. A00430, Rules Report No. 69, Rosenthal. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to requiring certain large group health insurance policies and contracts to cover scalp cooling systems for the preservation of hair during cancer chemotherapy treatment; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2024 amending the Insurance Law relating to providing health insurance coverage for scalp cooling systems for the preservation of hair during cancer chemotherapy treatment, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 2063-A and A. 38-A, in relation to the effectiveness

thereof; and to repeal certain provisions of the Insurance Law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect January 1st, 2026.

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. A00431, Rules Report No. 70, Epstein. An act to amend the Financial Services Law, in relation to private education debt reporting.

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, do you have any further housekeeping or resolutions?

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: No housekeeping.

We do 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. 71-73 were unanimously adopted.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, in the absence of our Secretary, Member Clark, I would like to call the Majority Conference to the Speaker's -- no, to Hearing Room C immediately following the close of our Session.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes. We will be having an immediate Majority Conference in Hearing Room C after adjournment.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Now I move that the Assembly stands adjourned and that we reconvene at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February the 4th, tomorrow be a Session day.

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

(Whereupon, at 4:11 p.m., the Assembly stood adjourned until Tuesday, February 4th at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday being a

Session day.)