

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025

3:08 P.M.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: The House will come to order.

We have Rabbi David Lerner will offer a prayer.

RABBI DAVID LERNER: (Speaking Hebrew). Our Father in heaven, grant us the strength and the perspective to begin this day -- or continue this day with the limitless potential found in gratitude. I'd like to mention deep gratitude for freedom, particularly this morning, the news that the last remaining American hostage who's still living was freed today from Gaza. Thank you, God. We're grateful for our freedom. For the freedom to gather here in this Chamber of ideas, of debate and of vision. We have gratitude for the people seated in this room who have taken up the heavy and holy work of public service, and gratitude for the calling itself to lead with

principle and to legislate with integrity.

We are living in deeply divided times. You don't need a poll or a headline to know that. It's something we feel in our towns, on our screens. Sometimes even in our own families. And in times like these, unity can feel far off, like a dream from another era. But the Torah, the Bible, teaches Tzedek Tzedek Tirdof; justice, justice shall you pursue. Despite anything else going in the world, move forward with a sense of justice and purpose and the acknowledgement that real justice doesn't just happen, it takes persistence. And it also doesn't just come from the top. It takes a village. So we are grateful to those in our communities who stand for truth and against hate and intolerance.

May Lauren Ferazani, Kate Gupta and her friends who are recognized this morning be empowered to continue the good fight, and may many more like them begin to stem the tide of bias and of callousness that has pervaded our society. May God bless them and all of us here today. And our prayer today is simple: May each person here be blessed with strength; strength to lead, strength to serve, strength to do what's right even when it's not easy. May we be granted clarity of purpose, and may we remember that in a world full of noise, it still matters to speak with honesty and to act with heart.

May this Chamber be a place where disagreement doesn't harden into division. Where debate sharpens wisdom, not resentment. And where every decision, every vote, every word is rooted in the hope of building something better.

The psalms teach us mishpat and tzedek or tzedakah; God loves justice and righteousness. The earth is full of his kindness. Let that be true in here, too. May your work today bring blessing to the State and to all of her citizens. We say amen.

MEMBERS: Amen.

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

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

A quorum being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of Friday, May 9th.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, I move to dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Friday, May the 9th and that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Without objection, so ordered.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, sir.

I would like to share a quote today with our guests that are in the Chambers as well as our colleagues. This one is from Mary Anne Radmacher. She is a writer and an artist. Her words for us today: *What power there is in our service when our actions line up with our missions, our skills and our joy* [sic]. Again, these words from Mary Anne Radmacher.

Mr. Speaker, members have on their desk a main

Calendar. It has 18 new bills. After you have done any introductions -- or should I say multiple introductions and/or housekeeping, we will begin consenting the 18 new bills starting with Calendar -- to the Calendar starting with page 5. We will then take up the following bills on consent: Calendar No. 71 by Ms. Rosenthal, Rules Report No. 119 by Ms. Pheffer Amato, Rules Report No. 120 by Mr. -- Mrs. [sic] Buttenschon, and Calendar No. 39 by Mr. Lavine. There may be a need to announce further floor activity. Mr. Speaker, if so I will do so at that moment.

So that's the general outline of where we're going today. If you can begin with introductions and housekeeping, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

We -- we do not have any housekeeping, but we will have introductions.

Ms. Griffin.

MS. GRIFFIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm honored to have the opportunity to -- to introduce a really inspiring group of people from the Village of Rockville Centre, a town that I live in and represent. We have Rabbi David Lerner from Congregation B'nai Sholom-Beth David; his wife, Rebbetzin Dr. Alexis Lerner; their adorable children, Magda Rose, Levi and Goldie. We have Herb Friend, who's co-chair of the Never Again Committee, and he also is the son of Holocaust survivors. He is dedicated to speaking throughout New York and anywhere else to relay the story of

his parents. His mother, at age 97, is still with us. So it's really a remarkable story that he has to share.

We also have the two remarkable young students. We have Lauren Ferazani and Kate Gupta, as well as their mothers, Christine Ferazani and Christine Gupa [sic].

I wanted -- I invited this group here today to recognize the creation of a DECA-led initiative by Kate and Lauren to combat anti-Semitism and -- which reflected their commitment to fostering dialogue and understanding across communities. While juniors at South Side High School in Rockville Centre, these compassionate students focus on opening lines of communication to engage younger generations to learn about the harmful impact of anti-Semitism and any other form of hate. They focused on interfaith connections, reaching out to Holocaust survivors, sharing their stories with their peers and with the congregation at B'nai Sholom-Beth David.

Rabbi Lerner and Herb Friend were instrumental in guiding these young women and they truly valued their impact. They -- their compassion towards people of the Jewish faith is remarkable, and I'm honored to have them all here today.

Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Rabbi David

Lerner, on behalf of Ms. Griffin, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you to the Chamber with your family and extend the privileges of the floor and hope that you will enjoy the proceedings of

today. And thank you for joining us and hope you'll join us again another time. Thank you so much.

(Applause)

Mr. Wieder.

MR. WIEDER: Mr. Speaker, esteemed colleagues, today I rise to introduce the family of Rabbi Moshe Gedalia Schwab, who passed away earlier this year on March 28th. Later on today, we will adopt a resolution to honor the good Rabbi. His passing is a profound loss not only to his beloved family and students, but for the entire community he deeply impacted.

Rabbi Schwab was a Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshiva Degel HaTorah and Maamar Mesivta [sic] Mordechai in Monsey. But more than his titles, he was a man of profound humility, strength and unwavering principle. A spiritual leader who quietly shaped generations.

In years past I had the privilege of trekking with Rabbi Schwab to Albany, where we worked together to advocate for the protection of our beloved Yeshivas. At the New York State Board of Regents meetings, Rabbi Schwab spoke with clarity and passion, emphasizing the need to prevent the State from imposing unnecessary oversight in the name of substantial equivalency. He understood that our Yeshivas are not just places of education, but places where values, identity and tradition are passed on. As we reflect on the revised law we passed last Thursday, I am confident Rabbi Schwab is smiling down upon us, proud to see that his efforts have brought fruits.

Rabbi Schwab's advocacy was just one example of his lifetime of service to Torah, the truth, and to his community. He led with quiet strength, compassion and deep faith.

To his devoted wife Sarah and their children and grandchildren, I extend my heartfelt condolences. Rabbi Schwab's legacy will continue to inspire all of us.

Mr. Speaker, please extend to our honored guests the warmest welcome and courtesies of the People's House. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Thank you.

On behalf of my friend Aron Wieder and on behalf of the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you to the Chambers and extend the privileges of the floor and hope you enjoy the proceedings. And thank you for joining us this afternoon. God bless you.

(Applause)

Mr. Schiavoni.

MR. SCHIAVONI: Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker, colleagues in the Assembly. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce tribal members of the Shinnecock Nation who are here in Albany today to meet with State Senate Native American Relations Subcommittee.

Please join me in welcoming the Shinnecock -- Shinnecock Nation's Council of Trustees Chairwoman Lisa Goree, Vice Chairman Lance Gumbs, and Secretary Sienna Hunter-Cuyjet. Also joining them is Rebekah Wise, the manager of the Shinnecock

Communication Department.

The Shinnecock Nation is one of the oldest self-governing tribes in the State of New York. They became the 565th federally-recognized nation on October 1, 2010, and occupy original homelands in and around the Town of Southampton, including Westwoods. On eastern -- on the eastern end of Long Island is where they -- where they reside. There are currently 1,589 enrolled tribal members, and about half of the Shinnecock membership live on the reservation at Shinnecock Neck, located in my Assembly District.

Lisa, Lance, Sienna and Rebekah serve to preserve and protect the Constitution of the Shinnecock Indian Nation and act as protectors and promoters of their land, tradition and culture.

So, Mr. Speaker, I ask you to please recognize these members of the Shinnecock Nation Tribal Council and offer them the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Thank you.

On behalf of Mr. Schiavoni and on behalf of the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you, the Shinnecock Nation, to the Chambers and extend the privilege of the floor and hope you enjoy the proceedings. And thank you so very much for what you've done, what you continue to do, and enjoy your stay here today. God bless you.

(Applause)

Ms. Levenberg.

MS. LEVENBERG: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I

stand to introduce my favorite pilot who not only needs no introduction, but luckily she also needs no air traffic controllers. Honorable Assemblywoman Sandy Galef is back in one of her favorite places today. Many of you may not have seen her since last year, and you're always asking how she's doing, what she's been up to. Here's her last year in review: She has joined the boards of the Ossining Children's Center, the Sing Sing Prison Museum and Friends of Music, plus two book clubs and no specific book recommendations, but she loves all the books. She's gotten to visit her sister in New Hampshire several times. She visited Niagara Falls for the solar eclipse; unfortunately it was foggy. She has been to Williamsburg with college roommates from Purdue. One of her grandchildren, Dan Galef, just graduated from Franklin and Marshall with the honor of the most pitching wins in the school's history. She loves spending time with family and friends, going to the theater, concerts, and all the things you are sometimes precluded from doing when you need to be up in Albany for late budgets, et cetera.

Please, Mr. Speaker, will you extend all the cordialities of the floor and the privileges of the House to my good friend Sandy Galef.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Certainly.

On behalf of Ms. Levenberg, Sandy, it is so great to see you, and on behalf of the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you to the Chamber. And I've often heard, once a member, always a member. You're always welcome here and we extend the

privileges of the floor and hope you enjoy these proceedings. And you came after budget so you won't be here long. So thank you for joining us and have a great time today.

(Applause)

Mr. Angelino.

MR. ANGELINO: Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce to the -- the newer members of the Chamber, and I know a lot of the older members will recognize immediately this true gentleman. To my -- to my left is the Honorable Cliff Crouch, first elected to elected office in 1982 at the Chenango County Town of Bainbridge. He was the Supervisor from the Town of Bainbridge from 19 --

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Excuse me one second.

Can we have quiet in the Chambers, please? Thank you.

Please continue.

MR. ANGELINO: I will reclaim my time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I introduce to my left the Honorable Cliff Crouch, who served the people of the 122nd, 107th and I don't know how many different district names he had. But from 1995 'til 2021, a whopping 26 years in the Assembly. A true gentleman. His life was a dairy farmer in the Town of Bainbridge, where he milked over 200 cows by himself daily for many, many years.

It's my pleasure to introduce the Honorable Clifford

Crouch.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: On behalf of Mr. Angelino, Cliff and members -- I'm sorry, I'm -- I'm just thinking about the years. Was that 26 years? 28 years?

MR. ANGELINO: Twenty-six years.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Twenty-six years.

Listen, once a member, always a members. On behalf of the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you back to these Chambers and you're welcome here any time and we hope you enjoy the privileges. We extend the privileges of the floor, we hope you enjoy -- enjoy the proceedings and have a great time. And again, as I said to Sandy, thank God you came after the budget so you'll be able to leave early today. Enjoy.

MR. ANGELINO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Mr. Simone.

MR. SIMONE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my honor today to introduce and welcome to the floor the former Assemblymember from the 75th District, Dick Gottfried.

Assemblymember Dick Gottfried was a leading voice in this Chamber for 52 years, championing com -- comprehensive universal healthcare, and he is still doing it today as we see him in the halls this Session pushing for healthcare, which is a human right, and also fighting for constituents of Manhattan's West Side 'til this day. The longest-serving State legislator in New York history, he was a

mentor to many of us here and his thoughts continue to guide us. Just check your e-mail.

(Laughter)

He introduced the first bill to legalize same-sex -- same-sex marriage long before it became a reality for my family and many others even supported -- or even before many progressives supported it, even among my community. He also introduced the Hudson River Park Act, which transformed Manhattan's West Side. If anyone wants to come visit, Hudson River Park is the jewel of the West Side visited by millions from around the world.

He also passed Child Health Plus to ensure children had access to healthcare, and as Healthcare [sic] Chair helped so many access healthcare and continues to fight for that to this day and so much more. We could spend all day listing his accomplishments over the decades.

Assemblyman Gottfried, thank you for your service and welcome back to Albany. I know you have more time for your calligraphy, your grandchildren and traveling, but we're -- we're so happy to welcome you back today.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Wow! On behalf of Mr. Simone and the Speaker, Dick Gottfried, welcome back. The longest-serving member, probably the youngest -- one of the youngest to ever been elected here. We welcome you to the Chambers and extend the privileges of the floor. I don't think there's anything you don't know about this place that you can't find and enjoy yourself. I

know there's some things you'd probably like to forget. But we want you to enjoy and celebrate the privileges of the floor today, and you're always welcome here as a member. God bless you and enjoy your day.

(Applause)

Mr. Maher.

MR. MAHER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today with the honor of introducing my former Assemblywoman and my predecessor, Nancy Calhoun.

Assemblywoman Calhoun served from 1991 to 2012, and prior to that served as a town board member and supervisor of the Town of Blooming Grove. Aside from fighting for our veterans and more resources for our infrastructure and a variety of issues that are just too many to count, Assemblywoman Calhoun was the first person to really encourage me to consider running for the State Assembly in the first place. She's a great mentor, a great friend, and it is a real honor for me to have the ability to introduce her.

Please offer Assemblywoman Calhoun the cordialities of the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Absolutely.

On behalf of Mr. Maher and on behalf of the Speaker, Ms. Nancy Calhoun, welcome back to these Chambers. Once a member, always a member. We thank you for joining us this afternoon, and we extend the privileges of the floor and hope you enjoy the proceedings and remember what they used to be like. And

they're maybe a little bit different. But we certainly welcome you here today. And enjoy yourself immensely. God bless you and thank you for coming.

MS. NANCY CALHOUN: Thank you very much.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: On consent, page 5, Calendar No. 121, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00606-A, Calendar No. 121, Rosenthal, Glick, Levenberg, Shimsky, Simon, Zaccaro, Santabarbara, Bronson. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to requiring advertisements to disclose the use of a synthetic performer.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00934-A, Calendar No. 122, Magnarelli, Steck, Shimsky, Davila, Lunsford. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to peremptory challenges.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any more votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr.

Speaker, for allowing me to interrupt our proceedings for the purposes of an introduction on the behalf of colleague Mr. Alvarez. We have Héctor Acosta. He's a Senator from the Province of Monseñor Nouel. Mr. Ansaca [sic] was reelected -- I'm sorry, Mr. Asoto [sic] was reelected as Senator, becoming the first Dominican artist to win consecutive terms in the Senate, affirming his commitment to the people.

Along with Mr. Acoso [sic] we have General Juan Manuel Méndez García, the Director of Emergency Operations Center, here with us today as well. Mr. Garcia is a key reference in matters of security, emergency management, and is considered a symbol of dedication and commitment to the nation.

We also have Colonel Andolfo [sic] Gómez, the Executive Director of the National Emergency 911 System. Mr. Gómez is a law graduate from Pedro Henríquez National University. He also holds a post-graduate degree in Economic Relations Law from the Pontifical Catholic Mother and Teacher University [sic].

We also have Juan Cenario [sic] Salas Rosario, the Executive Director of the Civil Defense who currently serves as the President of the National Emergency Commission and the Executive Director of the Civil Defense of the Dominican Republic.

Mr. Speaker, would you please welcome these honorable guests to our Chambers on behalf of our colleague -- actually, on behalf of all of us, as well as our colleague Mr. Alvarez.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Absolutely.

On behalf of my good friend and Member Alvarez and this delegation, we thank you so much. And on behalf of the Speaker. I -- I -- work mouth. I welcome you here into the Chambers and extend the privileges of the floor and hope that you enjoy these proceedings. It's good to see some of you all again, and I want you to enjoy yourselves and please come back again. God bless you, and enjoy.

(Applause)

On consent, page 5, Calendar No. 123, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01029-A, Calendar No. 123, Kelles, Seawright, Sayegh, Simon, Steck, Paulin, Gallagher, Vanel, Otis, González-Rojas, Epstein, Cruz, McDonough, Shrestha, Mamdani, Reyes, Hunter, Bichotte Hermelyn, Forrest, Stern, Dinowitz, R. Carroll, Gibbs, Simone, Dais, Cunningham, Walker, DeStefano, Weprin, Anderson, Tapia, Taylor, Meeks, Hevesi, Romero, Bores, Rosenthal, Kassay, Kim, Clark, Mitaynes, Schiavoni. An act to amend the Penal Law, in relation to individuals engaged in prostitution who are victims of or witnesses to a crime.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01316, Calendar No. 124, Dinowitz, Rosenthal, Weprin, Otis, Seawright, Reyes, Taylor, Sayegh, Epstein, Stirpe, Hyndman, Steck, Cook, Glick, Cruz, Fall, Zinerman, Tapia, Raga, Burdick. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to prohibiting the disclosure or use of a person's consumer credit history to an employer, labor organization, employment agency or agent thereof for purposes of employment decisions.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: On a motion by the Senate [sic], the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01892, Calendar No. 125, Paulin, De Los Santos. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to requiring rear occupant alert systems in certain vehicles; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03361, Calendar No. 126, Vanel. An act creating a temporary State commission to -- to study and investigate how to regulate artificial intelligence, robotics and automation; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Read the last

section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: 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. A03369-A, Calendar
No. 127, Dinowitz, Williams, Colton, Seawright, Reyes, Kelles. An
act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to requiring notice
of mandatory arbitration clauses in certain consumer contracts.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: The bill is laid
aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04003, Rules --
Calendar No. 128, Clark, Reyes, Meeks, Lee, Griffin, Levenberg,
Lunsford. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to
caregiver requirements for certain day care homes.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Read the last
section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: The Clerk will
record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Clark to explain her vote.

MS. CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I wanted to rise to explain my vote on this seemingly small bill for child care, but actually will do a lot of good. Currently, if you are a center-based provider, the labeled infant only goes up to 18 months which means your ratio can change after 18 months, allowing you to care for more children at a time. But it does not do the same for at-home providers. And so what we're trying to do is even it. We know there's no danger to -- to children when we do this. We've already seen it in the centers as working quite well. But it will allow more slots to open up in our home-based providers, and it hopefully gets some children off the waitlist so those parents have care for their kids.

I'm really excited to have carried this bill, get it to this point where we are doing some small things to help our childcare ecosystem which we know is really struggling right now.

So thank you so much and I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Ms. Clark in the affirmative.

Are there any more votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05134, Calendar No. 129, Solages, Hyndman, Tapia, Simone, Burroughs. An act to amend the Public Authorities Law, in relation to the process for filling

vacancies on the Long Island Railroad Commuter's Council.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06766, Calendar No. 130, Vanel, Lee, Weprin, Dais, Peoples-Stokes. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to prohibiting predatory automated teller machine fees at casinos and colleges.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07265, Calendar No. 131, Pretlow. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law and the Executive Law, in relation to authorizing a court to file non-family offense temporary orders of protection and orders of protection with the computerized registry established for such information.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: On a motion by the Senate [sic], the bill [sic] is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any more votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Ms. Walsh.

MS. WALSH: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to interrupt the proceedings for an introduction this afternoon. I would like to welcome back to the Chamber a former Assemblymember, Andy Raia. Andy is currently the Huntington Town Clerk. He served here in the Assembly from 2003 to 2019. Before his election he served as senior staff member in the State Assembly, State Senate, as well as the Suffolk County Legislature.

So on behalf of myself, Assemblymembers Keith Brown and all the members, would you please welcome Andy Raia back to the New York State Assembly.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Absolutely.

Mr. Andy Raia, Mr. Bowtie Tuesday himself, on -- thank you. On behalf of the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you to the Chamber. Once a member, always a member. We extend the privileges of this great House to you and enjoy yourself. And do not make yourself a stranger, come back again real soon. God bless you. It's good to see you.

(Applause)

On consent, page 7, Calendar No. 132, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07832, Calendar No. 132, Hyndman, Seawright, McDonald, Davila. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to physical therapist assistants.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: On a motion by the

Senate -- on a motion by Ms. Hyndman, the bill [sic] is before the Senate [sic]. The Senate bill is advanced.

Laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07992, Calendar No. 133, Hyndman. An act to direct the City of New York to conduct a study [sic] and analysis of stormwater and groundwater issues in Southeast Queens.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any more votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08113, Calendar No. 134, Seawright, Zinerman. An act to amend Chapter 462 of the Laws of 2015, amending the Elder Law relating to long-term care ombudsman access to assisted living facilities, in relation to the effectiveness of certain provisions of such chapter.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: 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. A08147, Calendar No. 135, Griffin. An act to authorize certain health care professionals licensed or certified by a foreign government or by another state or territory to provide professional services in this State in connection with the 2025 Ryder Cup; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect September 22, 2025.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: The Clerk will read the -- 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. A08148, Calendar No. 136, Jones. An act in relation to authorizing certain health care

professionals licensed to practice in other jurisdictions to practice in this State in connection with the Milan Cortina Winter Olympic Games sliding sports competitions, Lake Placid 2026; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: On a motion by Mr. -- Mr. Jones, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect January 27, 2026.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: 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 allowing me to interrupt our proceedings for the purposes of introducing two former members; one is Mr. Weprin, and the other is Kimberly Jean-Pierre.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all of us could you welcome our former colleagues to the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Absolutely.

On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes and the Speaker

and all the members, we welcome Mr. Weprin, Miss Kimberly. And we welcome you to the Chamber and extend the privileges of the floor. Once a member, always a member. Have fun, have a great day and we're so happy to see you here in these Chambers again. God bless you, and enjoy the day.

(Applause)

On consent, Calendar -- page 8 -- excuse me, on consent, page 8, Calendar No. 137, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08149, Calendar No. 137, Rivera, Bichotte Hermelyn. An act in relation to authorizing certain medical professionals certified by a foreign government or another state or territory to provide medical services during the FIFA Club World Cup 2025 and the FIFA World Cup 26; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Read the last section.

Excuse me. On a motion by Rivera [sic], the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect June 1, 2025.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: 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. A08151, Calendar No. 138, Barrett, Santabarbara. An act to amend the Public Service Law, in relation to proposed rate changes for gas and electric service.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: The bill is laid aside.

On consent, page 16, Calendar No. 71, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01672-A, Calendar No. 71, Rosenthal, Raga, Alvarez, Colton. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to prohibiting certain contracts for the purchase or financing of a dog or cat from including provisions allowing repossession of the animal.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: The Clerk will record the vote. Read the last section, excuse me.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: 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, what an honor it is to interrupt our proceedings once again to ask you to

welcome some of our former colleagues back to the floor. We have with us Helene Weinstein, as well as former member Keith Wright. If you would please welcome them to our floor.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes and the Speaker, we want to welcome our former Ways and Means Mrs. Helen [sic] Weinstein, and my good friend and county leader Mr. Keith Wright. And all -- on behalf of all the members we welcome you to the Chamber and extend the privileges of this great House. And once a member, always a member. Always welcome to -- to be here. And we hope that will enjoy the proceedings of the floor, and thank you for joining us again.

(Applause)

On consent, page 9, Rules 119, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07424, Rules Report No. 119, Pheffer Amato, Weprin, Santabarbara. An act to amend the Executive Law and the Civil Service Law, in relation to the terms and conditions of employment for members of the collective negotiating unit consisting of troopers in the Division of State Police and salary schedules for members of such unit; to amend the State Finance Law, in relation to the Employee Benefit Fund for members of such unit; making an appropriation therefor; to repeat certain provisions of the Executive Law and the State Finance Law relating thereto and provides for the payment of overtime pursuant to the terms of any agreement (Part A); to amend the Executive Law, in relation to the terms and conditions of employment for members of the collective

negotiating unit consisting of commissioned and non-commissioned officers in the Division of State Police and salary schedules for members of such unit; to amend the State Finance Law, in relation to the Employee Benefit Fund for members of such unit; making an appropriate thereof; and to repeal certain provisions of the Executive Law and the State Finance Law relating thereto (Part B).

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: 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.

On consent, page 10, Rules 120, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00688, Rules Report No. 120, Buttenschon, DeStefano, Epstein, Hevesi, Pheffer Amato, Sayegh, Simon, Shimsky, Santabarbara, Colton, Steck. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to providing minimum basic training related to handling emergency situations involving individuals with any physical and/or developmental disability to all firefighters.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: 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, it must be pilots today. But we have the honor of introducing another one of our former colleagues. In fact, he was the former Mr. Speaker. Mr. Aubry is in the Chambers. Would you please welcome him back to our floor?

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Absolutely. I'd be honored, thrilled and privileged and hope I do not embarrass myself in front of him.

On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, the Speaker and all the members of this Chamber, we welcome you to the Chambers to extend -- and we extend the privileges of the floor, and hope that you, Mr. Jeff Aubry, will come again and again. And it's so doggone good to see you here. We welcome you, we love you. And any time you're here, once a member, always a member, and enjoy the time and the festivities of today. God bless you and thank you.

(Applause/cheers)

On consent, page 13, Calendar No. 39, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03404-A, Calendar No. 39, Lavine, Sayegh, Burdick, Steck, Lunsford, Conrad, Shimsky, Hevesi, Tapia, Gandolfo, Santabarbara, Seawright, Kassay, Griffin, Colton, Lee, O'Pharrow. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to treatment of deaf, hard-of-hearing and nonverbal individuals during admission to a hospital.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: 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.

Ms. Solages.

MS. SOLAGES: Mr. Speaker, can you please go to page 3 for resolutions?

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Resolutions, page 3, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 462, Ms. Rajkumar.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 5, 2025, as Indian Arrival Day in Guyana, in the State of New York.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 463, Ms. Pheffer Amato.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 11-17, 2025, as Police Week in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Ms. Pheffer Amato on the resolution.

MS. PHEFFER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to introduce this resolution as this Body publicly thanks every single police officer and all members of law enforcement throughout the State of New York. From police officers to captains, deputy sheriffs to troopers, thank you for the incredible work of protecting and serving New York.

Police officers take an oath to serve and protect people, total strangers. To me, that is an extraordinary act of selflessness and truly exemplifies the best of New York's spirit.

In addition, through this resolution we pay tribute to the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our great State and communities. We recognize those we lost, those who died serving our communities. Sorry. These were the men and women who took on the responsibility to make our cities, towns and State safe. Because that's what police do, they keep us safe.

This week, May 12th through 17th, is recognized as Police Week in New York State. Last week many of us attended the Fallen Police Officer Memorial right outside this building. There were -- there we commemorated those who made the ultimate sacrifice by adding over 60 names, bringing the total number of fallen heroes to over 1,900 brave men and women. While we cannot bring our fallen police officers back, it is my hope that through this resolution this Chamber is making it clear that we not only say thank you, but we appreciate the work every day that our police officers do. Let's say it together and make sure that police officers and their families hear us. Thank you for your commitment, thank you for your dedication, and thank you for your sacrifices to ensure ours -- ensure all of our families are able to thrive in a safe, free and just society.

God bless the police and may their memories forever be a blessing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Thank you.

Mr. O'Pharrow.

MR. O'PHARROW: Good afternoon.

This week we honor and remember the brave men and women of law enforcement; those who protect and serve with courage, compassion and commitment. For me, this week holds a personal meaning. I had the honor of wearing this shield (indicating), that's a detective shield, at NYPD for 25 years. As I walked the beat, responding to 911 calls and stood shoulder-to-shoulder with some of the bravest individuals I've ever known, I've seen firsthand the

sacrifices that they make and the toll that it takes on them. And the toll it takes on their families.

Police Week is more than just a moment of recognition. It's a reminder that behind every uniform is a person. Someone who wakes up every single day with the goal of making our streets safer, with pride, with purpose, and with unwavering gratitude.

To all my brothers, to all my sisters in uniform, past and present, thank you for your service, because it matters. And those we lost, we will never forget you. May God bless our officers, their families, their communities, and the people they serve.

Thank you. Detective Kwani B. O'Pharrow, retired.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Thank you.

Ms. Giglio on the resolution.

MS. GIGLIO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I would like to thank the sponsor for this great resolution here today.

Today we gather to observe Police Week in the State of New York; a time to honor the courage, commitment and sacrifice of the men and women who serve in law enforcement across our great State.

New York is home to over 68,980 police officers across 601 agencies, each dedicated to protecting our communities and upholding the rule of law. Their unwavering commitment ensures the safety and wellbeing of all of our residents every day.

We also remember and pay tribute to those who have

made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Their names are etched on the black granite walls of the New York State Police Officers Memorial at the Empire State Plaza here in Albany; a solemn reminder of their bravery and commitment.

As Governor Kathy Hochul proclaims May 11th through 17th, 2024 [sic] as Police Week here in New York State, we join together to express our deepest gratitude to all law enforcement officers and their families. Their service embodies the very best of New York's spirit. Let us take this opportunity to reaffirm our support for those who protect and serve and to honor the memory of those who have fallen, including those who still suffer from 9/11 illnesses. May they all inspire us to strive for a safer and more just New York.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and again, thank the sponsor.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Thank you.

Mr. Chludzinski.

MR. CHLUDZINSKI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today with deep pride to support this resolution proclaiming May 11th through May 17th as Police Week in the State of New York. Thank you to the sponsor of this resolution.

As a retired police lieutenant detective, I have seen law enforcement from the inside. The long hours, the missed holidays, missed family time, the moments of danger, and above all, the quiet acts of service that the public rarely hears about. I know what it means to put on the uniform, not for recognition, but out of

commitment to protect people we may never meet.

Police Week is more than a ceremonial occasion. It's a solemn time to remember the officers who paid the ultimate price in the line of duty. It is also a time to acknowledge those who continue to serve, often under difficult, dangerous and thankless conditions.

Now, I understand that in today's climate not everyone views law enforcement through the same lens as I do. Some have had negative experiences or harbor real concerns, and those deserve to be heard. But we cannot allow that to overshadow the countless men and women who do the job the right way every day with professionalism, compassion and courage. To those who question law enforcement, I say this: Strong communities are built on trust, and that includes supporting the officers who protect and serve with integrity every day. We can and must demand high standards while also recognizing the essential role that good officers play in preserving public safety, responding to crisis, and holding our society together when things fall apart.

I ask my colleagues, regardless of background or belief, to join me in supporting this resolution. Let's honor the officers who gave their lives, appreciate those who still serve, and commit to building trust and respect on both sides of the badge.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Thank you.

Ms. Griffin on the resolution.

MS. GRIFFIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today

to thank the sponsor for this important resolution to recognize Police Week.

I am grateful for the police departments throughout AD 21, Nassau County, Long Island, New York State and New York City. I mean, and -- yes, New York City. Thank you for your diligence, your bravery, your sacrifice that you make each and every day to protect us.

The best thing we can do in this House this year is to pass the Joseph T. Banish Peer Support Mental Health bill. I'd love to see that get done, love to see us really do something to give back to the police who help us each and every day.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Thank you.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 465, Ms. Solages.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2025, as Cancer Research Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying yes; opposed? The resolution is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 466, Mr. Lavine.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2025, as Stroke Awareness Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Mr. Lavine on the resolution.

MR. LAVINE: Thank you.

Strokes are one of the lead -- leading causes of death worldwide, and they're the fifth most common cause of death in the United States of America. Strokes occur when blood clots or broken vessels prevent blood from getting to the brain. So please, if you have any of these symptoms, get immediate attention: A loss of balance; a sudden vision loss; your smile starts to droop; your arm sags; your speech is slurred. Get immediate attention. Immediate attention can save lives and makes a tremendous difference. And this could happen to any of us.

So I want to thank you all for standing in favor of this bill or voting in favor of this bill which will raise public awareness of the need for us to have adequate and great medical attention. Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: Mr. Ra on the resolution.

MR. RA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the sponsor for bringing this forward, as -- as the son of a -- a stroke victim.

There's an acronym, he just mentioned them but I'll

mention it again because it's -- it's worth it because it can save somebody's life or save any of the functions they can lose in the situation of a stroke. There's an acronym, FAST: F, face drooping; A, arm weakness; S, speech slurred; time to call 911. Resolutions like this serve an important purpose of how allowing us to spread awareness of these types of things. And just remembering that F-A-S-T, when you're in a situation that you recognize those symptoms could save that person's life or save them from having permanent disabling of vital functions.

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. 467, Mr. McDonald.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2025, as Neurofibromatosis Month in the State of New York.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 468, Ms. Lunsford.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2025, as Brain Tumor 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.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 469, Mr. Manktelow.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 21, 2025, as Pets for Veterans Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Manktelow on the resolution.

MR. MANKTELOW: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Today I want to talk a little bit about this resolution. Pets for Vets. Pets for Vets were founded back on October 21, 2019. And what this does is it accomplishes many things. Two ways. We save our -- our veterans who need help long-term for PTSD, for loneliness, for just being home alone. For many other things. But also in our humane societies, in our animal shelters, there are so many dogs and cats and animals that are there. This organization takes a pet like a dog, helps train that dog, and pairs that animal up with a -- with a veteran. And it's a win-win for everyone. It gives that animal a place to have -- to call home, but also allows our veteran to have a companion when their loved ones or their family go about their days when he or she sits home.

So I just want to say thank you to the Governor for

allowing me to bring this resolution forward, and it's just an honor to speak on this.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Ms. Walsh on the resolution.

MS. WALSH: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

So, I -- I didn't realize that this was coming up today. I'm really glad to especially mention the Doggie Paddle for Veterans which was a fund -- fundraising and awareness campaign that was started by a veteran named Jimmy Thomas. He kayaked from Glenville, New York, which is part my district, all the way to Key West, Florida and then he biked all the way back. And it was to raise funds and awareness for this exact need, to try to provide service animals for -- dogs to be trained to work with veterans. And he would be a far more articulate spokesperson than I could be this afternoon, but I can tell you that he -- he raised an awful lot of awareness for the -- the mental health needs of our veterans and how much that our canine companions can really help to bridge that gap and really -- and really help.

So I just wanted to give a shout-out to Jimmy Thomas and the work that he did. Thank you so much.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

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

Ms. Solages.

MS. SOLAGES: Madam Speaker, do we have any further housekeeping or resolutions?

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: We have no housekeeping, but 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. 470-483 were unanimously adopted.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

Oops, Ms. Solages. Sorry.

MS. SOLAGES: I don't mind that (indiscernible) great woman.

I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned and that we reconvene at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 13th, tomorrow being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On Ms. Solages' motion, the House stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 5:14 p.m., the House stood adjourned until Tuesday, May 13th at 2:00 p.m., that being a Session day.)