

**THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025**

**10:18 A.M.**

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The House will come to order.

Good morning, colleagues.

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 Wednesday, May 28th.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, I move to dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Wednesday, May the 28th and that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Without objection, so ordered.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you so much. And good morning, colleagues and guests that are in the Chambers.

I do have a quote that I would like to share with you today. This one is coming from Winston Churchill, former British statesman and military officer for the United Kingdom between 1940 and 1955 [sic]. His words for us today: *Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts.* Again, these words from the late, great Winston Churchill.

Madam Speaker, members have on their desks a main Calendar. Before any housekeeping and/or introductions we're going to be calling for the Rules Committee to meet in the Speaker's Conference Room. This Committee is going to produce an A-Calendar which we are going to take up today.

We'll also be calling for the follow -- following committees to meet as well: Science and Technology, Tourism and Ways and Means. There may be a need for additional activity to be -- to be announced regarding our floor activities. If so, Madam Speaker,

we will advise at that moment.

So that's the general outline of where we're going today. If you could now please call the Rules Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Rules Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room. Committee members on Rules, please go to the Speaker's Conference Room.

We have no housekeeping this morning, but several introductions. We're going to get started with Mr. Steck for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. STECK: Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

I rise first to welcome Ava Bachta. She is a sophomore from Shaker High School in the Town of Colonie, the largest part of my Assembly District. She won the State skiing championship in slalom and alpine combined, as well as second place in giant slalom. And she is joined here by her mother.

I was joking with her earlier that when I was in school, my father who was a football, basketball and baseball coach would not let me ski for fear that I might injure myself and not play his sports. But it's a tremendous accomplishment to do that at such a young age, and I'm looking forward to her having a very fine career in skiing.

In addition today, I have the Boys State AA [sic] basketball team champions, also from Shaker High School. They had a tough 55-50 win over Section 8's Port Washington School. My

apologies to Member Norber. But it's good to see Upstate defeat Long Island. The team is joined by their parents and coaches. And I give a special shout-out to Coach Aric Kucel and Team Manager Devon Trey Evans. Having grown up in a coach's house, I know the amount of time that goes in to prepare a team to reach this level of success. So I deeply appreciate what he has accomplished.

We have assistant coaches Vince Medici, Brian Hooks, Ryan Deguire, Matt Plew, and Austin Kendrick. The team members here today are Kwame, Melvin, Kieran, Bless, Will, Tye, Brandon, Vincent, Marcellin, Sam, Anthony and Ryan. Again, they worked together. I've seen the films, it's amazing. It was a total team concept, and maybe we can get the Knicks to do that and come back from their series where they're behind.

Anyway, congratulations to the Shaker Blue Bison, and I'd ask the Speaker to extend to them all the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

On behalf of Mr. Steck, the Speaker and all members, we congratulate and welcome Ava, our alpine skiing State champion from Shaker High School. Also, congratulations to the high school boys basketball AAA State champions. Welcome, all, to our Assembly Chamber. We extend the privileges of the floor to you. Hope you enjoy our proceedings today. Congratulations. Continued future success. Thank you so very much for joining us today.

(Applause)

Mr. Bendett for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. BENDETT: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

On behalf of myself and Assemblymember Didi Barrett, today I rise with great pride to recognize the Chatham High School Varsity Boys Baseball Team for their incredible achievement, capturing the New York State Public High School Class C championship on June 8, 2024 at Mirabito Stadium with a thrilling 11-5 victory over Burke Catholic, the Panthers secured not just a State title, but their third consecutive championship, setting a New York State Section II record. This season they posted an outstanding 24 and 4 overall record, and over the past three years an extraordinary 76 and 7.

This level of excellence is no accident. Under the leadership of head coach Scott Steltz and his dedicated coaching staff, these young athletes have shown remarkable dedication, teamwork and sportsmanship. They've not only made their families, school and community proud, but they've set an inspiring example for youth all over our State.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the players, the coaches, and the entire Chatham community on this remarkable achievement. Go Panthers.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. Bendett, Ms. Barrett, the Speaker and all members, we welcome the Chatham Baseball Team to our Assembly Chamber. Congratulations to you on being in the Class C champions. We could have used a

couple of you last night at our baseball game. Welcome you to the Chamber, extend the privileges of the floor to you. I hope you enjoy our proceedings today. Thank you for joining us, and congratulations again to you.

(Applause)

Mr. Tague for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. TAGUE: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise today. My fellow colleagues, it's a true pleasure to introduce my guests to the Chamber today. The Berne-Knox-Westerlo Boys High School Basketball Team just completed their season with a Class C State championship victory; the final act in their undefeated season, 26 and 0. Their perfect record gets to be cemented in history as this is also the first championship team in the history of the program. The Bulldogs of BKW played their hearts out this year, showcasing an athletic prowess unmatched by their peers.

Head Coach Andrew Wright guided his team of champions to the finish line with the help and support of Assistant Coaches Chris Brown, Nate Krimsky, George Martin, John Dwyer, Manager Filo Pray, along with Athletic Director Thomas Galvin and statistician Barb Haverly. And, of course, the athletes.

The athletes themselves performed phenomenally. Jayden Buie, Dayne Coates, Shane Kirker, Jr., Matthew Dwyer, Ethan Simpson, George Wright, Dane Delorm, Arlan Wright, Blake Quay, Justin Murphy, Blake Terrell, Patrick Lendrum, John Meacham, Henry Ferguson, Marshall Stevens, Justin Stevens, and Chris Dwyer

are forever known as BKW's first champions.

Madam Speaker, please extend the privileges of the floor to these exemplary athletes and their coaches.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. Tague, the Speaker and all members, we welcome you, State Champions from the Berne-Knox-Westerlo School District. Congratulations on your 26 and 0 perfect record for the season. We extend the privileges of the floor to you for our State Chamber and the Assembly. Hope you enjoy our proceedings today. It is amazing to have so many champions in our Chamber today. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mr. McDonald for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. MCDONALD: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Today I rise to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary accomplishments of two different groups of young athletes from the East Greenbush School District, otherwise known as Columbia High School.

First I want to recognize and congratulate Maya Kelly, Kaitlin Bogucki, Molly Simmons and Ava Weiss on capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Championship in the 4x400 relay on March 8th of this year. Their winning time of three minutes and 54.99 seconds not only secured a State title, but also set a new school record and marked the third-fastest time in Section II history. Their teamwork and determination

exemplify what student athletes can achieve.

Next I want to recognize Bella Satalino, who made history by winning the New York State Public High School Association Girls Wrestling Championship in the 138 pound weight class on February 27th of this year. Isabella completed -- get this -- an undefeated 42 and 0 season, the first in her school's history. And her dominance on the mat is a testament to her discipline and resilience.

Madam Speaker, these young women demonstrating both speed in one instance and strength in the other, show far how -- show how hard work and perseverance can take you and how far it can take you.

I ask this Body to join me in congratulating them, their coaches, their families who are here today, and Columbia High School for these outstanding achievements. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. McDonald, the Speaker and all members, we welcome more champions, and congratulations for the track relay and also wrestling. Strength and speed, you got that right. I welcome you to our Chamber, extend the privileges of the floor to you. Thank you for joining us today. Congratulations, and keep winning. Thank you very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Ms. Woerner for the purposes of an introduction.

MS. WOERNER: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for

allowing me to join the introductions today because it is clearly champions day here in the New York State Assembly. And I am thrilled to have the opportunity to introduce to you Shayla Byrne. Shayla is the New York State High School Grand -- Giant Slalom champion from South Glens Falls High School. She won her race in under three minutes, and was seconds ahead of the nearest competitor.

It is -- you know, skiing is one of those sports that it takes an incredible amount of dedication. Shayla is on the mountain several times a week, all day long, training to perfect her sport. It is truly a matter of dedication and perseverance because, man, it's cold on those mountains.

As a two -- two athlete [sic] student, Shayla is about to graduate and go on to Grove City College where she will be playing lacrosse for the college.

I'm incredibly proud of Shayla's accomplishments and, Madam Speaker, if you will offer her all of the cordialities of the House it would be my pleasure. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

On behalf of Ms. Woerner, the Speaker and all the members, welcome, our champion Shayla Byrne. It's -- giant slalom is no easy feat, so congratulations to you on your record-setting time. We welcome you to the Chamber, extend the privileges of the floor to you. Wish you continued success in your two-sport endeavors. Thank you so very much for joining us today.

(Applause)

Ms. Levenberg for the purposes of an introduction.

MS. LEVENBERG: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise to welcome members of my community who will be participating in some of the AAPI Heritage Month activities today. Susheel Kaushik and his children; his son Vinay and daughter Shobha Kaushik are with us today in the Chamber, and I am so honored to have them here.

Susheel has served as the President of the Helena Kaushik Education Foundation in Westchester, New York, as well as the Chairman of the Mrs. Helena Kaushik Women's College in Malsisar, India since 2014. The College was founded in 1998 by Mr. Kaushik's brother, the late Dr. Surendra Kaushik, and is named after Mr. Kaushik's sister-in-law, the late Helena Kaushik.

The college in India strives to prepare young women in India to achieve excellence in all their endeavors. They help them to be visionary and effective leaders in their chosen professions and vocations in the service of their communities, India and the world.

I am so pleased and proud to introduce my wonderful guests this morning from Briarcliff [sic], New York and beyond, and please -- please extend all of the cordialities of the House to them.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Ms. Levenberg, the Speaker and all members, we welcome you, sir, and your family to our Assembly Chamber, extending the privileges of the floor to you. Thank you for all of the distinguished work that you have been doing in the community. I'm sure your resume is far more

impressive than Ms. Levenberg had communicated to us. Thank you so very much for your family joining us today. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Maher for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. MAHER: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I am excited this morning to introduce long-time Orange County resident, business and community leader Pete Berman, as well as his daughter Molly Berman.

Pete has a number of professional certifications, associations and awards; too many to attribute in this two-minute introduction. He is the force behind several successful companies in many diverse industries. He's personified locally and throughout the region the entrepreneurial spirit. He started his career as a third-generation builder and project manager, working with a company started by his grandfather as a founding partner of Hope Ventures, LLC. Peter has invested in successful companies that New York State has invested in through our economic development agencies, including the Equilibrium Brewery in Middletown. He started the first Phenix Salon Suites franchise in the Northeast, and is a published author with multiple articles in various industries.

Molly Berman is a fourth-year University of Colorado Boulder student. She's a major in psychology and leadership, and this summer she will be working on a ski resort, working behind the scenes learning the business model. I am very excited for her future as a leader in both business and her community.

Madam Speaker, please offer the cordialities of the floor to Peter and Molly Berman.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. Maher, the Speaker and all members, we welcome you, Mr. Berman and Molly, to our Assembly Chamber and extend the privileges of the floor to you. Congratulations on all your successful business endeavors, and congratulations to you, Molly, for graduating from the University of Colorado. We hope you have a wonderful summer behind the scenes and we'd welcome you back. Surely, the -- the academic prowess that you have in psychology, we need you now more than ever. So we thank you for -- for going into that profession. We hope you enjoy our proceedings today. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mr. Stern for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. STERN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And good morning to all of my colleagues.

Madam Speaker, it's really my personal privilege today to welcome Doug Geed and his daughter Kierin to the floor of the New York State Assembly.

Doug Geed was an original member of News 12 Long Island when the station debuted in 1986, and is one of the most recognizable faces and personalities throughout the Long Island region. During his esteemed tenure, Doug won ten New York Emmy Awards, a Long Island Journalist of the Year Award, and was

inducted into the Long Island Journalism Hall of Fame. He retired in 2023 after decades of award-winning journalism, including creating and hosting the popular "East End" show where he highlighted the essential stories of the commercial fishermen and farmers that are so important to the culture and the economy of Long Island.

Doug is a 40-year husband, a father of three, and a proud grandpa. He's here today with his daughter Kierin, a student at New York Law School, who has a passion for government and is visiting us at the New York State Capitol for the very first time. She is truly impressive and we wish her every success in the future.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you welcome one of Long Island's very best, Doug Geed, and his daughter Kierin, to the Assembly Chamber and provide them both with all of the cordialities of the House and the privileges of the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. Stern, the Speaker and all members, we welcome you, sir, to the Assembly Chamber, and Kierin as well. Extending the privileges of the floor to you, and hoping you enjoy our proceedings. Very long storied, decorated journalist. Thank you so very much for your important public service, and continued good success to you, Kierin. Thank you both very much for joining us today.

(Applause)

Ms. Romero for the purposes of an introduction.

MS. ROMERO: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise to introduce two incredible constituents of mine

in honor of AAPI Month, and behind me are Wei Quin and Heather Murphy. Wei -- Wei Qin is president of Asian Arts New York, Incorporated and is a first- generation Chinese immigrant. Her service to promote Chinese heritage, art and culture has made her an important figure in the Capitol Region. She previously served as president of the Chinese Community Center for three terms, and led them to incredible success. Under Wei's leadership, the Chinese Community Center received the Global Citizenship Award in the Capital Region. And she's joined today with her husband, Bill Cooney.

Heather Murphy has spent over a decade supporting the Korean American and Korean adoptee communities. Currently, Heather is a strong advocate for traffic safety, and currently works for the Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research, where her work helps keeps our streets safe from traffic accidents; a worthy endeavor that I sincerely applaud.

Heather still finds time to serve her town, as she recently appointed to the Town of Guilderland Traffic Safety Committee and serves on the DEI Committee at Guilderland Central School District. She is my honoree for today's AAPI Heritage Month celebration in The Well.

Heather is joined today with her children, Crosby and Erica, and I ask that you welcome them here and grant both Wei and Heather the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Ms.

Romero, the Speaker and all members, we welcome you, Ms. Qin and also Ms. Murphy and family members to our Assembly Chamber and extend the privileges of the floor to you. Thank you both for all of the important advocacy work that you're doing in the community. We hope you enjoy our proceedings today. Thank you all so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

(Pause)

Ms. Walker for the purposes of an introduction.

MS. WALKER: Good morning, Madam Speaker.

Today the New York State Legislative Black Task Force proudly welcomes 26 students and their teaching assistants from the New York Legal Educational Opportunity Program to the New York State Capitol.

The New York LEO Program is a transformative initiative that supports first-generation law school students of color from across New York State as they prepare to begin their legal education. This program is administered through the New York State Judicial Institute, and is led by the Honorable Kathie E. Davidson, the Dean of the Institute; and Salihah R. Denman, who is the Director of New York LEO.

Since 2007, New York LEO has equipped students of color in the legal profession with the fundamental and practical skills needed to succeed in law school, which is especially so, even as many of them are first-generation law students. Through a rigorous five-

week program, participants receive instructions from experienced law professors and a core first-year subjects which includes legal research, writing and analysis. We are honored to recognize these intelligent students today and celebrate their commitment to justice, equity and academic excellence.

So on behalf of myself; the Chairwoman of the New York State Black Legislative Task Force, Chantel Jackson from the Bronx, please join me in giving a warm welcome to the New York State 2025 New York LEO fellows.

**ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER:** On behalf of Ms. Walker, Ms. Jackson, the Speaker and all members, we welcome you to the Assembly Chamber and extend privileges of the floor to you. To all of the students in the New York Legal Educational Opportunity Program, congratulations to you. We wish you nothing but success in your future. This is an outstanding program and outstanding scholars right here in front of us. So we extend the privileges of the floor to you. Hope you enjoy our proceedings today, and thank you so very much for joining us today.

(Applause)

(Pause)

Ms. Solages.

**MS. SOLAGES:** Madam Speaker, can you please call the Science and Technology Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room?

**ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER:** Science and

Technology Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room. Please meet Chair Otis in the Speaker's Conference Room, Science and Technology Committee.

(Pause)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, members have on their desks an A-Calendar. I'd like to move to advance that A-Calendar.

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

On consent, page 3, Rules Report No. 278, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00038, Rules Report No. 278, Burdick, Seawright, González-Rojas, K. Brown, Zinerman, Reyes, Epstein, Shimsky, Kassay, P. Carroll, Lunsford. An act in relation to directing the New York State Department of Labor to establish a voluntary training and certification program for employers entitled the Neurodiversity Training Pledge.

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.

Ms. Solages.

MS. SOLAGES: Madam Speaker, can you please call the Tourism Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room?

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Tourism Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room. Please meet Chair Kim in the Speaker's Conference Room. Tourism Committee.

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00247, Rules Report No. 279, Eachus, Otis, Walsh, Colton. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to the establishment of a specialized electric vehicle emergency response training 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. A00333, Rules Report No. 280, Cruz. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to

directing contracting State agencies to develop a growth plan in order to increase participation of MWBEs with respect to State contracts and subcontracts.

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 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. A00349, Rules Report No. 281, Barrett, Conrad, Stern, Cunningham, Seawright, Colton, Rosenthal, Schiavoni, Levenberg, Lasher. An act to amend the Public Authorities Law, in relation to establishing the Zero-Emission Vehicles Rebate program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00521, Rules Report No. 282, Steck, Gallagher, Buttenschon, Reyes, Brook-Krasny, Jones, Meeks, Bronson, K. Brown, Kay, Stirpe, Colton. An act to amend the

Mental Hygiene Law, in relation to establishing the "Recovery Ready Workplace Act".

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. A00590, Rules Report No. 283, Paulin, De Los Santos. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to requiring certain persons to wear a helmet when operating a Class One or Class Two bicycle with electric assist.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect April 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. A00707, Rules Report

No. 284, Clark, Meeks, Mitaynes, Jackson, Gallagher, Simon, Steck, Forrest, Bronson, Seawright, Anderson, Zinerman, Kelles, Raga. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to directing the Division of Criminal Justice Services to promulgate safety standards and training requirements for the protection of law enforcement staff against the biological hazards posed by certain persons in custody.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00755-A, Rules Report No. 285, Paulin, Sayegh, Rosenthal, Simone. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to requiring the Department of Health examine heat vulnerability and heat-related deaths.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00778-A, Rules Report No. 286, Rosenthal. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to directing the Department of Health to create an informational pamphlet concerning intrauterine devices.

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.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Would you please call the Ways and Means Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room?

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Ways and Means to the Speaker's Conference Room. Ways and Means Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room.

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01095, Rules Report No. 287, Magnarelli, Glick, Lavine, Burdick, Weprin, Epstein, Santabarbara, Davila, Levenberg, Steck. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to prohibiting motor vehicle manufacturers and dealers from charging a subscription fee for certain functions of a motor vehicle after the vehicle is sold.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01130-A, Rules Report No. 288, Santabarbara, Shimsky, Burdick, Zinerman, Colton. An act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law, in relation to establishing the Statewide Group Home Families Working Group.

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.)

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Ms. Walsh for the purposes of an introduction.

MS. WALSH: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

So, good morning or afternoon or whatever it is to -- to our colleagues today. I'm joined by a wonderful group of fourth grade students from the Shatekon Elementary School, which is part of the Shenendehowa School District in Clifton Park, New York, part of the 112nd Assembly District that I'm honored to represent.

Fun fact for all of you if you don't know what Shatekon means. It is an Iroquoian word specifically of the Mohawk origin meaning a balanced life, which I know that we all aspire to.

So these two classes that are here today alongside their parents, chaperones and teachers Mrs. Gould and Mrs. Smith, have been down to the Assembly today in the Capitol to learn about State government because it's fourth grade, and the historic New York State Capitol building.

So happy to have them join us today, and if you would, Madam Speaker, afford to them all the cordialities of the

House and welcome them to the People's House.

ACTING SPEAKER KASSAY: Absolutely, Ms. Walsh.

Thank you, students, for visiting today and looking into the balanced life, learning about government and also helping us learn what's important to you all.

On behalf of Ms. Walsh, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you to the Chamber, extend the privileges of the floor, and hope you enjoy the proceedings. Thank you so much for joining us.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01177, Rules Report No. 289, Peoples-Stokes. An act to amend the Local Finance Law, in relation to the sale of municipal obligations by the County of Erie.

ACTING SPEAKER KASSAY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER KASSAY: Home Rule Message is at the desk.

Now read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER KASSAY: 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. A01223, Rules Report No. 290, Bores, Raga, Rozic, Simone, Stern, Seawright, Paulin, Novakhov, Walker, Yeger, Berger, Wieder, Eichenstein. An act to amend the Election Law, in relation to the dates to file a designating petition; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER KASSAY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER KASSAY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Bores to explain his vote.

MR. BORES: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

No campaign worker or volunteer or lawyer or candidate should be forced to miss a holiday with their family just because of an accident of -- of our calendar. And when we moved some of our voting, our primaries up, we cause an occasional conflict with a number of different holidays. And this Body, I'm proud to say, has always made sure to adjust that calendar so that no one is taken away from their families.

So this bill adjusts for a conflict with Passover. It's actually the exact same day's conflict that happened in 2023, an exact copy of the bill that we passed with strong bipartisan support then. And I'm happy that we are always thoughtful for everyone, not just those of us who are serving and running, but all of the volunteers, all the campaign workers, that they aren't taken away from the Seder or taken away from their family, and that we can still promote democracy while respecting everyone's personal celebrations.

I'm also happy to report that as far as I know, no such conflict exists again until 2031. So great job, we'll see you all in 2030 to fix this.

Madam Speaker, I vote yes.

ACTING SPEAKER KASSAY: Thank you. Mr. --  
Mr. Bores in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01296-A, Rules Report No. 291, Paulin, Sayegh, Lucas, DeStefano, McDonald, Otis, Weprin, Pirozzolo, Norber, Novakhov, Chang, Alvarez, Dinowitz, Dilan, Rosenthal, Wieder, Manktelow, Morinello, Angelino, Kassay, Colton. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to establishing the Rare Disease Advisory Council.

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

advanced. This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01529, Rules Report No. 292, 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. 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 KASSAY: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01563-A, Rules Report No. 293, 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 KASSAY: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01817, Rules Report No. 294, Rosenthal. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to defining "closed period of eligibility" for purposes of certain Supplemental Security Income and including such time period in the eligibility requirements of such Supplemental Security Income.

ACTING SPEAKER KASSAY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER KASSAY: 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. A02020, Rules Report No. 295, Maher, E. Brown, Bendett, DeStefano, Lemondes, Brabenec, McDonough. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to granting peace officer status to uniformed court officers in the Town of Montgomery.

ACTING SPEAKER KASSAY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER KASSAY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Maher to explain his vote.

MR. MAHER: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

This bill we passed a few times in this Chamber. It will allow our court officers in the Town of Montgomery peace officer status, giving them the tools and the resources they need to both protect themselves and the general public.

I appreciate my colleagues for supporting this bill and

I will be in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER KASSAY: Thank you. Mr. Maher in the affirmative.

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02185, Rules Report No. 296, Lupardo, Stirpe, Raga, Rosenthal, Glick, Zaccaro, Angelino, DiPietro, Bendett, Manktelow, K. Brown, Tague, Schiavoni. An act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law, in relation to defining therapeutic agriculture for purposes of community gardens.

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. A02212, Rules Report No. 297, Braunstein, Woerner, Steck, Paulin, Brabenec, Stirpe. An act to amend the State Finance Law and the General Municipal Law, in relation to requiring full payment for delivered and accepted

materials pertaining to public work projects; and to amend the General Business Law, in relation to prohibiting the retention of any payment due and owing a material supplier for a construction project.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02296, Rules Report No. 298, McDonald, Walsh, Woerner, Stirpe, Magnarelli, Cunningham. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to providing a rebuttable presumption relating to recertification as a minority and women-owned business enterprise.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. McDonald to explain his vote.

MR. MCDONALD: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I want to thank my colleagues for their support for this legislation.

Quite simply, this bill recognizes what we know that many women-owned businesses and minority-owned businesses work hard every -- each and every day to run their businesses according to

the rules of the program. Unfortunately, over the past several years -- and I thank my colleague from the other side of the aisle here in the Capitol Region, it came to my attention that there are women- owned businesses, particularly in the Capitol Region, that the women that have the boots on the ground, running the business day in and day out, when their certification expires they're put through a hell of a rigamarole in regards to proving that they're still running the business. This bill says, *You know what? If they've been doing their job, they continue to operate*, and at the same token it's a message to SED -- ESD, excuse me, Empire State Development, we want to work with you, but let's work on changing the program dynamics. Let's respect the fact that women are running their businesses and at the same token, put more people out in the field to go after the bad actors.

So I want to thank my colleague for bringing it to my attention, and it's been a pleasure to work on it and I'm glad to finally see it hitting the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. McDonald in the affirmative.

Ms. Walsh to explain her vote.

MS. WALSH: Thank you Madam Speaker.

And so if I could just chime in for a minute. I am so grateful to see that this bill is getting across the finish line. This is a really good bill. There's no reason if a MWBE business that has gone through that whole process of getting certified should be having such difficulty to get recertified. I mean, if there's -- I think all this does is

it creates a rebuttable presumption that if you went through all those hoops before and you were certified, that upon recertification we're gonna start from a place that you should be recertified subject to other facts coming to light that maybe, say that there's a problem or that you shouldn't be.

So it's important. I think that there are a number of things like this that I really think that we, as a Body, should be looking at to try to make this MWBE program function better, more efficiently and in a fairer way for all the people, all the women and minorities that want to be a part of it.

So I'm very, very happy to support it, and I do want to thank my colleague for helping it get across the --the finish line.

Thank you. I'll be in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Ms. Walsh in the affirmative.

Ms. Giglio to explain her vote.

MS. GIGLIO: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I'd also like to thank the sponsor for getting this across the finish line.

I have heard many times within my district of people trying to get recertified in the middle of construction contracts and basically telling the larger company that employs them on a specific project that their certification has expired and they're having difficulty renewing it. This is very much needed. And the presumption of innocence before proving somebody guilty and just decertifying them is definitely the way of New York. So I appreciate it for all the

minority- and women-owned businesses in the State of New York that utilize this program, and I'm sure that the contractors that are doing state's work and good work are appreciating -- appreciating it, also.

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll be in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Ms. Giglio in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02441, Rules Report No. 299, Hevesi, González-Rojas, Tapia, Rosenthal, Bichotte Hermelyn, Paulin, Clark, Gibbs, R. Carroll, Raga, Mamdani, Simone, Meeks, Simon, Forrest, Taylor, Seawright, Shrestha, Cruz, Gallagher, Walker, Burdick, O'Pharrow. An act to amend the Family Court Act, in relation to the confidentiality and expungement of records in juvenile delinquency cases in the family court.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02468, Rules Report No. 300, Dinowitz, Peoples-Stokes, Paulin, Rosenthal, Weprin, Colton, Hevesi, Cook, Stirpe, Steck, Lupardo, Santabarbara, Otis, Hunter, Barrett, Seawright, Taylor, Simon, Benedetto, Burdick, Epstein, González-Rojas, Cruz, Glick, Kelles, Gallagher, Sayegh, Ra, Smith, Brabenec, DeStefano, Kay, Alvarez, Reyes. An act to amend

the Public Service Law, in relation to creating the State Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02496, Rules Report No. 301, McDonald, Burdick, Simon, Hevesi, Glick, Woerner, DeStefano, Davila, Reyes, Bendett, Hyndman, Seawright. An act to amend the State Finance Law, in relation to preferred source status for entities that provide employment and services to certain persons.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02730-A, Rules Report No. 302, Barrett, Tapia, Glick, Levenberg, Stern, Conrad, DeStefano, Brabenec, Slater, Lunsford, Reyes, Woerner, Kassay, Colton. An act to amend the Labor Law, in relation to requiring contractors and subcontractors performing construction work for covered renewable energy systems to use apprenticeship agreements.

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.)

Mr. DiPietro to explain his vote.

MR. DIPIETRO: Thank you, Madam Speaker, just

quickly. I'm in the negative. While it's a good bill and it means well and I do -- I've been involved with apprentice programs, the one thing about this bill is it also covers subcontractors. And a lot of times in my district when you're working on a big project, some of the subcontractors are two- or three-man small businesses that come in for certain things, and I don't think it should be mandated of them to be into an apprenticeship program.

So for that reason I am -- and a few others, I'm gonna be in the negative. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. DiPietro in the negative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02734, Rules Report No. 303, Peoples-Stokes. An act to amend the Local Finance Law, in relation to facilitating the marketing of any issue of serial bonds or notes of the City of Buffalo issued on or before a certain date.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Home Rule Message is at the desk.

On a motion by Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, 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. A02739, Rules Report No. 304, Cruz. An act to amend the Real Property Law and the Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law, in relation to discharge of a mortgage.

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. A03038-B, Rules Report No. 305, Rosenthal, Davila, Kelles, Walker, Shimsky, Reyes, Burdick, Steck, Paulin, Otis, Hevesi, Taylor, Yeger, González-Rojas, Levenberg, Seawright, Alvarez. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to establishing a right of action for claims arising out of coerced debts.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid

aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03125-A, Rules Report No. 306, Rosenthal, Glick, Levenberg, Shimsky, Simon, Burdick, Jackson, Lucas. An act to amend the Real Property Law, in relation to the use of automated housing decision-making tools to make housing decisions.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03126-A, Rules Report No. 307, Lunsford, McDonald, P. Carroll, Glick, Griffin. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to requiring that when a complaint is made to local code enforcement of a violation of the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code or local building codes which results in the issuance of a compliance order, the complainant shall also be provided a copy of such order.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03516, Rules Report No. 308, Reyes, Bichotte Hermelyn, Chandler-Waterman, Cunningham, González-Rojas, Shimsky. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to enacting the "Keep Police Radio Public Act".

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03669, Rules Report

No. 309, Conrad, Berger, Buttenschon, McMahon, Lunsford, Schiavoni, Burdick, González-Rojas, McDonald, P. Carroll, Ramos, Shimsky, Seawright. An act to amend the Judiciary Law, in relation to requiring town and village courts compensate temporary interpreters for deaf or hard-of-hearing persons.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion by Mr. Conrad, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04390, Rules Report No. 310, P. Carroll. An act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to extending limitations on the shift between classes of taxable property in the Town of Orangetown, County of Rockland.

ACTING SPEAKER 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. 40 --

(Pause)

Ms. Walsh for the purposes of an introduction.

MS. WALSH: Thank you very much, Madam

Speaker.

So, earlier today I introduced all of you to some fourth graders who were visiting the Capitol. Now I would now like to introduce to you some 12th graders, some high school seniors, from the Ballston Spa High School who are students in the AP U.S. Government and Politics course, alongside their teachers Daniel Hornick and Rick Hengsterman. They're here -- many of them, I was glad to hear, had been to the Capitol before, but they're here today to watch us work a little bit and to have some questions answered. They always ask very good ones. And we're also honoring Mr. Hengsterman today as he retires from a distinguished teaching career including over 25 years with the Ballston Spa Central School District where he has taught U.S. History, Sociology and Economics.

I think that the -- the AP program, especially at Ballston Spa High School, is excellent and I think we're probably seeing some future leaders here today. They will certainly be better and more informed and engaged citizens. And I just was hoping, Madam Speaker, that you could please welcome them to the People's House and afford to them all the cordialities.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Ms. Walsh, the Speaker and all members, we welcome you scholars to the People's House and extend the privileges of the floor to you. Congratulations on your longstanding tenure as well. We hope you enjoy our proceedings. One day one of you or many of you may be

here in our Assembly Chamber, so hopefully you'll get a good civics lesson here today. Thank you so very much, all of you, for joining us today.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04490, Rules Report No. 311, Gray. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to extending the authorization granted to the County of St. Lawrence to impose an additional 1 percent of sales and compensating use taxes.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion by Mr. Gray, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home Rule Message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER 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. A04723, Rules Report No. 312, McDonald. An act to amend the State Finance Law, in relation to allowing for the donation of personal property of the State to certain not-for-profit organizations.

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. A04997, Rules Report No. 313, Glick, Burdick, Simon, Weprin, Levenberg, Romero, Reyes. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending certain provisions relating to the Department of Environmental Conservation's regulation of crabs, and to prohibiting the taking of horseshoe crabs for commercial and biomedical purposes.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05155, Rules Report No. 314, Stern, Pheffer Amato, Santabarbara, Rajkumar, Raga, Eachus, Simpson, Novakhov, Chang, Jones, Schiavoni, Griffin, Colton. An act to amend the Veterans' Services Law, in relation to veterans health care.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 60th 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. A05234, Rules Report No. 315, Jacobson, Shimsky, Dinowitz, Otis, Burdick, Paulin, Gibbs, Kim, Reyes, Levenberg, Lunsford, Bichotte Hermelyn, Shrestha, Romero. An act to amend the Election Law, in relation to eliminating the ability of judicial candidates for office who are enrolled in a particular party to automatically be allowed to run as a candidate in another party's primary election.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05345, Rules Report No. 316, Hunter, Taylor, Sayegh. An act to amend the Banking Law, in relation to enacting the Uniform Special Deposits Act.

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. A05370, Rules Report No. 317, Bologna. An act to amend the Town Law and the Public Officers Law, in relation to authorizing the building inspector in the Town of Pendleton, County of Niagara, to reside outside such town.

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.

Congratulations, Mr. Bologna, on your first bill.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05392-B, Rules Report No. 318, Rosenthal, Shimsky. An act to amend the Public Health Law, the Education Law and the Insurance Law, in relation to expanding the definition of epinephrine devices to include epinephrine nasal sprays.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05394-A, Rules Report No. 319, Levenberg. An act to amend Chapter 468 of the Laws of 2022, amending the Tax Law relating to authorizing the imposition of an occupancy tax in the Village of Briarcliff Manor, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER 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. A05434, Rules Report No. 320, Hevesi, Simon, Epstein, Forrest, González-Rojas, Colton. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to requiring the Office of Children and Family Services to provide luggage to youth in foster care.

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

advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 120th 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, as many of you know, in my previous work I worked with CPS and foster care as an Assistant County Attorney, and representing children that have to make that difficult move to a foster home or a -- a different foster care situation. And all too many times, I saw sometimes very young children, and it was very sad seeing them have to move their belongings from one place to the other in, you know, black garbage bags or just in boxes. And this program, it will have a cost to it. I think some -- some of us maybe in our districts, I know I had thought about doing some kind of a special community project to help provide luggage to kids in foster care. To have it formalized like this, it is -- it is gonna cost money for OC -- OCFS to do this. But, you know, I feel like in the -- in the grand scheme of things of a \$254 billion budget, I think that this amount of money is very well-spent and I think it'll do a lot to try to raise up kids that are going through a really tough time.

So I'm very happy to support it, and I want to thank

the sponsor for bringing it forward. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Ms. Walsh in the affirmative.

Mr. Hevesi to explain his vote.

MR. HEVESI: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you to my colleague for that. I really do appreciate it.

I rise to commend a young lady named Sophie Vachona. This was her idea. And Sophie has used her experience not only being homeless, but then as a foster care youth, to turn this idea into reality. It's about to pass both Houses, which means with one signature -- and it's a small amount of money; \$200,000 will provide 13,000 kids with the luggage they need.

So credit to Sophie, and thank you to all my colleagues for voting in the affirmative. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Hevesi in the affirmative.

Mr. Eachus -- Eachus to explain his vote.

MR. EACHUS: Thank you. And I want to thank the sponsor for it and the prior comments by my colleague on the other side. Having already stated that I had 13 foster brothers and sisters over my lifetime, it is absolutely true that many of them show up with their clothes and belongings in garbage bags and -- and just sometimes only in their hands. This will make them feel much more worthwhile. It will make them feel more at home. And of course it also will help with their organization, to some degree. So for this small amount of

money it is absolutely worth it.

Again, thank you, the sponsor, for having this and I appreciate it. I'm in the positive.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Eachus in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05480-C, Rules Report No. 321, Bronson, Simon, Simone, Reyes, Hevesi, Shimsky, Clark, González-Rojas, Lunsford, Levenberg, Epstein, Burroughs, Lasher, R. Carroll, Romero, Meeks, Shrestha, Gallagher, O'Pharrow, Forrest, Glick, Dinowitz, Rosenthal, Torres, McDonald, Seawright, Burdick, Steck, Ramos, McMahon, Magnarelli, Eachus. An act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules, the Education Law, the Public Health Law, the Judiciary Law, the Insurance Law, the General Business Law, the Criminal Procedure Law, the Executive Law, the Civil Rights Law and the Family Court Act, in relation to protecting individuals who provide or receive legally-protected health activity from criminal or civil liability or professional sanctions imposed by jurisdictions outside the State; and to repeal certain provisions of the Criminal Procedure Law and the Executive Law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion by Mr. Bronson, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05577-A, Rules Report No. 32, Miller. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to authorizing an occupancy tax in the County of Herkimer; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Home Rule  
Message is at the desk.

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. A05894-A, Rules Report No. 323, Berger. An act to amend the Workers' Compensation Law, in relation to defining mental health practitioners with diagnostic authority.

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.)

Mr. Berger to explain his vote.

MR. BERGER: Politics is a contact sport.

(Laughter)

I appreciate the dialogue and the willingness to work across the aisle. Thank you.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Berger in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05969-A, Rules Report No. 324, Jacobson, Eachus, Santabarbara, Shimsky, Shrestha. An act to amend the Public Service Law, in relation to permitting the rendering of an estimated bill from a utility corporation or municipality under certain circumstances.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion by Mr. Jacobson, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06029, Rules Report No. 325, Zaccaro, Hevesi, Cruz, Taylor, Lunsford, Davila, Smullen, Palmesano, Manktelow, Maher, Reyes, O'Pharrow. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to providing education and outreach programs related to home visiting programs.

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.)

Mr. Zaccaro to explain his vote.

MR. ZACCARO: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

As many of us here know, parenting can be an incredible, challenging journey, and even with all of the resources at our disposal. Unfortunately, many families in the communities I represent face significant hurdles that if left unaddressed can lead to dire consequences.

Home visiting programs are vital in supporting families and enhancing outcomes for children, especially those grappling with issues such as poverty, substance abuse or mental health challenges. These remarkable programs provide essential assistance to parents, empowering them to create healthier and safer environments for their children. Ultimately, they foster positive outcomes in child health, family stability, and school readiness. Moreover, home visiting programs present a compelling economic case. By investing in these initiatives, we can significantly reduce the costs associated with social welfare, mental health services and juvenile corrections. And this isn't just an investment in the well-being of our children, it's an investment in the economic future of our entire State. And by increasing access to home visiting programs, we affirm our commitment to one of our most important

responsibilities as public servants, and that is to take care of New York's children and their families.

And so, Madam Speaker, I proudly vote in the affirmative and I encourage my colleagues all to do the same. Thank you so much.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Mr. Zaccaro in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06483, Rules Report No. 326, Friend. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to extending the authorization of the County of Tioga to impose an additional 1 percent of sales and compensating use taxes.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion by Mr. Friend, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home Rule Message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER 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. A06558-A, Rules Report No. 327, Lunsford, Simon, Magnarelli, Steck, P. Carroll, Sayegh, Slater, Shimsky. An act to amend the Public Health Law and the Agriculture and Markets Law, in relation to requiring allergen labeling for prepackaged foods.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06561-A, Rules Report No. 328, Weprin, Meeks, Jacobson. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to including image-guided biopsies under certain insurance coverage for breast cancer screening.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06579, Rules Report No. 329, Stern, Griffin, Schiavoni. An act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to a real property tax exemption for property owned by certain persons performing active duty in a combat zone.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion Mr. Stern, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect January 2nd.

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06657, Rules Report No. 330, P. Carroll. An act in relation to authorizing the Thiells-Roseville Fire District to file an application for exemption from school taxes and real property taxes.

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06741-A, Rules Report No. 331, Simone. An act to amend the Election Law, in relation to requiring state and county boards of elections to post sample ballots.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06918-A, Rules Report No. 332, was previously amended on Third Reading and is high.

Assembly No. A06930, Rules Report No. 333, Burdick, Seawright, Colton, Rosenthal, Otis. An act to amend the Environment Conservation Law, in relation to prohibiting the application of pesticides to certain local freshwater wetlands.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside -- on a motion by Mr. Burdick, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07053-A, Rules Report No. 334, Bichotte Hermelyn, Colton, O'Pharrow, Davila, Griffin. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to scholarships for academic excellence.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect July 1, 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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07250, Rules Report No. 335, Sempolinski. An act to amend the Town Law and Public Officers Law, in relation to authorizing the town justice of the town of Rushford, county of Allegany, to be nonresident of such town.

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

Congratulations, Mr. Sempolinski, on your first bill.

(Applause).

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07312, Rules Report No. 336, Woerner. An act authorizing the Commissioner of General Services to transfer and convey certain lands in the Town of Wilton, County of Saratoga, to the Veterans and Community Housing Coalition; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration 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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07325, Rules Report

No. 337, Paulin, Woerner, Shimsky. An act to amend Section 4 of part C of Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2024, amending the Education Law relating to removing the exemption for school psychologists to render early intervention services, 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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07377, Rules Report No. 338, Stirpe. An act to amend the Canal Law, in relation to establishing a stakeholder group to coordinate water release in the Oswego river basin.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07427, Rules Report No. 339, Romero. An act to amend Chapter 670 of the Laws of 2024

relating to authorizing the lease of certain lands for the Albany NanoTech Complex, in relation to prohibiting the State University of New York from contracting out certain services.

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07580, Rules Report No. 340, Kay. An act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, in relation to providing for a license to sell liquor at retail for consumption on certain premises.

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07618-A, Rules Report No. 341, Lee, Dinowitz, Bichotte, Hermelyn. An act to amend the Election Law, in relation to requiring the board of elections in a city with a population of one million or more to provide certain notices prior to a change of polling place.

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07634, Rules Report No. 342, McDonald, Woerner, Walsh. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to hotel and motel taxes in Saratoga County and the City of Saratoga Springs.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Home Rule Message is at the desk.

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07749, Rules Report No. 343, Kim. An act to amend the Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Law, in relation to establishing standards for trail closures on the Empire State Trail.

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 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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07797, Rules Report No. 344, Romero. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to the imposition of sales and compensating use taxes by the county of Albany.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion by Ms. Romero, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Home Rule Message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

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

(The Clerk announced the result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07804, Rules Report No. 345, Walker, Jacobson. An act to amend the Election Law, in relation to changing party enrollment of voters where the enrolled party contained the word "Independence" or "Independent".

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

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07814, Rules Report No. 346, Rosenthal. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in

relation to prohibiting gifts or other incentives for the purchase of oral nicotine pouches.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07839, Rules Report, No. 347, Fitzpatrick. An act to amend Chapter 19 of the Laws of 1964, relating to incorporating the Nesconset Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association, and providing for its powers and duties, in relation to the purpose of such association and the use of foreign fire insurance premium taxes.

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07907, Rules Report No. 348, Seawright, Griffin, Zinerman. An act to amend the Elder Law, in relation to the provision of expanded non-medical in-home services, noninstitutional respite services, case management services, and ancillary services without a prescription or physician's order; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: The Clerk will read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: The Clerk will read -- will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07929-A, Rules Report No. 349, Cruz, Fall, Rivera, Lunsford, Meeks, Forrest, Jackson, Clark, González-Rojas, Epstein, Zinerman, Gallagher, Rosenthal. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to prohibiting food stores and retail establishments from refusing to accept payment in cash.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER TAYLOR: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

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

(The Clerk announced the result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08052, Rules Report No. 350, Lavine, Colton, Glick, Sayegh, Seawright, Taylor, Vanel, Stirpe, Woerner, Shrestha. An act to amend the Public Health Law and the Insurance Law, in relation to health care professional applications and terminations.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08090, Rules Report No. 351, Seawright, Zinerman, Griffin. An act to amend the Elder Law, in relation to requiring the Commissioner of Health to produce a report on the utilization and activity of the elderly pharmaceutical insurance coverage 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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08116-A, Rules Report No. 352, Magnarelli. An act to amend the Public Authorities Law, in relation to the powers of the Syracuse Regional Airport Authority.

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08254, Rules Report No. 353, Jackson. An act to amend the Executive Law and the Mental Hygiene Law, in relation to training police officers on how to respond to situations involving individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion by Ms. Jackson, 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, Madam Speaker.

So, we already, as a Legislature, have mandated training for the police to learn better how to interact with individuals who have autism spectrum disorder or developmental disabilities. What this bill does is it adds specifically mandated training as far as how and when to apply force and how to deescalate situations involving people with autism spectrum disorders or individual developmental disabilities. And I think that that is a really good idea.

As the parent of a now 32 year old, even something as -- as we would consider relatively minor as a traffic stop, is very anxiety-producing as a parent and I've heard other members talk about having to talk to their kids about what to do if they are pulled over, or if they are -- are interacting with law enforcement. And that's something that -- those of us who have kids on the spectrum also deal with. We have to -- we have to really preset and really educate through it. So, I think to have members of law enforcement that are also going to be given some pointers on what to do and kind of what not to do, or what will make things escalated and what may potentially deescalate, I think it's a really good thing. So, I'm very happy to support this bill. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Ms. Walsh in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08273, Rules Report No. 354, Shrestha. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to authorizing the Town of Gardiner to impose a hotel and motel tax; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Home Rule  
Message is at the desk.

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08277, Rules Report No. 355, Jones. An act to amend Chapter 643 of the Laws of 2019 amending the Local Finance Law, relating to establishing an electronic open auction bond sale pilot program, 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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08279, Rules Report No. 356, Kassay. An act relating to permitting the Setauket Fire District and Stony Brook Fire District to enter into contracts with the State University of New York at Stony Brook for property, services, and other consideration.

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08348, Rules Report No. 357, Levenberg. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to authorizing the Village of Croton-on-Hudson to impose a hotel and motel tax; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Home Rule

Message is at the desk.

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08363, Rules Report No. 358, Levenberg. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to technical changes; and to amend Chapter 433 of the Laws of 2022 amending the Tax Law relating to permitting the Village of Cold Spring to impose a hotel and motel tax, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

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

Home Rule Message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08399, Rules Report No. 359, Magnarelli. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to the solicitation of donations on state highways.

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08416, Rules Report No. 360, Burke. An act to amend the Local Finance Law, in relation to the sale of bonds and notes of the City of New York, the issuance of bonds or notes with variable rates of interest, interest rate exchange agreements of the City of New York, the selling of bonds at private sale, the refunding of bonds, and the down payment for projects financed by bonds; to amend the New York State Financial Emergency Act for the City of New York, in relation to a pledge and agreement of the State; and to amend Chapter 142 of the Laws of 2004, amending the Local Finance Law relating to interest rate exchange agreements of the City of New York and refunding bonds of

such city, 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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08417, Rules Report No. 361, Pheffer Amato, Griffin, Otis. An act to amend [sic] part B of Chapter 104 of the Laws of 2005 enacting the September 11th Worker Protection Task Force Act, in relation to extending the effectiveness of the provisions of such act.

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08465, Rules Report

No. 362, Otis, Burdick, Sayegh, Colton, Shimsky, Jacobson. An act to amend the Labor Law, in relation to prevailing wage for those involved in the hauling of concrete and asphalt.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill's laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08486, Rules Report No. 363, Wright. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to mange bluefish.

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.)

Mr. DiPietro to explain his vote.

MR. DIPIETRO: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

While this bill has great expectations, it just falls a little bit short. Sort of like the Democrat softball team last night. I'll be voting in the negative.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. DiPietro in the negative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the result.)

The bill is passed.

Congratulations, Mr. Wright, on your first bill.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08487, Rules Report No. 364, Raga. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to manage the American shad.

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08591, Rules Report No. 365, Schiavoni. An act to amend Chapter 387 of the Laws of 2013 relating to including the trustees of the Freeholders and Commonalty of the Town of Southampton, trustees of the Freeholders and Commonalty of the Town of East Hampton and the trustees of Freeholders and Commonalty of the Town of Southold as municipal corporations for the purposes of section 72-h of the General Municipal Law, in relation to extending the expiration of such provisions.

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08596, Rules Report No. 366, Glick. An act to amend Chapter 550 of the Laws of 2013 amending the Environmental Conservation Law relating to establishing the Mercury Thermostat Collection Act, 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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08597, Rules Report No. 367, Stirpe. An act to amend Chapter 230 of the Laws of 2023, amending the Environmental Conservation Law relating to big game

hunting authorization for the County of Onondaga, 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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08654, Rules Report No. 368, Glick. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to manage the American eel.

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08656, Rules Report

No. 369, Kay. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to manage hickory shad.

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08658, Rules Report No. 370, Kassay. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to manage alewife.

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 result.)

The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes for the purposes of an introduction.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for the opportunity to interrupt our proceedings briefly to introduce a guest that's in our Chambers. Actually, it's a former member, Assemblymember Jack McEneny, and his granddaughter, Madeleine, are here with us today. And Jack is taking -- I'm sorry, the Assemblymember is taking his granddaughter on a tour of the Capitol and no one gives a better tour of this Capitol than Jack McEneny. So, his granddaughter is in a super great place.

And so, I just would like for you to welcome him back to our Chambers and give him the cordialities of the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you back to the Assembly Chamber. As you know, once a member, always a member and extending the privileges of the floor to you. I don't know if you're gonna be over there giving tours, but maybe some folks will want to bend your ear and get some of the super secrets in the Capitol. So, welcome back to you and your granddaughter. It's always a pleasure to see you. Thank you for joining us today.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08661, Rules Report No. 371, Schiavoni. An act to amend Chapter 366 of the Laws of 2011 amending the Environmental Conservation Law relating to youth

pheasant hunting days on Long Island, 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 result.)

The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, can we now turn our attention to page 3 and take up our resolutions today, on which some of our members may have -- want to speak on it.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 611, Ms. Hunter.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 9, 2025, as Military Spouse Appreciation Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Military Spouse Appreciation Day.

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. 612, Mr. Sayegh.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 21, 2025, as Telepractice Awareness Day 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. 613, Mr. O'Pharrow.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 22, 2025, as Maritime Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Maritime Day.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. O'Pharrow on the resolution.

MR. O'PHARROW: Thank you, Madam Speaker, colleagues, and guests. I'm gonna try to be brief, I know we're all trying to get up out of here.

I'm proud to join in recognizing May 22nd as Maritime Day here in New York, in line with our national observance. Today holds a real meaning, not just in honoring Maritime Day, but the industry in -- in totality. But in remembering the people behind it, from the historic voyage of the Steamship Savannah in 1819, the

incredible bravery of over 250,000 merch-marinas -- mariners, who served in World War II, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice with their life. Our maritime history is deeply tied to our nation's strength and resilience.

Even today, our waterways remain a vital part of our economy. Merchant mariners help move goods safely across the globe, support domestic trade and keep our ports safe, including those here in New York; running strong because their work is not always in a spotlight, but it is absolutely essential.

So today, I want to thank you personally, all the mariners, to say, we all thank you. And even every tugboat, every port worker who keeps our industry going, your service, in both times of peace and conflict, does not go unnoticed. And it's our honor to officially recognize your contributions. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Mr. Chang on the resolution.

MR. CHANG: Yes. I'd like to thank the sponsor here.

I'm a graduate from SUNY Maritime College. I guess, I'm the only one in this Body who graduated from that school, and as a 24-year -- as a Naval Officer. So that's lend credence on Maritime. And I've been in the industry, in -- in the global logistics and my main specialty is -- is ocean freights. So -- so, the industry -- I've traveled all over the world -- is also in maritime trading. New York City was once a maritime port city that started this -- this

country as well.

So, as this industry is decreasing in -- in New York and going to other -- other states, but we have to -- we have to make sure that our maritime business is maintained as well. It's a old industry. Its -- its history based in Greeks time about maritime trade. And I'm thankful for -- for the sponsor of reminding the maritime trade.

And some more history, too. Albany is based on -- on every canal that linked trade to Canada. So, it's a maritime trade itself, so we can't forget about this history or -- or it wouldn't be Albany as it is today.

And thank you to the sponsor for this -- for this resolution. 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. 614, Mr. Jones.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 23, 2025, as Poppy Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observation of National Poppy Day.

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. 615, Mr. Eachus.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 28, 2025, as Senior Health & Fitness Day 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. 616, Mr. Epstein.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 31, 2025, as No Tobacco Day 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. 617, Mr. Cunningham.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 28, 2025, as Blood Cancer Day 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. 618, Mr.

Stern.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2025, as Military Appreciation 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. 619, Ms. Lee.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2025, as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Ms. Lee on the resolution.

MS. LEE: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Today I rise to honor and celebrate AAPI Heritage Month, a time to recognize the contributions that AAPI communities have made to New York and to our country. From the workers who laid track on the Transcontinental Railroad, building the very foundation of our nation's infrastructure, to the small businessowners who open their doors early and close them late, who are the heart of neighborhoods across our State. From scientists, doctors, artists, and teachers, to labor organizers, nonprofit leaders and public servants. And yes, to those who stand in chambers like this; elected to serve our communities with pride and purpose.

Asian Americans have been part of the American story for generations. But we also know that story includes struggle; the fight to be recognized, to be counted and to belong. We remember Wong Kim Ark, who took his case all the way to the Supreme Court to affirm a truth that should never have been questioned; that children born in this country, regardless of their parents' nationality, are citizens of the United States. His case laid the foundation for birthright citizenship, a cornerstone of who we are as a country.

We remember Fred Korematsu, who bravely resisted the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II, fighting against the injustice of the Alien Enemies Act, the very same law that is still being invoked today to detain and dehumanize immigrants.

In these turbulent times when civil rights are under attack and communities face scapegoating and violence, we must draw strength from our history and from each other. Today's resolution is not just symbolic. It is a message to our neighbors, to our children, and to ourselves, that we are proud New Yorkers. We are not guests in this House. We are builders of it. We belong here. So, let this month be a celebration and a call to action. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Mr. Chang on the resolution.

MR. CHANG: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you for the sponsor for this bill, recognition of the Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

A hundred years ago, my father came to this country. And -- and I was born in Chinatown in the '60s. I'm the product of the Chinese Exclusionary Act [sic], when it was lifted in 1943, during the height of World War II when they needed soldiers. And with that uplift with that Act, it -- at that time it was terrible. That only 105 Chinese could able immigrant per year, 105. Terrible.

So -- and then further on, in late '50s and "60s when the Act was finally -- totally lifted, then it allows my father to -- to travel back to China to -- to marry my mother. And then that's how I was created. Because of that atrocity, we learned our lessons. But, certainly, there's more lessons to be learned. Not necessarily Chinese, but other -- other ethnic discriminations still -- still exist.

But anyway, is -- the Asian is a growing population right now. Growing into double digits or triple digits year and year -- year in and year out. And we're growing in influence in both politically, financially and economically. But, I recognize that this State has been very broad and very encompassing for our heritage.

And thank you for -- for the sponsor for this recognition of this bill. Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Mr. Dais on the resolution.

MR. DAIS: I'd like to thank the sponsor for this bill, Member Lee, on the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage.

Part of the reason why I'm standing up, you might look at me, might not know, but I grew up what I call infusion

household. My brother and I have different mothers but we were raised by my father and my mother. But my brother is a quarter Japanese. His mother was born in Japan. His grandmother was born in Japan. She just passed away, actually, last year. She married a Black Marine in -- in Japan, who was -- served in World War II. And, so, my entire life I've always -- I've been blessed to have the experience of the Japanese culture within my own household. And my nephews, to this day, also had that experience. And my youngest nephew was able to go to Japan for the first time last year to meet family and -- the family in Japan.

And there's also a tie between the Asian community and the Black community, specifically when it comes to civil rights. As mentioned before, we had *Tape v. Hurley*, *Lum v -- Lum v. Rice* which were predecessing cases that led to *Brown v. Ed* -- Ed verse Brown -- I'm sorry, *Brown v. Board of Ed*, which led to the desegregation of schools in the South. Because there was two cases, one in Mississippi and one in California, which the court -- the state courts basically allowed segregation amongst equal -- separate but equal. And so if not for those cases, we might not have been able to build up the legal caseload so that we could overturn segregation in courts. And I think it's important that we continue to have a -- a merge of consciousness and understanding between the Asian and Black communities, that there's always been this attachment. And I want to make sure we can continue to work on that. Especially with economics, education cannot fight against (indiscernible) work

together.

I'm part of that -- happy to be part of the AAPI conference this week, and I hope it's going to be a -- a great success. And I'll be voting in the affirmative for this resolution. 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. 620, Ms. Lunsford.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 5-11-- October 5-11, 2025, as Banned Books 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. 621, Ms. Pheffer Amato.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 15, 2025, as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day 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. 622, Mr. Brabenec.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2025, as German-American Heritage 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. 623, Mr. DeStefano.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim October 2025, as Pet Rescue 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.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

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

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: We do have a few pieces of housekeeping.

On a motion by Ms. Paulin, page 13, Calendar No. 68, Bill No. A-06773, the amendments are received and adopted.

Without objection, on a motion by Mr. Burdick, to reconsider the substitution of Senate Bill No. 2706-A for Assembly Bill No. A04725-A, said Senate Bill is recommitted to the Committee of Codes, and said Senate Bill is restored to its place in order of Third

Reading.

On a motion by Mr. Burdick, the amendments are received and adopted.

A resolution by Ms. González-Rojas, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 626, Ms. González-Rojas.

Legislative Resolution commemorating the 33rd anniversary of Queens LGBTQ Pride -- Pride Parade on June 1, 2025.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Ms. González-Rojas on the resolution.

MS. GONZÁLEZ-ROJAS: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise today with deep pride to sponsor a resolution recognizing the 33rd anniversary of the Queens Pride Parade taking place this Sunday, June 1st, in Jackson Heights; a neighborhood I am deeply proud to represent.

I am grateful for the vision of the founders, former Council member Danny Dromm and Maritza Martinez, that has made this powerful and anticipated annual celebration such a wonderful event.

This year I have the tremendous honor as serving as one of the Grand Marshals alongside by colleague Assemblymember Cruz and the extraordinary Andry José Hernández Romero. Andry's name may already be familiar to some of you. He's the honorary

Grand Marshal of this year's parade and a courageous gay, asylum seeker, artist and advocate whose story has sparked a national movement for justice. Andry fled Venezuela in 2024 to escape brutal anti-LGBT persecution under the Maduro régime. But instead of finding refuge here, he was wrongfully detained and deported by the Trump Administration to El Salvador's mega prison, all based on a misunderstanding around tattoos that actually symbolize his family and culture. But now, from behind bars, Andry continues to represent the very spirit of pride. Living authentically, demanding dignity and refusing to be erased.

As we gather in Jackson Heights, a birthplace of the LGBTQ organizing and immigrant justice in Queens, we do so not just in celebration, but in solidarity. Because the fight for LGBTQ liberation and the fight for immigrant justice are one in the same. As we march, we carry Andry's name. We amplify his voice. We recommit ourselves to ensuring that no LGBTQ asylum seeker is ever abandoned or forgotten. 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.

We have a number of additional 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. 624-627 were unanimously approved.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, I would like for you to please call on our colleague, Mary Beth Walsh. As you know, that last evening there was a very spirited competition that happened. And she has a -- in fact, it happened with some injury. Some people were playing and playing hard. But Miss -- my colleague has something to offer to -- would you please acknowledge her?

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Ms. Walsh.

MS. WALSH: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you, Majority Leader.

Yes. So, we have just spent a very long day passing an awful lot of bills and we know that over the next nine or so days, we're gonna be doing a lot more of that. So, it was fun last night to get a chance to have a fun softball game, a little competition between the two sides of the -- the aisle here. And I was meeting with a group of kids earlier today and I said, you know, I want you to know something that, you know, if you turn on the news sometimes, you'd think that Democrats and Republicans are just out to kill each other every day, you know? And -- and you might get that sense. But I said, you know, sometimes we can really have a good time. And I think last night was one of those times. And there were injuries, I'm

not gonna lie. There -- there's some very sore people here today. And thank God there was one injury that didn't turn out to be as bad as we had originally feared. But there's a lot of people with bad knees that are suffering today. I myself am feeling all right because I only played a half of an inning, so that was good. But after our last year's stinging loss to Carl's Crushers, I'm happy to report to all of you who did not know, although we've tried to make everyone know it, that this year, Barclay's Bombers did prevail by a score of 14 to 10. And more importantly -- most importantly, we were able to raise collectively \$10,000 for the Food Pantry for the Capital District.

(Applause)

Which was really amazing. So, I just wanted to say that, I know that we are strictly prohibited from using really any props in the Chamber, so if you happen to notice anything that's to the left of me, it's -- it's nothing, really. But -- but we -- we will be happy to celebrate that for -- until next year so -- when we have our third annual. I think it's great -- it's a great new tradition that we started. And I'm just really glad to have had an opportunity. We're not gloating. We think that it's really -- it's really just about just a little fun competition and a chance to blow off a little steam during kind of a stressful time of the year for us and all for a great cause.

So thanks for giving me an opportunity to just report the facts. Just -- just only the facts about what was really a fun night. So, thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you. And

congratulations to you.

(Applause)

I, too, share in some of your pain as well.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, I -- I  
don't see anything to the left of her --

(Laughter)

I will now move that the Assembly stand adjourned  
until Friday, May the 30th, tomorrow being a Legislative Day and that  
we reconvene at 11:00 a.m., June the 4th, Monday being a Session  
day -- Wednesday being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

On Mrs. Peoples-Stokes' motion, the House stands  
adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 4:01 p.m., the House stood adjourned  
until Wednesday, June 4th at 11:00 a.m., that being a Session day.)