

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

2:32 P.M.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come to order.

The Reverend Elia will offer a prayer.

REVEREND DONNA ELIA: Let us pray. God of the ages, our times are in Your hands. Thank You for this sacred moment in which we pause to praise You. Help us to appreciate the beauty of the Earth and of one another. Bless this Body and each person gathered here. When the workload becomes heavy, give them a way to ease the burden. When they disagree, help them to find a way forward. Renew their commitment to working for the well-being of our communities and our State. And thank You for each staff member, seen or unseen, whose work undergirds the work of this Assembly.

On this day, O God, we are especially grateful for women veterans. We honor their sacrifice. Bless them and their families. Thank You for military women whose pioneering work has made it possible for other women to serve. Thank You for their diligent and faithful service, and for the many ways they are role models for other women. Empower young girls to see new possibility because of them. Holy One of Peace, help us to make peace and to do justice and bring about the day when violence and war will cease. Amen.

MEMBERS: Amen.

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

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

A quorum being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of Sunday, June 2nd.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Without objection, so ordered.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for an opportunity to --

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: One minute, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, your mic is not picking up.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: It's not on? It is -- it's lit up. Is it working?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: It's not working. I believe you need to use Ms. Weinstein's. Thank you.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Okay. Is that better? Awesome. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker, for an opportunity to share a quote today with colleagues. I -- I do want to acknowledge that I had prepared a different quote, but upon greeting Mr. Goodell this morning, he shared with me something that he had on his desk. I thought it was very significant and, quite frankly, we've even heard much about this exact same thing just from our prayer today. So, this quote is from a thought leader and a fighter of peace, for peace and justice, Mr. Gandhi. It is, "Be truthful, gentle and fearless." Awesome quote for today, Mr. Speaker, particularly as we honor women veterans.

So members should also be aware that they have on their desk a main Calendar with 112 new bills, beginning with Calendars No. 465 on page 4. And after any introductions and housekeeping, we will take up resolutions by on page 3, including one by Ms. Hunter in commemoration of Women's Veterans Day. Our principal work of today, Mr. Speaker, will be to continue consent on bills that were left off from last week, beginning with Calendar No. 426 on page 52. We will also take up other bills on debate from the

main Calendar. This includes Calendar No. 456 by Ms. Hunter in association with Women's Veterans Day. Members should also be aware that there will be Committees called off the floor. They are Aging, Consumer Affairs, Higher Ed and Social Services.

That is a general outline, Mr. Speaker. If there are introductions and housekeeping, now would be a perfect time.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Housekeeping first, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

On a motion by Ms. Jaffee, page 4, Calendar No. 469, Bill No. A00413, amendments are received and adopted.

On a motion by Mr. Crespo, page 27, Calendar No. 66, Bill No. A04508, amendments are received and adopted.

On a motion by Mr. Braunstein, page 37, Calendar No. 215, Bill No. A00420, the amendments are received and adopted.

On a motion by Ms. Rosenthal, page 49, Calendar No. 377, Bill No. A00837, amendments are received and adopted.

For the purposes of a [sic] introduction, Ms. Hunter.

MS. HUNTER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the only women veteran, U.S. Army, serving in the New York State Legislature and the Chair of the Subcommittee on Women's Veterans, let me welcome all the women veterans who have joined us today in Albany for this special event in the New York State Assembly Chamber. Also, let me give a shout-out to the five veteran service organizations who had displays on the third floor of the Legislative Office Building that are devoted to helping and encouraging women

veterans of all ages and eras, wartime or peace, and their families.

As part of today's Chamber activities related to the special day, the Assembly will be adopting a Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Cuomo to proclaim June 12th as Women Veterans' Recognition Day in the State of New York. We also will be taking up legislation to update the duties of the women's veterans Coordinator at the New York State Division of Veterans' Services.

This is the 25th annual event of honoring women veterans. It serves as a reminder to those here in the Chamber, elected members and staff, and those watching and listening, of the tremendous contributions these women have made defending and supporting our nation and State in time of peace and war. Today, we are joined in the Chamber by numerous women from around the State. These women have served in the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, National Guard units, as well as Reserve units. We have women who have served in Afghanistan and Iraq. Many of these women are working on veterans' issues.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you welcome these women today, that you extend to them the privileges of the floor and give these special veterans a very warm welcome to the People's House today.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Hunter, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly, to the People's House, extend to you the privileges of the floor and our undying gratitude for the

service that you have provided this country and other women. Thank you so very much. Continue that great work. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Ramos for a [sic] introduction.

MR. RAMOS: Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purpose of an introduction. In a little while, we're going to be voting on a resolution declaring August 6th Salvadorian Day in New York State. The Salvadorian community in -- on Long Island started to immigrate around -- en masse around the 1980s after the ravages of war in Central -- in Central America and in their country. And in the short time that they have been in our area, they have -- that community has evolved into a community that's in mainstream and all -- all facets of society. They are -- we actually have two Salvadorian-elected officials in our area and really -- I'm very proud to see how this community has worked hard, they're part of fighting for many things for our community. They're good partners for an elected official to have because they're up here all the time fighting for the things that are important to our community.

With us today we have -- I actually have the -- the Consulate of El Salvador in my district, and I have the Consul General Miguel Alas and Ana Ruth Morales with -- with him. We have several business owners, Oscar Vaiay (phonetic), Carolina Affaro (phonetic), Paris Maravilla (phonetic), Kimberely Maravilla (phonetic). We have from Latinos TV Cairo Zuliaga (phonetic), and we have from Treguna TV Oscar Luna (phonetic). We have from the

Felion Youth Alternative, Jose Lenos (phonetic). We have from Alianza Tepeaca (phonetic), two ladies who are fighting for driver's license for all, for the -- were out there with the DREAM Act for many of the things important to our community, Maria Rivera (phonetic) and Isabel Escobar (phonetic). We have with us Pastor Jose Scians (phonetic), and we have from Fundacion Hulagal (phonetic), Jose Garcia (phonetic), Umberto Enriques (phonetic) and Walter Lobos (phonetic).

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to please give this wonderful group a warm welcome and please extend them all the privileges of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Ramos -- Ramos, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome this Consul General, yourself, and all these distinguished members from the San Salvador community. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. We hope that you will enjoy this trip to Albany and that you will benefit from your time here, as we will benefit from you sharing those experiences. Thank you so very much, and we're very proud of you. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Palumbo for an introduction.

MR. PALUMBO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to interrupt the proceedings for the purposes of an introduction. I'm honored to be joined today with a -- by a group of individuals, Lorraine Zito, Molly Druck, Jennifer Wheaton, Benjamin

Wheaton and little Annabella Wheaton, as well as Emily Fialkowski, who are here today, they're in the Chamber for the first time advocating for some issues that are important to them. And specifically with -- with regard to Emily -- you can wave Emily, there she is. I've known Emily for many years. She is one of our best Legal Aid attorneys representing people in the courts every day on the East End of Long Island in my district, as well as Mr. Thiele's district. And she's also an advocate for women's issues. She is on the Board of Directors for Soundview Pregnancy Services, which is -- basically focuses on all of women's health issues, including pregnancy testing, ultrasound, abortion education, parenting and adoption education, coaching and emotional support, medical and community referrals, sexual health education and material assistance to women in general. So, we do have a very staunch advocate for many -- for many different areas of life, but if you would please be so kind as to welcome all these individuals to the floor, extend to them the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Palumbo, Mr. Thiele, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly, the People's House. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. Thank you for the work that you're doing in your communities to make it better for all of us. Thank you so very much. Continue that great work.

(Applause)

Ms. Seawright for an introduction.

MS. SEAWRIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to interrupt the proceedings for the purpose of an introduction. I have with me here today a very special friend and mentor, Carol Jenkins, the Co-President and CEO of the Equal Rights Amendment Coalition and the Fund for Women's Equality, dedicated to the passage of both the State and Federal ERA. She's a writer, a media analyst, a commentator, an Emmy Award winning journalist. She was nominated for an Emmy on her coverage of the release of Nelson Mandela after 27 years in prison. She sits on the Board of The Feminist Press, the oldest feminist book publisher in existence, housed at the City University of New York, the African Medical Research Foundation Board of Directors, and for 23 years she was a co-anchor of WNBC TV, the 6 p.m. News. She hosted her own daily TV show, *Carol Jenkins Live*, on WNYW TV. She's appeared in *The Nation*, *Huffington Post*, *Television Week*. She is the co-author, along with her daughter, Elizabeth Hines, of the Best Non-fiction Book from the American Library Association Black Congress, it received an award, on her uncle, *A. G. Gaston: The Making of an African-American Millionaire*, which is a fabulous biography. She is the founding President of the Women's Media Center, fighting sexism and exclusion of women in the media, which was founded in Gloria Steinem's living room.

So, Mr. Speaker, I'm honored and privileged to have her here today and I ask that you please extend her the privileges and courtesies of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Seawright, the Speaker and all the members, Ms. Jenkins, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly, extend to you the privileges of the floor. Our congratulations on an extraordinary career, hoping that you will continue all that great work and make this world a better place. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

Mr. Pheffer Amato.

MS. PHEFFER AMATO: Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. I'm honored here today to rise to introduce to the Chamber Ricky Byrd. Ricky Byrd is being honored tonight at the Italian-American Legislators Annual Festa Italiano, but I'm proud today he's here as my constituent. Ricky Byrd is a part of rock and roll royalty. He is a well-recognized musician who was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as a lead guitarist and former original member of Joan Jett & The Blackhearts, which personally was my high school theme song was "I Love Rock & Roll," which many of us certainly know that we've all rocked out to.

Ricky has been combining his love of music with the passion and mission to change the stigma surrounding drug and alcohol use. He hopes to break down the barriers and spread the message of hope, education and awareness and addiction resources to his audiences. Ricky Byrd uses the healing powers of music to motivate those early in recovery or still struggling, along with their family members, whether it's through his -- the various speaking

appearances, concert events, music outreach, sessions, small recovery music groups or preventive programs. I'm honored here today to introduce him to this Assembly. He's adjointed -- he's joined with his wife, Carol, and his daughter, Francesca.

Mr. Speaker, I would appreciate with all the good rock and roll in your voice to welcome Ricky Byrd to our Chambers today.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Pheffer Amato, the Speaker and all the members, Ricky, welcome to the New York State Assembly. We are so pleased and happy that you have joined us, honored that you have accepted the honor from the Italian-American legislators this evening. I hope you have a great time. Continue that great work. It'll make a difference. And we love rock and roll. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes for an introduction.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am so excited to have the opportunity to introduce the DenDekker family. Our own colleague has his wife with him, Angela; his daughter, Linda; Linda's wife, Nikki; and his grandson, Vinny. So, Mr. Speaker, if you can please welcome the DenDekker family to our Chambers [sic].

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, the Speaker and all the members, we -- you are family, welcome the DenDekker family here to the New York

State Assembly. We extend to you guys the privileges of the floor. Congratulations on all that you have accomplished. And we still have to put up with Michael on a daily basis. But, we'll forgive you anyway. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, if you would please call the Social Services Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Social Services, Speaker's Conference Room immediately.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: And then, Mr. Speaker, if we could go to resolutions on page 3, which we will have, of course, the Chair of our Women's Veterans Committee and the Chair of the Veterans Committee, both to speak on Hunter No. 473.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read No. 472, Mr. Bronson.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 472, Mr. Bronson.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 2019, as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in the State of New York.

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

adopted.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 473, Ms. Hunter.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim Wednesday, June 12th, 2019, as Women's Veterans Recognition Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Hunter on the resolution.

MS. HUNTER: Today we are holding our annual Women's Veterans Recognition Day celebration to honor and pay tribute to the sometimes forgotten veterans who have served our country and State with honor and dignity since the beginnings of this nation. Women veterans are the unsung heroes in our long military history. Women veterans have served our nation with honor since the Revolutionary War and every war and conflict since that time. Now, women are able to compete for assignments in all military occupational specialties and positions. They comprise about 20 percent of active duty members of the Armed Forces, Reserves and National Guard, and 10 percent of the veterans population, making them one of the fastest-growing sub populations of veterans and members of the military.

I stand here today in this Chamber as a proud U.S. Army veteran and Chair of the Subcommittee on Women's Veterans here in the New York State Assembly. It is important to recognize the contributions of New York women veterans, and educate the people of

New York concerning the role of women in the United States Armed Forces. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: And Mrs. Barrett on the same resolution.

MRS. BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, on the resolution. As the first woman to Chair the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs, it's truly my honor to stand before you today as the Assembly takes time to celebrate our women veterans, a group that is too often both unsung and undersupported. Women have formally been part of the United States Armed Forces since the inception of the Army Nurse Corps in 1901. I would point out that was before women could actually vote. But women have informally been part of the nation's military for -- since its inception, sometimes dressed and disguised as men.

We have heard some of the stories of courageous women who have served in battle, such as 16-year-old Sybil Ludington, who rode her horse, just like Paul Revere, who you probably have heard of, to alert the militia of the oncoming British troops right here in the Hudson Valley in New York. Or Molly Pitcher, who carried water to the soldiers during the Battle of Monmouth. Or Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, an MD from Oswego, who volunteered with the Union Army during the Civil War and received the Medal of Honor in November of 1865 from President Andrew Johnson.

These are just a few examples of women who

volunteered to serve our nation, even before being formally granted a permanent place in the Army, the Navy, the Air Force and the Marines. It was, in fact, Harry Truman, President Harry Truman, who took the action to change this by signing legislation on June 12th, 1948 to form the Women's Armed Forces -- to create the Women's Armed Forces Services Act of 1948. That proud tradition of women in the service continues to this day.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to speak on this important resolution as we recognize the past, present and future for veterans in the State of New York. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: You're welcome.

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

(Applause)

No. 474, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 474, Mr. Ra.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 3, 2019, as Italian-American Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Ra on the resolution.

MR. RA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Vice President of the New York State Conference of Italian-American State Legislators, I'm very proud along with all of my colleagues in that

organization to put forward this resolution declaring today as Italian-American Day in the State of New York. Earlier this afternoon we recognized a number of honorees, one of which who was introduced earlier, and we've had various guests throughout the day who -- who may be visiting us. And then tonight, and I hope many of you will join us for our Festa, I know Mr. Santabarbara is anxiously awaiting defending his bocce championship. But it really is just a great day for each and every one of us to celebrate our heritage, celebrate those who have made such great contributions to our State and, certainly, to help promote the future by recognizing those scholarship honorees.

So, I ask you all to join me in supporting this resolution proclaiming today as Italian-American Day in the State of New York. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

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

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 475, Mr. Ramos.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim August 6, 2019, as Salvadoran-American Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Ramos on the

resolution.

MR. RAMOS: Mr. Speaker, on the resolution. After 40 years of political turmoil that the Salvadoran people went through, many ended up exiting their country as a result of many of the atrocities that happened, and ended up in communities like Long Island, Washington D.C., LA. And they have evolved, as I -- I mentioned before, they have evolved to all -- all facets of society and really making a big contribution now.

At this point, we've seen the Salvadoran community actually making differences in public policy, working on different issues and really helping -- helping society as a whole on the issues that are important to all our families. This resolution declares that August 6th will be Salvadoran-American Day in New York State. It is befitting, as all Americans who have ended up -- ended up coming here through the immigrating experience, it is befitting that we recognize this segment of our society, and this, indeed, is a very proud day. Thank you.

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

(Applause)

Mr. Phillip Steck for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. STECK: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It gives me great pleasure today to introduce members of the American-Italian Heritage Association Museum and Cultural Center,

which is in the Town of Colonie in the 110th Assembly District. They are led here by Professor Philip DiNovo, President and Executive Director. I have been to the museum many times, have toured the exhibits, which are outstanding, and always enjoy telling the story of my grandfather's family which left Italy in the 15th Century. So, I wish that the Speaker would welcome our visitors from the American-Italian Heritage Museum to the Chamber today.

ACTING SPEAKER ROZIC: On behalf of Mr. Steck, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome all of you distinguished guests to the Chamber, extend to you the privileges of the floor and hope you enjoy today's proceedings. Thank you so much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mr. Santabarbara for an introduction.

MR. SANTABARBARA: Thank you, Mr. [sic] Speaker, for allowing me to interrupt the proceedings for an introduction. Today, I'm very pleased to have my parents joining me in the Chamber, it's very rare that they are able to make it up, but very pleased to have them here in honor of Italian-American Day here at the State Capitol. They are both Italian-American -- Italian immigrants here in this country, and I'm so very pleased that they made that decision years ago to leave their homes in Italy and to call New York their home till this very day. We grew up in the City of Schenectady. I remember at the time we lived with my grandmother, my aunt lived across the street, I didn't speak English until I was in

first grade. But it was that -- their actions years ago that led to the many opportunities, like many Italian-Americans, that I've been able to take advantage of in my life. So, I'm very pleased to have them here in the Chamber. Madam Speaker, if you would just welcome them and -- and extend to them the privileges of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER ROZIC: Certainly. On behalf of your son, the Speaker and all of -- all of the members, we welcome both of you to the Chamber, extend the privileges of the floor and hope you enjoy today's proceedings. Thank you so much for sharing your son with all of us and for joining us today.

(Applause)

(Pause)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, if we could go to page 57 and take up Calendar No. 456. Following that, we'll go to page 52 and start at Calendar No. 426.

ACTING SPEAKER ROZIC: Page 57, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07594, Calendar No. 456, Hunter, Lupardo, Nolan, Barrett, D'Urso, Wallace. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to the Women Veterans Coordinator.

ACTING SPEAKER ROZIC: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER ROZIC: The Clerk will record

the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, this is the first vote of the day. If you could ask colleagues in and around the Chambers [sic] to please cast their vote.

ACTING SPEAKER ROZIC: Colleagues, this is the first vote of the day. If you're in the Chamber, please cast your vote. If you hear the sound of our voices, please join us, this is the first vote of the day.

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. Could you please call the Higher Ed Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room? Our colleague, Member Glick, is ready to go.

ACTING SPEAKER ROZIC: Higher Ed in the Speaker's Conference Room.

Page 52, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06575, Calendar No. 426, Fahy, Wright, Jaffee. An act to amend the Social Services Law and the Public Health Law, in relation to home visiting programs.

ACTING SPEAKER ROZIC: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER ROZIC: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06596-A, Calendar No. 427, Abbate. An act to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to the rate of interest used in the actuarial valuation of liabilities for the purpose of calculating contributions to the New York City Employees' Retirement System, the New York City Teachers' Retirement System, the Police Pension Fund, subchapter two, the Fire Department Pension Fund, subchapter two and the Board of Education Retirement System of such City by public employers and other obligors required to make employer contributions to such retirement systems, the crediting of special interest and additional interest and additional interest to members of such retirement systems, and the allowance of supplementary interest on the funds of such retirement systems.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Abbate, 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, 2019.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06710-A, Calendar No. 428, Rozic, Crespo, Gottfried, Aubry, Barrett, Blake, Davila, Fahy, Jaffee, Mosley, Perry, L. Rosenthal, De La Rosa, Simon, Weprin, Quart, DenDekker, Cruz, D'Urso, Colton, Ortiz, Dickens, Rivera, Sayegh, Hyndman, Cook, Glick, Reyes, Williams, McDonough, Abinanti, Wright, Fernandez, Raynor, Jean-Pierre, Taylor, Ashby. An act to amend the Correction Law, in relation to requiring the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision to place incarcerated parents at correctional institutions and facilities closest to their children's home.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06792-A, Calendar No. 429, Stern, D'Urso. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to webpage access to any mobile application used to search for veterans' services.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

Hold on one min -- on a motion by 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 on the 90th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06867, Calendar No. No. 430, Mosley, Colton. An act to amend the Correction Law, in relation to allowing a telephone call prior to an inmate's transfer.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07112, Calendar No. 431, Benedetto, Ramos, Jacobson. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to allowing a board of education to require minors who are five years of age to attend kindergarten.

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

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07118, Calendar No. 432, Benedetto, D'Urso, Colton. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to insurance reserve funds.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07312, Calendar No. 433, Schimminger, Griffin. An act authorizing the Empire State Development Corporation to develop a public awareness campaign promoting businesses located in New York State.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07323, Calendar No. 434, McDonald. An act in relation to permitting the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church to file an application for a real property tax exemption.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: 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 immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07325, Calendar No. 435, McDonald. An act in relation to permitting the Church of Jesus Christ to file an application for a real property tax exemption.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: 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 immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, would you

please call the Consumer Affairs Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room? Mr. DenDekker is en route.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Consumer Affairs, Speaker's Conference Room. Please go immediately.

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07331, Calendar No. 436, Dilan, Titus, Weprin, Otis, Buttenschon, Santabarbara. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to clarifying that reasonable accommodation to enable a person with a disability to use and enjoy a dwelling includes the use of an animal to alleviate the symptoms or effects of a disability.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07346, Calendar No. 437, Jaffee. An act to amend Chapter 442 of the Laws of 2018 relating to authorizing Konbit Neg Lakay Inc. of Spring Valley to file an application for certain real property tax exemptions, in relation to making technical changes regarding the description of property.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07351, Calendar No. 438, Gottfried, Taylor, Seawright, De La Rosa. An act to amend the

Tax Law, in relation to research tobacco products.

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

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07394, Calendar No. 439, Davila. An act to amend the Correction Law, in relation to the classification of transgender or intersex inmates in county jails.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07407, Calendar No. 440, Schimminger. An act to amend the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act, in relation to removing invalid references.

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

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07418, Calendar No. 441, Schmitt. An act to amend Chapter 510 of the Laws of 2016, amending the Tax Law relating to the imposition of a hotel and motel tax in the Town of Woodbury, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Home rule message is at the desk. The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07477, Calendar No. 443, Thiele, D'Urso, Galef, Gottfried, Magnarelli, McDonald, Romeo, Zebrowski, Jaffee, Jacobson, Otis, Abinanti. An act to amend the General Municipal Law, in relation to conflicts of interest of municipal officers and employees, codes of ethics and boards of ethics; and to amend Chapter 946 of the Laws of 1964, amending the General Municipal Law and other laws relating to conflicts of interest of municipal officers and employees, in relation to permitting local codes of ethics to prohibit activities expressly permitted by Article 18

of the General Municipal Law.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07502, Calendar No. 445, Abbate, Jacobson, Reyes, Colton. An act to amend Chapter 695 of the Laws of 1994 amending the Civil Service Law relating to injunctive relief in improper practice cases, in relation to extending the effectiveness of provisions contained therein.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07518, Calendar No. 446, Joyner, Dinowitz. An act to amend the Family Court Act and the Domestic Relations Law, in relation to the date of adjustment and amount of the spousal maintenance cap.

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

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

The bill is passed.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, would you please call the Aging Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room,

Aging Committee. Mr. Bronson's on his way.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Aging Committee, Speaker's Conference Room. Mr. Braunstein [sic] is leading the way.

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07519, Calendar No. 447, Stirpe, Dinowitz. An act to amend the Estates, Powers and Trusts Law, in relation to testamentary disposition to trustee under, or in accordance with, terms of existing inter vivos trusts.

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

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07522, Calendar No. 448, Buchwald, Dinowitz. An act to amend the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act, in relation to the commissions of donees of a power in trust, including donees of a power during minority.

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

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07525, Calendar No. 449, DenDekker, Dinowitz, Wright. An act to amend the New York City Civil Court Act, in relation to small claims jurisdiction.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07526, Calendar No. 450, Lavine, Dinowitz. An act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules, in relation to the content of a summons with notice in certain actions.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07547, Calendar No. 451, Peoples-Stokes. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in

relation to a quorum of the Advisory Council on Lead Poisoning Prevention.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: 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 AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07568, Calendar No. 452, Ryan. An act to amend Chapter 498 of the Laws of 2011 amending the Education Law relating to the Public Library Construction Grant Program, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07573, Calendar No.

453, Gunther, D'Urso, Buttenschon. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to the definition of "veteran".

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 30th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07574, Calendar No. 454, Lifton. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to exempting certain car-sharing organizations from the special supplemental tax on passenger car rentals outside of the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect June 1st, 2019.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07584, Calendar No. 455, Lentol, Fahy. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to sealing petty offenses.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07605, Calendar No. 457, Braunstein, Dinowitz. An act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules, in relation to commissions for receivers of rents and profits.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07606, Calendar No.

458, Lavine, Jacobson, D'Urso. An act to amend the Election Law, in relation to the form of primary election ballots; to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2019, amending the Election Law relating to enacting the Voter Friendly Ballot Act, as proposed in Legislative Bills numbers S. 2300-A and A. 2682-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and repealing certain provisions of such law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07654-A, Calendar No. 459, Jaffee, D'Urso, Otis, Barron, Sayegh, Zebrowski, Lifton, Galef, Lawrence, DeStefano, Morinello, McDonough, Schmitt, Mikulin, Ashby, B. Miller. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to certain contracts with out-of-State schools; to amend the Education Law and the Social Services Law, in relation to redesignating the Common Core standards to Next Generation standards; and to amend Chapter 396 of the Laws of 2012, amending the Education Law relating to services to out-of-State school districts by boards of cooperative educational services, in relation to extending the provisions thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07669, Calendar No. 460, Cook, Lentol. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to preliminary proceedings involving adolescent offenders.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07670, Calendar No. 461, Pretlow, Lentol. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to the sealing of law enforcement records.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07671, Calendar No.

462, Zebrowski. An act to amend Chapter 425 of the Laws 2013, amending the Public Health Law relating to requiring hospitals to offer Hepatitis C testing, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07674, Calendar No. 463, Epstein. An act to amend Chapter 537 of the Laws of 2008, amending the Education Law relating to a restricted dental faculty license, in relation to making such provisions permanent.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

One minute. On a motion by Mr. Epstein, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07676, Calendar No. 464, Mosley. An act to amend the Correction Law, in relation to the manner through which enforcement proceedings are brought.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

(Pause)

Continuing on consent on page 4.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00057, Calendar No. 465, L. Rosenthal, Paulin, Ortiz, Mosley, Blake. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to requiring domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education for persons engaged in the practice of nail specialty, waxing, natural hair styling, esthetics and cosmetology.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00218, Calendar No. 466, Paulin, Galef, Stirpe. An act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to changes in assessment for businesses that make

payments in lieu of taxes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00306, Calendar No. 467, Steck. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to the fee charged for the issuance of birth and death certificates.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00346, Calendar No. 468, Joyner, Simon, Barron. An act authorizing a study by the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision to study the treatment of aging prison populations and make recommendations for ensuring humane treatment of such populations.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Calendar No. 469 is being amended.

Assembly No. A00414-A, Calendar No. 470, Paulin, Galef, Weprin. An act to amend the Public Officer's Law and the Civil Practice Law and Rules, in relation to preference given to an appeal to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court regarding a denial of an exception from disclosure.

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

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect in 180 days.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: I'm sorry. The bill is laid aside.

Read the last section.

(Pause)

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect in 180 days.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00473, Calendar No. 471, Paulin, Magnarelli, Lupardo, Jaffee, Galef, Titus, Buchwald. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to information on State Boards.

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

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00623, Calendar No. 472, Paulin, Buchwald, Galef, Seawright, Dinowitz, Zebrowski,

Gottfried, Simon, Magnarelli, Fahy, D'Urso, Lifton, Blake, Mosley, Abinanti, DiPietro, Jacobson. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to limitations on political activity.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00694, Calendar No. 473, L. Rosenthal, Perry. An act to amend the Civil Rights Law, in relation to privacy of electronic fare and toll records.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00842, Calendar No. 474, Simotas, Zebrowski, Glick, Schimminger, Blake, Thiele, Dickens, D'Urso, Ortiz, Lavine, Jaffee, Colton, Jean-Pierre, Crespo, Friend, McDonough, Buchwald, Stirpe, Wallace. An act to amend the State -- State Administrative Procedure Act, in relation to the time needed by small businesses and local governments to comply with new regulations.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01297, Calendar No. 475, L. Rosenthal. An act to amend the Private Housing Finance Law, in relation to the supervision of certain limited profit housing companies.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

On a motion by Ms. Rosenthal, page 6, Calendar No. 476, Bill No. A01303-A, amendments are received and adopted, and the bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01348-A, Calendar No. 477, Quart, D'Urso. An act to amend the Civil Rights Law and the Executive Law, in relation to harassment through electronic communication.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01434-B, Calendar No. 478, Santabarbara, Steck, D'Urso, Rivera, Bronson, Walsh. An act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law, in relation to authorizing the delivery of liquefied petroleum gas in times of emergency.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01441, Calendar No. 479, Gottfried, Cook, Glick, Ortiz, Galef, Weprin. An act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, in relation to authorizing the imposition of certain terms and conditions as part of certain licenses for on-premises consumption.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01599, Calendar No. 480, Hunter, D'Urso, Magnarelli, Fahy, Lupardo, Hawley, Galef, Cook, Raia, Williams, Hyndman, Stirpe, Blake. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to wildlife damage management.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01746-C, Calendar No. 481, Vanel, D'Urso, Barron, Montesano, Galef, Dickens, Mosley, Pichardo, Blake, Rivera, Niou, Hyndman, Giglio, Raia, Glick, Taylor, Jaffee, Crespo, Ra, Bichotte, Fahy, Fitzpatrick. An act creating a temporary State Commission to study and investigate how to regulate artificial intelligence, robotics and automation; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

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

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Vanel to explain his vote.

MR. VANEL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me the opportunity me to explain my vote. *Hey Siri, what is artificial intelligence? Siri: In computer science, artificial intelligence, sometimes call "machine intelligence," is intelligence demonstrated by machines --*

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Sir, we're not allowed to use props in explaining your vote or debate.

MR. VANEL: Sorry. I -- I -- I tried to explain my vote through Siri. We have more artificial intelligence and robotics and automation right at our fingertips more than ever before. There's much technology in our cars today, like sensors and cruise control. Soon, your car will be fully self-driving. Some people speak more to Siri and Alexa than they do to people. Technology is changing faster than ever before, and we have to keep up with it. But, at the same time, we must not stifle innovation. Technology is affecting the future of work, our local and global economies, health care, general life convenience. We have to be concerned about how do we leverage artificial intelligence for economic opportunity and for good. But we're also concerned about dis -- discriminatory practices when it comes to software and algorithms. And, how do we live with

humanoids? Will they kill us?

This bill creates a task force to put together experts to help New York State regulate properly artificial intelligence, robotics and automation. This is something that's very important for New York State to make sure that we properly leverage the technology and that we regulate right in the space. So I vote in the affirmative.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Vanel in the affirmative.

Ms. Fahy to explain her vote.

MS. FAHY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to just to explain my vote, and that is in the affirmative, but I also want to commend the sponsor for this bill. I think this is one of the better examples of where government is not keeping up with technology. The idea of setting up a task force to help regulate and look at artificial intelligence and other robotics and others is -- is truly very timely because while we hear a lot of negative stories about artificial intelligence, we also know that it can help us in solving a whole host of challenges at this point in our society. And I was -- as the Chair of the Science and Technology Commission this year, just last Friday we held a hearing -- sorry, a roundtable on artificial intelligence and the ability to help with solving climate change issues, whether it's with the environment, energy and building efficiency, as well as transportation, including driverless vehicles and electric vehicles and buses.

So, the potential is limitless. We had expert panelists

come in from NYU, University of Albany, SUNY Poly, Columbia and -- and a whole host of other organizations, and it was one of the most encouraging forums that I've -- I've worked at or that I've helped organize in the years. And I commend the speaker again for -- sorry, the sponsor, again, for this bill. It's got tremendous potential. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Fahy in the affirmative.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to explain my vote. I actually want to commend the sponsor on this piece of legislation. Not only is it time for us do this, but, in fact, it's a little bit almost past the time we should have done it. And for me, the big part of this is, what are we going to do with the future workforce as artificial intelligence grows? How are we going to make sure that there's still jobs for people who are right now doing the things that soon won't be done by human hands? I think this is the most proactive thing we could be doing at this point and I really want to commend the sponsor of this legislation and hopeful -- hopefully the results of this Commission, this study, will give us a -- a plan for how do we not only deal with our Higher Ed, with our K-12, with our entire education system, with our current workforce as well as our future workforce, how do we ensure that there's a role for people to still work as we go further into the world of artificial intelligence. So, I'm happy to be voting yes for this one.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mrs. Peoples-Stokes
in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02156, Calendar No.
482, Schimminger, Colton. An act to amend Chapter 413 of the Laws
of 2003 amending the Labor Law relating to the Self-Employment
Assistance Program and other matters, in relation to extending the
effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record
the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02157-A, Calendar
No. 483, Paulin, Santabarbara, Fahy, M.G. Miller, Taylor, Thiele,
Arroyo, D'Urso, De La Rosa, Blake, Gottfried, Abbate, Williams,
Mosley, Cook, Cruz, Griffin, Smullen, Walsh, McDonough, Fall,
Steck. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to the
installation of safety belts in stretch limousines, and the posting of
notice therein.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect January 1st, 2020.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02176, Calendar No. 484, Solages, Crespo, Pichardo, Lentol, Peoples-Stokes, Bichotte, Niou, Barron, Davila, De La Rosa, Dickens, Epstein, Fernandez, Hevesi, Hyndman, Jaffee, Jean-Pierre, Mosley, O'Donnell, Pretlow, Ramos, Rozic, Seawright, Weprin, Williams, Wright, Lavine, Kim, Gottfried, D'Urso, Perry, Joyner, Ortiz, Fahy, Simon, Buchwald, Lifton, Arroyo, Glick, L. Rosenthal, Taylor, Cahill, Cook, Rivera, Otis, Paulin, Simotas, Cruz, Carroll, Lupardo, DenDekker, Stirpe, Richardson, Jacobson, Buttenschon, Quart, Zebrowski, Colton, Galef, Fall, Dinowitz, Sayegh, Bronson, Raynor, Blake, Reyes, Vanel, Walker, Nolan, Titus. An act to amend the Civil Rights Law and the Judiciary Law, in relation to protecting certain interested parties or people from civil arrest while going to, remaining at, or returning from the place of such court proceeding.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02198, Calendar No.

485, Steck. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to increasing the rate of taxation of the hotel or motel tax in the County of Schenectady to 5 percent.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Home rule message is at the desk. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, if we could now do a few more bills on consent. We're going to go to page 55, Calendar No. 441 by Mr. Schmitt; page 4, Calendar No. 467 by Mr. Steck; and page 51, Calendar No. 411 by Mr. Magnarelli. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

The Clerk will read. Page 55, Calendar No. 441.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07418, Calendar No. 441, Schmitt. An act to amend Chapter 510 of the Laws of 2016, amending the Tax Law relating to the imposition of a hotel and motel tax in the Town of Woodbury, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

And, Mr. Schmitt, it's your first. Thank you.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00306, Calendar No. 467, Steck. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to the fee charged for the issuance of birth and death certificates.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04763, Calendar No. 411, Magnarelli, Hunter, Stirpe. An act to amend Chapter 264 of the Laws of 2009 amending the County Law relating to communication service surcharges applied to Onondaga County, in relation to

extending the provisions of such chapter.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Magnarelli, 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 July 28th, 2019.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and, colleagues. We're actually moving along at a very nice speed. We just want to do a couple of debate bills, and so I would like to give you that list, Mr. Speaker, if people could give some attention to this list. We're going to go on debate to Calendar No. 44 by Ms. Paulin, it's on page 26. We're going to go to Calendar No. 49 by Ms. Niou, it's on page 26, as well. We're going to do Calendar No. 82 by Mr. Gottfried, it's on page 28; Calendar No. 193 by Mr. Thiele, it's on page 35; and Calendar No. 399 by Mr. Colton on page 51. Mr. Speaker, in that order.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will

read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00217-A, Calendar No. 44, Paulin, Dinowitz, Lupardo, Solages, Simon, Buchwald, Arroyo, McDonough, Seawright, Weprin, Otis, Galef, Colton, Jean-Pierre, D'Urso, Thiele, Griffin, Mosley. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to the prohibition of the sale of crib bumper pads and the restriction of the use of such pads in certain settings.

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

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

On the bill.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On the bill, sir.

MR. GOODELL: A number of my colleagues are concerned that the effort to ban the use of -- and the sale of crib bumper pads will actually increase the danger to children to the extent that families in New York will come up with their own homemade solutions to keep their kids from hitting their heads on the side of the crib. I would also point out that the Consumer Product Safety Commission did research on this and reported back in May of 2013 that there were no conclusive or persuasive evidence implicating crib bumper pads as a primary cause of death when they were used

properly and in accordance with the instructions that accompany them.

So, I know that there are some members thinking that perhaps we ought to move carefully in this area, because of their concern that it may increase dangers to infants rather than reduce the danger to infants. And thank you very much for allowing me to share those comments.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Sure thing, Mr. Goodell.

Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: 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. A00677, Calendar No. 49, Niou, Kim, Blake, Morinello, De La Rosa, Rozic, L. Rosenthal, Weprin, Richardson, Fitzpatrick, Englebright, Frontus, Solages, Reyes, Fernandez, Braunstein, Gottfried. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to requiring the collection of certain demographic information by certain State agencies, boards and commissions.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: An explanation has been requested, Ms. Niou.

Quiet, please, members. We are on debate. Thank you.

MS. NIOU: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for -- for allowing me to speak a little bit. According to the 2010 Census, the many ethnicities which comprise New York's Asian-American population grew faster than any other racial and ethnic group between 2000 and 2010, with the population who reported Asian alone increased by 43 percent; however, specific Asian-American ethnicities are not broken down within that 43 percent population increase. The regions and countries that make up Asia are as diverse and varied as those that make up the entire planet; in fact, over 62 percent of the planet's population lives in what is considered Asia. Asian-Americans include many more than just Chinese or Korean communities. It includes those from southern Asian nationals -- nations of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, central Asian republics like Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and their neighbors; the diverse nations of Southeast Asia include Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and a host of other nations, and unique cultures in Indonesia, Japan and the Philippines.

The Asian population at large is growing and, as a State, we are not properly equipped to serve this very need because we don't have the data tools to understand what that growth actually looks like. New York State is home to the second largest Asian-American population in the United States. The vast majority, over 80 percent, of

Asian-Americans in New York State reside in New York City. According to a study conducted by the NYU Center for the Study of Asian-American Health, Asian-Americans represent a diverse community comprising of more than 30 countries of origin and various cultures, traditional beliefs, religions, years in the U.S., degrees of acculturation, levels of English proficiency and socioeconomic status. Unfortunately, the current system of data collection employed by State agencies is overly broad and the information collected does not reflect this diversity. Instead, it misrepresents Asians as a homogenous group.

According to a 2013 study done at NYU, the incidence of poverty among APA seniors is over 25 percent. Almost all Asian-Pacific American seniors, as many as 97 percent, are foreign born, as opposed to the 47 percent of the general senior population. More than one-in-five, or 22 percent of New York City's Asian-Pacific Americans under the age of 18 lives in poverty. Health issues, such as chronic Hepatitis B, which disproportionately affects the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community, needs to be a priority. In the United States of -- of the nearly 1 million Americans living with chronic Hepatitis B, half of them are Asian-American and Pacific Islander. As a result, API's are eight to 13 times more likely to develop liver cancer due to a Hepatitis B infection.

In 2011, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention showed that of the 8 percent of the Americans age 12 to 18 who attempted suicide at least once, 11.8 percent of them were Native

Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, and 9 percent of them identified as Asian-American youth, according to the CDC. We need to shed light on this reality and the different realities across the board of issues and discuss how we can provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services to these particularly vulnerable populations. Supporting this bill and making sure that we disaggregate the data about our communities makes it so that we are able to actually provide the services that our communities desperately need.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you very much for that extensive explanation. I understand we have about 195 countries in the world. Many of those countries have multiple languages. Do we collect demographic data for --

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Mr. Goodell, I'm sorry. Are you asking the sponsor to yield?

MR. GOODELL: I am. I -- I thought it was a rhetorical question, but that's a much better approach, is to ask the sponsor to yield.

(Laughter)

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Okay. Would the sponsor yield?

MS. NIOU: Gladly, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The sponsor yields, Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And

--and thank you, sponsor.

MS. NIOU: I was listening anyway.

MR. GOODELL: Well, I'm glad; I'm glad you were listening. Do we collect country-specific demographic information from any of the 196 countries or 195 countries in the world presently?

MS. NIOU: No.

MR. GOODELL: So this bill would have us collect country-specific information on 24 countries, but no country-specific information for the remaining 171 countries. Why just these 24 and not the other 171?

MS. NIOU: I -- I just wanted to work on the Asian-American community because -- specifically for the language access needs and the social benefits needs. There's actually a lot of hidden poverty when it comes to the fact that if we don't disaggregate this data, we are not able to see where that poverty is actually. And we have different waves of immigration and so it makes it so that it's very difficult to make it so that we can figure out exactly where the social benefits needs to go, or the language access services needs to go.

So, for example, Assemblymember Kim and I both represent Asian-American-heavy districts, but, at the same time, if somebody was to send somebody to say like, *Oh, hey. We need somebody who is able to be in -- you know, able to get services for this Asian-American community*, you know, it would be very difficult for us to ask for the same things because, for example, his -- his

community would need different language services than mine would. And so, just in -- if you're saying, *Well, we need a Chinese speaker*, even in my district, you would have to be -- be able to understand if it's going to be Mandarin Chinese, Cantonese Chinese, Fukienese or Hakka or any of the other languages that are being spoken.

MR. GOODELL: And I absolutely appreciate that distinction because, as you know, a few weeks ago we passed a bill that required languages, but those languages were in Chinese without any distinction on which of the multiple dialects; Russian, I'm not quite sure what that inclusion was about, but Russian, but not broken down into the hundreds of other languages. So my question would be why do we want to collect information, for example, on Tonga, which has fewer residents than -- than even an Assembly District, fewer residents worldwide than a single Assembly District, doesn't some aggregation make sense?

MS. NIOU: Well, I think that, of course, we want to be able to serve people as best as we can. I think that that's our jobs. I don't think it'll cost us anything to really be able to make sure that the services that are delivered go to the right places. So, you know, there's a lot of folks from Laos, Cambodia, Tonga who may have come needing different services than my family or Mr. Kim's family.

MR. GOODELL: Now, this requires that every agency in the State of New York that collects any demographic data would be required to separately list all 24 countries. What is the anticipated cost of listing all 24 countries and doing the data

collection and, presumably, all that data is then sent someplace centrally so that it's aggregated. What is the cost of that and how many staff are we looking at?

MS. NIOU: I mean, I think that we talked about this last time, but due to technology and the Internet and, you know, just being able to click on and off like whether or not you are Asian-American and then click a little arrow, you can probably pull up every single thing and then check a little box.

MR. GOODELL: Does this bill require any type of verification when you fill out that application as to what your ancestry is?

MS. NIOU: No, but I'm sure if you couldn't read what you needed when it came in the mail for you, or if you are getting some thing in email form, you probably checked the wrong box.

MR. GOODELL: I -- I would suspect that might be the case. And -- and does this only deal with those who are born in these 24 countries, or those whose parents may have come from one of these 24 countries?

MS. NIOU: I think it's about ethnic identity, yeah.

MR. GOODELL: And so if you have a parent, say, from one of these countries and the other parent is from a non-listed country, it would be up to you to decide whether you wanted to separate that data?

MS. NIOU: Well, you know, the awkward box of

"other" has always existed and I think that, you know, people can probably write in if something is not covered. But we are hoping to be able to cover everything because I think that it's really important that, you know, the box, you know, "Asian" doesn't cover everything.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you very much, Ms. Niou.

MS. NIOU: Thank you.

MR. GOODELL: On the bill, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: On the bill, Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Absolutely appreciate the sponsor's desire to learn more about these 24 countries and the residents of these 24 countries. I would point out, though, that we don't collect country-specific data on any other of the 195 countries in the world, even though most of those other countries or many of those other countries have a different language, and sometimes have multiple languages. And if we want to start collecting individual country-specific data, you know, we could add in, if you will, a form on the application and you could put in a number from 1 to 195 that list the data, I suppose, but the real question is there -- is it worth the cost of collecting the data and will the data be of sufficient value to justify the additional energy and effort? Because somebody somewhere is going to have to data enter all this and someone, part of our State bureaucracy, will be collecting all of it and setting up the program and preparing the reports.

And so while I appreciate the desire to collect data on

how many people from Tonga or -- or any number of any of these 24 countries are here in New York State, I think we're better served by focusing on more aggregate data that actually can be used by us in developing appropriate legislation. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER PICHARDO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Niou to explain her vote.

MS. NIOU: Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me the time to explain my vote. So, this bill amends the Executive Law in relation to requiring the collection of certain demographic information by certain State agencies, boards and commissions as it pertains to Asian-Americans in the State of New York. As Mr. Goodell had said, there's 24 categories just on the amended list. That is a large amount of our population.

I represent a district that is diverse in culture, race and socioeconomic status. We embrace and celebrate our diversity and differences, but we must find a better way to ensure that our distinctions within racial and ethnic populations are also represented. As our State's demographics continue to shift, we need to modify the system in place not only to better capture our population, but also to

ensure that government resources are being used efficiently.

Asian-Americans are the fastest growing minority group in our State. There are also more Asian-Americans living in poverty in New York City than any other minority group. The model minority myth and the aggregated data is hiding this truth. Data disaggregation can serve as a powerful tool in tracking these demographic changes, allowing us to gain valuable insight into our population. This bill allows us to gather and study information on the many Asian-American ethnic subgroups in our State. This information is important in that it allows us to study and examine the different needs within our different communities and target appropriate services to our communities, including uncovering previously overlooked data on underrepresented populations.

Simply put, better data means more informed choices. Disaggregation will allow State agencies to more effectively assess where resources are most needed. The current system of data collection fails to account for the disparities within the Asian-American populations in New York. This includes, but is not limited to, the different obstacles faced by subgroups. For example, disaggregation would allow us to determine areas where critical language access services are needed or help us to deal inequality gaps in health or education, among other things --

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. -- Ms. Niou,
how do you vote?

MS. NIOU: I vote in the affirmative. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mr. Morinello to explain his vote.

(Pause)

MR. MORINELLO: Oh, I'm sorry. Thank you. To explain my vote on this. I look at this more as identity rather than demographics. I think it is unjust and unfair. There are so many diverse categories in the Asian-American, but until I visited Pearl Harbor two years ago, I didn't realize that most of Hawaii is Japanese; Japanese, Chinese. We have other Asian-Americans that have their own cultures and their own demographics. I, as an Italian -- people sometimes claim I'm not an Italian because I'm Sicilian. Well... but seriously -- but it's an insult to me. I think that everyone deserves to have their true heritage identified. I was at a function today and the Governor spoke about identity. The Governor spoke about heritage and culture, and what that means in the -- the formation of that culture of individuals. For that reason that I will vote yes on this bill because I think it's more showing respect for diversity than it is for categorizing. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Morinello in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04072-A, Calendar No. 82, Gottfried, Mosley, L. Rosenthal, Epstein, Ortiz, Thiele,

D'Urso, De La Rosa, Paulin, Reyes, Blake, Jean-Pierre, Taylor, Jaffee, Barron, Glick, Solages, Seawright, Hyndman, Fernandez, Dickens, Sayegh, Williams, Griffin. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to offering plant-based food options in hospitals.

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

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the sponsor yield?

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

MR. GOTTFRIED: Certainly.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Gottfried yields.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, Mr. Gottfried. Is there currently a problem with vegetarians being able to get a vegetarian entrée while in the hospital?

MR. GOTTFRIED: Well, first of all, we are repassing a bill that some time ago passed the Assembly, I think unanimously on consent, without comment. The reason it's back before us is that it now contains an exception for various medically prescribed, sort of quasi foods, like nutritional supplements, things that are done through -- as well as things that are done through tube feeding, infant formula and the like.

MR. GOODELL: I appreciate the fact that we passed

this in the -- in the past. My question, I guess is, is there any -- is there any indication that vegetarian meals are not provided in hospitals today?

MR. GOTTFRIED: Well, yes, there are instances in which things apart from maybe your main meal may not be available. And I think it's appropriate that people who are -- who only eat plant-based food have that option. There is a distinction between vegetarian and plant-based. Most vegetarians will eat egg and dairy. Plant-based food would -- would exclude egg and dairy.

MR. GOODELL: So this is really focused on not only main meals that are vegetarian or vegan, but also snacks, then?

MR. GOTTFRIED: Yes.

MR. GOODELL: This requires snacks to also be vegan.

MR. GOTTFRIED: And I -- I think the word "snack" is in the bill.

MR. GOODELL: This also states that a plant-based food option would be at no additional cost. Does that mean the supplier can't charge more to the hospital or that the hospital has to absorb any difference in cost?

MR. GOTTFRIED: Well, first of all, that's -- that's a -- a fairly hypothetical question because, generally speaking, you know, animal-based foods are -- are considerably more expensive. The bill doesn't tell the manufacturers of soy beverage, for those who don't want to call it soy milk, it doesn't dictate what their prices can

be. It says the hospital can't charge the patient extra for choosing that option.

MR. GOODELL: I'm always curious what's meant by the word "free" or "no cost" because normally free doesn't really mean free, it just means somebody else pays for it, and no cost doesn't mean free either, or no cost, it means somebody else is paying. So, we're anticipating if we pass this bill that if there are additional costs incurred, the hospital is to absorb it?

MR. GOTTFRIED: Well, first of all, again, I think in virtually every case, if not every case, there is no additional financial burden on the hospital as a result of making these options available. I think what we're saying is hospitals can't just impose an extra charge. I don't think in any case that extra charge would be -- would be economically-based or based on a higher price and, therefore, would not be fair. If it were somehow to -- to develop, and I don't see how that would be, but if it were to develop that there was a higher price that was paid by the hospital, yes, they would absorb that.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, Mr. Gottfried.

On the bill.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the bill, Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir. I'm sensitive to this issue since my wife is a vegetarian, as she makes meals even for me, but most of the time I make my own meat entrées, if you will, but she's a very good cook and, certainly, if my wife ever went to the

hospital, I would hope that she has a wide variety of vegetarian options. And so, on a personal level, I'm very supportive of this. I am concerned, however, when we start dictating what hospitals can or cannot charge, it's, I think, an inappropriate intrusion into the private market to say they can't charge their actual costs or a reasonable charge.

So, while I have great support for the concept, Mr. Gottfried, I appreciate your sensitivity to vegetarians and vegans, I am concerned when we keep suggesting, somewhat misleading in my opinion, that something is free or at no cost, because there is no free lunch so we've been told. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 365th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05187, Calendar No. 193, Thiele, Cook, Galef, Jaffee, Raia, Santabarbara, Zebrowski, McDonough, Rozic, L. Rosenthal. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to zone pricing of gasoline, and to amend Chapter 579 of the Laws of 2008, amending the General Business

Law relating to zone pricing for retail motor fuel based on geographic location.

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

MR. THIELE: This legislation deals with the topic of zone pricing of gasoline. In the year 2008, the Legislature passed a law outlawing zone pricing of gasoline. The Attorney General's Office, after reviewing that bill, found that there was some vagueness in some of the terms in the legislation and recommended some amendments so that the bill would be more enforceable. This bill that is before us today reflects those changes that were recommended by the Attorney General's Office.

Specifically, the legislation provides a more specific definition of "zone pricing" to mean, "The establishment of the price difference is based on the geographical location of the retail outlet within the relevant geographic market without regard to the posted terminal price and any additional costs where the effect is to injure competition." It also provides a definition of what "additional costs" are. It means, "All replacement transportation costs and taxes incurred." It also provides a definition of the "relevant geographic market" as, "The geographic area which is supplied by the same terminal facility." In addition, this bill, with the amendment, applies not just to wholesalers, but also dealers, and the bill also provides for a right of action, not just with the Attorney General, but also with any wholesaler or dealer who may have been injured by zone pricing.

In essence, this bill deals with what is, in essence, price fixing, and that is the setting of the price of a gallon of gasoline without any regard to economic factors such as costs or the cost of the gasoline itself, but solely based on where the -- where the retail outlet is. That, by any other name is price fixing and the purpose of this bill is not to prevent a retail outlet from recovering legitimate economic costs, but to set -- but rather to prevent the setting of an arbitrary price just based on where the station is located.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Friend.

MR. FRIEND: Will the sponsor yield?

MR. THIELE: Yes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Thiele yields. If you would have the member who's kind of -- hello. You're in between them. Yeah, that would be good. Thank you.

Sir, proceed.

MR. FRIEND: All right. Thank you, Mr. Thiele. So, the way that I understand it, basically the way the bill is set up it would set the terminal price as the price for that geographical zone; is that correct?

MR. THIELE: The terminal price plus any additional costs which would be --

MR. FRIEND: So you -- you wouldn't be allowed --

MR. THIELE: -- transportation, replacement and taxes.

MR. FRIEND: All right. So if a gas station is more

than a mile or 50 miles from that terminal, they would be able to add that transportation cost into the --

MR. THIELE: Exactly. Any -- any legitimate expenses, any -- any costs.

MR. FRIEND: Okay. And what about if there are factors within that local economy? So, somebody that's right off the interstate versus somebody that might be, maybe five miles off the interstate and over a couple of hills, through valleys or something like that, would that economic impact be taken into account also with this bill?

MR. THIELE: If -- if it affects the cost of providing the project -- the product, it is something that can be taken into account with regard to the price.

MR. FRIEND: Okay. And as regards to the right of action, there's another portion of the law that could actually be used for that right of action. I believe it's existing law, Section 396-R of the General Business Law. And that -- that allows -- it addresses price gouging, gives enforcement authority to the State's Attorney General, allows for injunctive relief, civil penalty of up to \$25,000, a maximum civil penalty of \$10,000, as well as court-ordered restitution to aggrieved consumers. Why aren't we just using that instead of adding this new --

MR. THIELE: Well, the definition of price -- price gouging in the General Business Law is a very narrow set of circumstances, usually related to an emergency or a storm. I don't

have that section of the law in front of me, but I do know that price gouging in -- in the State of New York is a very narrow set of factors that doesn't necessarily include zone pricing. So that is the -- the need for the additional legislation and for the remedy.

MR. FRIEND: Okay. All right. On the bill. Thank you, Mr. Thiele.

MR. THIELE: Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the bill, sir.

MR. FRIEND: Everybody in my district and across the State always have issues when it comes to the price of gas. And what we all do it, it hurts us in our pocketbook. On my way from the Southern Tier to Albany, I travel a portion that travels through Pennsylvania and until they increased their taxes in Pennsylvania, I would always make a stop there because their gas was always cheaper, because it was 20 cents cheaper because of their tax rate in Pennsylvania. However, when they raised those taxes, I, as well as many other people within the Southern Tier, stopped going to those markets and started going to other marketplaces.

It's not as simple as just going to the gas store and buying gasoline. That's not just a simple commodity. The production of gas starts out with the refinery steps and then goes through a transportation from the refineries to the terminals, and then the bulk plants and, finally, to what we all typically go to which is a gasoline service station. The neighborhood service station may be owned or operated by an integrated oil company, a branded or unbranded

refiner, an independent marketer/distributor, a chain retailer, a convenience store or an independent service station dealer. So, those are seven different combinations that you may have at -- at a basic level. The gasoline in the stations' pumps may be branded or unbranded, may be supplied directly by a refiner or by an independent marketer. There are four more possibilities to couple into the seven previous to give you a very diverse market within our gasoline economy at the gas station.

Just to give you a couple of examples of how that might work out, you may have the oil company or the oil refiner who owes -- owns and controls retail property and then leases to a small business owner. So, the idea here is that the traditional gasoline service station property is owned by a major oil company, is leased and franchised to the dealer who is a small business owner. There's a property rental agreement and a supply franchise agreement. Dealers pay very high rents to the oil company, sometimes upwards of \$20,000 per month. Gasoline is sold to the dealer at a price determined by the oil company or refiner, and this price is called the dealer tank wagon and it's considerably higher than the refiner sells to distributors at the rack price. Dealers purchase gasoline at full truckloads of \$8,500 and manage their own inventory. Dealers set the retail price on the pump, and this is determined by local market competition. The employees at this location are all employed by the dealer, and the traditional gasoline service station has two to three service bays to do auto repairs and to help to bring in other money into

the market.

A second scenario is another traditional gasoline service station property that may be owned by a distributor or jobber, it's leased and franchised to the dealer who is a small business owner. There's a property rental agreement and supply franchise agreement. Gasoline is sold to the dealer at a price to be determined by the distributor or jobber. This price is called, again, the "dealer tank wagon price" and, again, considerably higher than the rack price. The dealers set the retail price on the pump and this, again, is determined by the local market competition. The employees [sic] at this location are employed by the dealer. Agreements between the branded refiner allow the distributor to be the franchiser and the dealer is the franchisee.

Another example which is a little bit different. A traditional gasoline service station property may be owned and operated by an oil -- oil company or refiner. The franchise is owned by the distributor and workers are employed by the distributor or jobber. Gasoline is delivered to the station as needed, and is the property of the distributor. The oil company refiner sets the retail price at the pump. Since refiners control the rack price, prices at the pump are usually more competitive than other retail locations that require dealers to pay a higher wholesale price. The dealer tank wagon -- tank wagon price, and also must add a markup for profit. Refiners that own retail -- retail locations and operate them are a dying breed.

So, those are just a couple examples of the diversity that we have within our gasoline stations within the State. And it's not just as simple as going to a gas station and buying gas like buying -- buying an orange or an apple. It's very different, and those individuals that own, lease, employ individuals or need to have a convenience store or something else happening at that location to bring in money do that because of the way they've set up their business. And that's one of the great things about America, is the free market and having so many opportunities for this diversity.

So, I have a study that was done by the Quinnipiac back in about 2007, 2008, and they did a study that was very similar to what we're trying to here today. And what they found is that if we were to employ this rate, that price -- gas prices would actually go up. And I don't think that's what anybody in this room would like to see happen. I have letters in opposition from NFIB, the Business Council, which I will read a portion of that. From the Business Council, they say, "This bill would amend the General Business Law by prohibiting the establishment of zone pricing of gasoline. The bill assumes that prices set according to zones are arbitrarily based on what companies assume consumers are likely to pay, or the effect is to injure competition. In essence, the bill's intent is to subvert market pricing that allows a flexibility to complete. Zone or market-based pricing is based on the reality that competition is locally driven, it varies from market to market and fluctuates over periods of time, as zone pricing allows local sellers to compete based on the conditions within their

local markets. These marketers are driven by the competition they face and the reactions of the consumers. It is this market-based pricing that allows the gasoline industry to compete."

And they're the ones that go on and they -- they alerted me to the existing law where they said they believe the existing law, Section 396-R of the General Business Law is adequate and appropriate to address price gouging. It gives the enforcement authority to the State's Attorney General, allows for injunctive relief, civil penalty up to \$25,000, as well as court-ordered restitution to aggrieved consumers.

And then I have another opposition letter from the Independent Petroleum Marketers of New York. They -- they say that "Currently under New York State law, the Office of the Attorney General already has the ability to pursue actions in zone pricing at petroleum instances. Allowing for a separate private right of action will open the door to countless frivolous lawsuits in the already overburdened criminal justice system against independent marketers in New York State. The number of independent New York-based gas stations and stores are already in decline. In 1972, 47 years ago, there were 11,359 retail gasoline outlets that served the consumers of the State. There are only approximately 5,863 outlets that have managed to keep their doors open. As responsible small business owners, the independent petroleum marketers are not responsible for gasoline pricing spikes in the market. We urge State government officials to recognize that pricing -- pricing policies are driven by both countries

far distant from our shores and/or multinational corporations, and to stop persecuting small business people who work, pay taxes and hire citizens in New York State." They respectfully request consideration of their concerns and urge the opposition to this legislation.

They are quite correct when they say that they do not control the prices of gasoline. This is set within the market economy. And prices do go up very quickly and come down very slowly because of the way the market was set up. They have no control over that. If we really want to go ahead and make changes, especially in times of crisis, a better approach might be to do something to privately -- or temporarily halt the sales -- or collection of sales tax during a time of crisis.

New York is the fifth highest in -- in state taxes when it comes to gasoline. Pennsylvania is now the highest at 58.7 percent -- 58.7 cents, and that was only done a few years ago when they've seen a direct decline at the number of people that would go across the state border to purchase gasoline there. California is number two; Washington, number three; Hawaii, number four; New York, number five at 45.76 cents a -- cents per gallon. That would be an immediate help during a time of crisis, to halt those -- those taxes for a temporary period of time, and that would help during those -- those periods, instead of hurting our small business and further driving out small business from within the State.

So, the danger of this bill is that it will limit the diversity of our current gasoline retail market when we really have the

only case of a sure profit is New York State in collecting taxes. For that reason -- for those reasons, I urge opposition to this bill and to have further discussions in the future.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 30th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Thiele to explain his vote.

MR. THIELE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, to explain my vote. I just -- a couple of points I want to make in explaining my vote. Number one, if this bill would actually increase the price of gasoline and revenue to the major oil companies, they wouldn't be sending out memos in opposition to the bill, because they would be making more money. So, I just don't think that that bears any -- any fruit as far as an argument goes. Secondly, as far as small businesses go, it's the local retailers, such as the Long Island Gasoline Retailers Association and the Service Station Owners Association that support this bill, because they're at the mercy of the big oil company refiners and distributors who set the wholesale price that ultimately affect the local retailers. The retailers support these -- this bill, including the Long Island gasoline retailers.

So, I -- I urge my colleagues to consider those facts

and particularly that -- the fact that the bill doesn't -- doesn't prevent any retailer or any wholesaler from taking into account legitimate economic factors, by the very term of the bill. This is just the -- outlaws the arbitrary -- arbitrary setting of prices. And I would urge my colleagues to vote no [sic]. I withdraw my request and I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Thiele in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes for a [sic] introduction.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for a brief interruption in our proceedings to introduce the mayor of a great city in New York. On behalf of Mr. Gantt, Mr. Bronson and Ms. Romeo, the Mayor of Rochester is here with is, Lovely Warren. Ms. Warren is actually serving her second term and doing a great job. Mr. Speaker, if you would welcome her to our Chambers [sic].

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes and all the delegation, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. Our congratulations on doing that wonderful job you're doing in Rochester. Keep up the good work. You are always welcome here. This floor is always open to you. Thank you so very

much.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read. Page 51, Rules Report No. 399.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03366-A, Calendar No. 399, Colton, Englebright, Cruz. An act in relation to requiring the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to provide information on motor vehicle manufacturer safety recalls.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect on the 365th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Ra to explain his vote.

MR. RA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just -- just a point with regard to this bill. This would require that the Department of Motor Vehicles' website, you know, put up safety recall information. My understanding is this is currently done in part through a hyperlink to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. You know, the goal is certainly a laudable one, we want people to be able to check for safety recalls on their vehicles. There have been some concerns raised, though, with regard to potential liability that the State could take on, as well as just it potentially being redundant to try to keep the information updated so that, you know, you have both the same information that is available

through the -- through the national site as through the DMV. But I hope that, you know, we -- we monitor that and continue to, you know, make sure that we -- we have opportunities for people to have the most updated information possible. Thank you very much. Enjoy the Festa tonight.

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Yes, we have both housekeeping and resolutions.

On a motion by Mr. Epstein, page 17, Calendar No. 537, Bill No. A06985-A, amendments are received and adopted.

On behalf of Ms. Rosenthal, Bill No. A00456, Assembly bill recalled from the Senate. The Clerk will read the title of the bill.

THE CLERK: An act to amend the Cooperative Corporations Law.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: There is a motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed the House. The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

The Clerk will announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is before the House and the amendments are received and adopted.

On behalf of Mr. Blake, Bill No. A05175, Assembly bill recalled from the Senate. The Clerk will read the title of the bill.

THE CLERK: An act to amend the Private Housing Finance Law.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: There is a motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed the House. The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

The Clerk will announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is before the House and the amendments are received and adopted.

Numerous fine resolutions, we'll take them up with one vote. On the resolutions, all those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolutions are adopted.

(Whereupon, Assembly Resolution Nos. 476-483 were unanimously approved.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have -- and thank you, my colleagues, we've actually gotten quite a bit of work done today. With that, Mr. Speaker, I would

like to move that the Assembly stand adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, June the 4th, tomorrow being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Assembly stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 6:17 p.m., the Assembly stood adjourned until Tuesday, June 4th at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday being a Session day.)