

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2022

2:29 P.M.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come to order.

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

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

Visitors are invited to join 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 Tuesday, May 16th. Mrs. Peoples-Stokes -- May 10th, I'm sorry.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, I move to

dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Tuesday, May the 10th and ask that the same stand approved. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Without objection, so ordered.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Well, good afternoon, colleagues. We had a pretty extensive, intensive Committee meetings earlier today, but we are now in our Chambers prepared to do our floor work.

I want to start with a quote. This one is from Emily Elizabeth Dickinson. Many of you may know or have heard of her. She was an American poet and during her lifetime, she was not as well known as she is now, but now she is regarded as one of the most important figures in American poetry. I recall her from my elementary school days. Her words for us today, Mr. Speaker, *How strange that nature does not knock, yet it does not intrude*. Again, those words are from Emily Dickinson.

So colleagues should have on their desk a main Calendar. We also have a debate list and after housekeeping and/or introductions, we're going to take up resolutions on page 3, and then we will take up several rules changes that are being proposed by our colleagues on the other side of the aisle. We will then consent the bills which we started on yesterday from our A-Calendar, Mr. Speaker. We're going to begin with Rules Report No. 97 and we're going to go straight through to Rules Report No. 168. We will also

work off our debate list as follows: We have on our debate list Calendar No. 567 by Mr. Fall; Calendar No. 575 by Ms. Fahy; Calendar No. 578 by Mr. De Los Santos; and Calendar No. 584 by Mr. Zebrowski. There could be a potential for some other floor work as we proceed, Mr. Speaker, but I will announce that if it's necessary. This is going to be a full day of work on getaway day, so let me remind my colleagues that you should please stay in and around and available in the Chamber until we adjourn.

Mr. Speaker, that's the general outline. If there's housekeeping, now would be a great time.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, and we do have a piece of housekeeping.

On a motion by Mr. Rivera, page 11, Rules Report No. 130, Bill No. A7822-B, the amendments are received and adopted.

For the purposes of an introduction, Ms. Walsh.

MS. WALSH: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to interrupt the proceedings for a moment to make an introduction. Today I am very happy to introduce my friend and constituent, Jim Irwin. Jim enlisted in the U.S. Navy in October 1966, and during four years of active duty, completed six deployments totaling over one year under the ocean which earned him the Submarine Warfare Medal. Jim Irwin was the inspiration behind a resolution we passed last month which proclaimed April 11th, 2022 as Submarine Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the

observance of National Submarine Day. Mr. Irwin is a member of several submarine veteran organizations, both local and national, and is an active member in our community in the 112th Assembly District. He has received numerous awards in recognition of his courageous effort and willing sacrifice, including the 2010 Robert Link Award for his work in preserving the World War II Submarine USS Croaker, the 2012 Silver Anchor Award for local community service, and the National 2015 District Commander of the Year Award.

Each year, National Submarine Day is celebrated on the anniversary of the United States government's acquisition of its first modern commissioned submarine, the USS Holland, on April 11th, 1900. The U.S. Navy was born in Whitehall, New York just outside my district in Assemblymember Simpson's district, in the summer of 1775 with the establishment of an American fleet. These U.S. attack submarines are named after U.S. cities, such as the USS Albany and the USS Buffalo, among many others. I'm proud to share that the 112th Assembly District is the home of the New York State Submariners Memorial, and the Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit, the NPTU, both of which are located in Ballston Spa. I had an opportunity to tour the NPTU with Assemblywoman Woerner, and have attended several graduation ceremonies throughout my time in the Assembly.

Please, Mr. Speaker, will you please extend the cordialities of the House to Mr. Irwin.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf

of Ms. Walsh, the Speaker and all the members, Jim, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly, extend to you the privileges of the floor. Apologize maybe for the long wait that you had before the proceedings started, but that is the Assembly. We hope that you will enjoy this day. We commend you on all the work that you've done to honor this country and this State. Thank you so very much, you're always welcome here.

(Applause)

Ms. Giglio for the purposes of an introduction.

MS. GIGLIO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you for everybody in the Chamber today to welcome Bob Cappadona and Tanner Brandemardy, members of the Executive Board from the Suffolk County Police Benevolent Association. They are here today to celebrate Police Memorial Week, and they are on their way to Washington, D.C. to celebrate the National Police Memorial. So I wish that we offer them welcome to the Chamber and invite them back in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Giglio, the Speaker and all the members, gentlemen, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly. We appreciate the service that you've provided both your county and the State of New York. You are always welcome here. Please understand that you have friends in Albany. Thank you so very much, and pleased to have you. I see you have other members standing with you, everybody wants to be by a guy in blue. Thank you so very much.

(Applause)

We will take up resolutions on page 3, Assembly No. 7 -- 879, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 879, Rules at the request of Mrs. Barrett.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 6, 2022 as Military Spouse Appreciation Day in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Ashby on the resolution.

MR. ASHBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the sponsor of this resolution and just highlight really what our military spouses go through each and every day while our men and women are out defending our country, either Stateside or while they're deployed. Their sacrifices may or may not be visible to many of us that are here, but for those of us who've known people who've given their life in defense of our country, Military Spouse's Day is something that should be honored every day, much like Gold Star Families Day.

Candidly, Mr. Speaker, 16 years ago today I received my commission in the United States Army Reserves, the following day I was married, the following year I volunteered for my first deployment, all of those things in succession. I think of all of the things that my spouse has been through and that I've put her through and, you know, I used to think it was a lot until I was serving in the

United States Army and met people who had been deployed multiple times, four to five times, lost friends, dear friends serving our country. We not only endure that as veterans, but our spouses endure it so much more and, oftentimes, when we come back you may not be the same person that you were when you left, and that spouse is there to help and not only that with yourself, but also with our -- with our children. And I know that we have separate resolutions on that, Mr. Speaker, but I think it's important that we recognize today and each and every day what our military spouses go through on behalf of our State and our country. 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.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 880, Rules at the request of Ms. Simon.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 12, 2022 as Dyslexia Awareness Day 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. 881, Rules at the request of Mr. Gandolfo.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 15, 2022 as Police Dog Day in the

State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Gandolfo on the resolution.

MR. GANDOLFO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my honor to stand here and put forth this resolution to proclaim May 15th as Police Dog Day in the State of New York. These working dogs help law enforcement protect our communities, and they're among the most important K9s in our society. While the ancient Romans are considered among the first cultures to use dogs for security purposes, the United States did not start using police dogs until the 1970s. But today, they are ubiquitous in police forces around the country, and they even work in the CIA and the United States military. Most police dogs live at home with their handlers, are treated as family and pets, and develop very strong bonds with their owners. So I hope we can just pause today to recognize the great service that these dogs provide to us, thank them for their service, and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 882, Rules at the request of Ms. Solages.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2-6, 2022 as Maternal Health Awareness Week 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. 883, Rules at the request of Mr. Salka.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2022 as Brain Tumor Awareness Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Salka on the resolution.

MR. SALKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The month of May is National Brain Tumor Awareness Month. I rise to humbly put forward this legislative resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May as Brain Tumor Awareness Month in the State of New York. Since I last put this resolution forward in 2019, tragically thousands have died from a brain tumor, including many of the young people we have here in New York State. Mr. Speaker, the diagnosis of a brain tumor, which can take so many forms, from the benign type like gangliocytomas, to the most deadly form of brain tumor called glioblastoma multiforme, can be devastating to not only the patient, but to the families of those that have been diagnosed. Emotional, financial, and disruptive impacts to all affected can be catastrophic and last for many years.

On a personal note, our daughter Emily was diagnosed with glioblastoma at the young age of 18 in January of

2012. And despite being given only six months to live, fought this horrible disease and finally had to give up the fight in October of 2015. We count every day we had with her as a blessing. Mr. Speaker, there's an estimated 700,000 people in the United States that are living with a brain tumor, and almost 89,000 will be diagnosed just in 2022 alone. Brain and spinal tumors are the second-most common form of cancer in children, second only to leukemia. There's only a 35 percent chance of survival for most malignant tumors and clearly, Mr. Speaker, this is unacceptable. And those that survive these tumors can have lasting effects for years from the radiation, the surgery, and the chemotherapy.

While advances have been made in research and treatment of these deadly forms of cancer, but brain tumors continue to take too many lives, many in the prime of their life. We must increase funding and increase awareness to help bring an end to this disease. This does not receive equitable funding that goes into the other types of cancers. I hope that by heightening this awareness we can make sure that people donate, people do research, we support those institutions. We have some stellar institutions here in New York like Sloan Kettering, and has done great, great advances in brain tumor research, but I hope by presenting this resolution and proclaiming May to be Brain Tumor Awareness Month in the State of New York, we can say we changed lives. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying

aye -- saying aye; opposed no. The resolution is adopted.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 884, Rules at the request of Ms. Lupardo.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2022 as Motorcycle Safety and 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. 886, Rules at the request of Mr. Brabenec.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim August 2022 as Swiss-American Heritage 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. 887, Rules at the request of Ms. Zinerman.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim August 26, 2022 as Women's Equality Day 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. 888, Rules at the request of Ms. Fahy.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 15, 2022 as Myotonic Dystrophy Awareness Day 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. 889, Rules at the request of Ms. Buttenschon.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 21, 2022 as a Day of Peace 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. 890, Rules at the request of Mr. Magnarelli.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 26th through October 2nd, 2022 as Diaper Need Awareness Week 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.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, we are going to engage in our conversation around rules changes. This is not a new conversation, we've had this one before, and members should be aware that given the fact that we've had this discussion before and actually offered by the Minority is three resolutions to amend our existing Assembly Rules. Most of these proposals, again, they're not new; we've seen them before. We have rejected them before.

Colleagues, under the leadership of Speaker Heastie and honestly, and many occasions the leadership of Minority Leader Barclay, folks have worked together from both sides of the aisle and I think we have improved operations in and around the Assembly as it relates to information going to and from ourselves, as well as information going to and from our constituency. The rules that are being offered today I think reflect the decision that there will like to be a shift in the balance of power in the Assembly. I think that's something that happens during the election and not necessarily during rules changes. And so I want to suggest that the changes that have already been made that include enhancing access to information from members and the public, improving our legislative process and procedures for the ability of members to request Committee consideration of their bills and advance the legislation, and to streamlining the process for bills moving through Committee. These were positive changes that have happened in the past and they've happened from a bipartisan perspective.

Mr. Speaker, these are just a few of the changes that have been significant in our progress as we move forward as a legislative Body, and I think that our efforts have, you know, gone a long way to improving the process here. I completely respect the right of our colleagues to decide that they'd like to see the rules changed, but I also understand that the rules that we have in place now are adequate to meet our needs for today. It's not the kind of effort that was a bipartisan decision, it was a partisan decision to put forth these rules changes and, Mr. Speaker, I am respectfully disagreeing with the challenge to change the rules today.

So with that said, I would urge the defeat of these rules in their entirety and I look forward to continuing to work with members in this House to improve our proceedings from both sides of the aisle. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

Mr. Lawler.

MR. LAWLER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I offer the following resolution and request the opportunity to briefly explain it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 847.

Assembly Resolution amending Section 2 of Rule V of the Assembly Rules, in relation to ensuring that each member is entitled to have at least one substantive piece of legislation discharged from the Committee and brought to a vote during each two-year term;

amending Section 6 of Rule V of the Assembly Rules, in relation to debates on budget bills or bills accompanied by a Message of Necessity; and amending Section 9 of Rule V of the Assembly Rules, in relation to staff, materials and other perquisites.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Lawler on the resolution.

MR. LAWLER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Clerk read these three changes, I believe would offer a positive change for this Body in the way that we operate. Number one, it would allow every member, all 150 of us, to bring a substantive bill, not just a local bill, but a substantive one, to the floor for an up or down vote. Doesn't mean it's going to pass, but it would require a full vote of this Body. The second, for budget bills, which have so many issues packed into them, it would allow for members to have that second 15 minute opportunity to debate the bill, to ask questions, to inquire about the substance in the State Budget. And third, it would ensure an equal annual allocation to every member, regardless of Majority or Minority status, to pay their legislative staff. We all represent a roughly equal number of residents, taxpayers of this State, and so we would all be given an equal allotment to better serve our constituents.

I'm not going to get into the substance of the three beyond that. I really want to speak directly to all of my colleagues here. I have the greatest respect for our Majority Leader. I appreciate her words just a moment ago. I appreciate the quotes that she reads every -- every beginning of Session. Oftentimes, they are about

working together, about collegiality, about the need for cooperation, and an end to partisan ranker. I think we see nationwide, especially in Washington, but certainly in state capitals all across the country, the disruptive nature of our partisan politics. I'm a Republican, I'm not shy about it. I debate the bills on the floor when I feel passionately about it, but I respect each and every one of you. I come up to you, I talk to you afterwards because I truly appreciate what each of you bring to this Chamber, your perspective, the constituents that you represent. And I hope you feel the same about me and my colleagues on this side of the aisle. All of us are here because our constituents elected us. We weren't elected by the legislative leaders; in fact, we elected them to their positions. And I think in this moment, each one of you, all 150 of us, should vote our conscience. We should vote how we think is right and how we would want to be treated if the shoe was on the other foot.

In the Chamber across the hall, ten percent of the bills brought forward are from the Minority. In this Chamber, only local bills are allowed to come to the floor from the Minority. We hear often about follow the Committee process, go through the Committee process. Well, all of us have sat through a lot of Committee meetings this week, can you name a single non-local Republican bill that was allowed to proceed forward? No. They were all recommended for (inaudible).

So let's be fair. Let's be honest about this. The objective here is to ensure that all of us are able to better represent our

constituents. There is nothing in these proposed rules changes that would limit the power of the Majority. The Majority has 107 members, they are in no danger of losing that majority. The only thing we're asking for is to be treated fairly, to allow us to represent our constituents, to do the work that we're all here to do. And so many of my colleagues agree when we talk offline about the need for changes here. I just implore you, this is your opportunity to make a change. You can't point the finger at leadership if you vote against these changes. You can't say, *Oh, well it's up to the Speaker*. You have the opportunity here to do it.

So I ask you to really sincerely take a look at the proposed change here. It does not limit your power in any way and it is fair, and it is right, and I ask you to vote in favor of this resolution.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Resolution No. 847. This is a Party vote. Any member who wishes to be recorded as an exception to the Conference position is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir. The Republican Conference is supporting these rules amendments, although if there are some that don't support it, they are certainly welcome to vote no on the floor, or if they're COVID-impacted by contacting the Minority Leader's Office. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Majority members are in favor of this piece -- not in favor of this piece of legislation. We're going to reject these attempt to change the rules at the end of Session, and we're asking people to take a no vote. There could be some of our colleagues that will choose not to, which they should feel free to contact the Majority Leader's Office and of course their vote will be honored. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, would you please record our colleague Mr. Santabarbara in the affirmative on this rule change. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: So noted.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is lost.

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir. I offer the following resolution and ask for an opportunity to explain it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 848, Mr. Barclay.

Assembly Resolution amending Section 2 of Rule III

of the Assembly Rules, in relation to the timely bill introduction after conclusion of Session; amending Section 5 of Rule III of the Assembly Rules, in relation to the introduction of resolutions; and amending Section 7 of Rule III of the Assembly Rules, in relation to the reading of bills.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Goodell on the resolution.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir. This resolution implements three changes designed to help every member in this Assembly, both Republican and Democrat, do a better job for our constituents, be more thoughtful, and hopefully resolve in better legislation. On the first part of this bill, it would require that our Index Clerk give us an index number within three days after filing a bill. And this is something that's a frustration for all of us, whether you're a Republican or a Democrat. We're off Session, we submit a bill, it's a great idea, and we wait, and wait, and wait, day after day after day without being able to get a bill number. And with a bill number, it doesn't hit the system. I have drafted bills, asked my Senator to cosponsor, he had a bill within days and a press release saying at some point in the future the Assembly might actually introduce the bill. That's a disservice to each and every one of us. When we submit a bill, there's absolutely no reason why the Clerk can't assign a bill number and put it in the system in a timely manner. And the first part of it would request that those bills be assigned a number and put into our system within five business days. That's a

full week, for those of you who count business days.

The second change would require that resolutions be submitted at least three days in advance, like we do for our regular legislative Calendar. And this will create a benefit for all of us because many times we'll see a resolution that we really want to speak about because it's really important to us or to our constituents. But sadly what happens when we don't have advance notice of the resolution is we miss that opportunity or we're not prepared. And when I talk about missing the opportunity, you know, I look around the Chambers now, the number of empty seats far exceeds the number of seats that are filled. I look on Zoom and the number of blank Zoom screens or actually a Zoom screen that shows an empty seat far exceeds the number of seats that are actually filled. And so if we know something that's really important to us and to our constituents that's coming up with a three-day notice for a resolution, we can make sure that we're here on the floor or authorized to speak on Zoom so we can lend our support.

And the last component of this is dealing with a Message of Necessity. What's amazing is that some of the most important bills that we will ever consider as a Legislature, bills that affect millions of people and billions - billions - of dollars come to us without the three-day aging, without us having the opportunity to look at the bill for even three days. And the most egregious violation of that rule deals with budget bills, because we'll get a budget bill with sometimes numbers over 1,000 pages, might appropriate several

billion dollars, and we'll get the bill for a vote within just hours after it was actually printed. Now, thankfully we have incredible staff, certainly we do on our side and I know the Democrats have great staff, too, that go through those bills and help summarize them, but there's nothing that beats being able to read a bill. And when we get a bill late at night with no notice, it is a horrific disservice to us as legislators, to this institution, and to the voters of the State of New York. So the last component says if we get a Message of Necessity, it takes a two-thirds vote of all of us to agree that we should move forward on an expedited basis, where the urgency of action exceeds the importance of allowing the public to look at the bill and allowing us to analyze it for the full three days.

So those are three changes that are intended to benefit every single one of us so that we get our bill numbers quicker, so we know about resolutions that are coming up that we might want to speak about or support, and so we know that we're not voting on something we haven't read and cannot physically read in time so that we can all do a better job representing our constituents and serving the great State of New York. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

The Clerk will record the vote on the resolution, No. 848. This is a Party vote. Any member who wishes to be recorded as an exception to the Conference position is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir. I'd like to announce that this is a fast roll call and that everyone is supporting it, but at this point in time I know for sure that the Republican Conference is supporting these resolutions for the reasons I mentioned, but if there's a member who doesn't support it, they can call the Minority Leader's Office and we'll record their no vote. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Majority Conference is generally going to be a solid no on this resolution; however, there may be some of our colleagues who would choose to do otherwise. They are perfectly welcome to contact the Majority Leader's Office and we will make sure their vote is properly recorded. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is lost.

Ms. Walsh.

MS. WALSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I offer the following resolution and request the opportunity to briefly explain it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 849, Mr. Barclay.

Assembly Resolution amending Section 2 of Rule IV of the Assembly Rules, in relation to the broadcast of Committee meetings; amending Section 4 of Rule IV of the Assembly Rules, in relation to public hearings; and amending Section 7 of Rule IV of the Assembly Rules, in relation to Committees.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Barclay on the resolution -- I mean Ms. Walsh on the resolution.

MS. WALSH: This resolution makes three important changes to Rule IV of our Assembly Rules. First, this amendment to the Rules would require TV broadcast of Committee meetings by implementing the recording and broadcast of our standing Committees in both audio and video to begin no later than May 16th, 2022. This amendment to the Rules would allow for Committee hearing petitions by requiring that a Committee Chairperson call a public hearing upon a petition signed by one-third of the members of a Committee. Lastly, this amendment to the Rules would allow for Motion to Discharge reform by requiring that a bill or resolution cosponsored by at least 76 members of the Assembly be discharged from its standing Committee and brought to the floor for a vote.

So first, TV broadcast of Committee meetings. You know, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes mentioned at the beginning of her comments that these Rules reforms have been considered and rejected numerous times in the past. When it comes to the TV broadcast of

Committee meetings, though, I really just don't understand why that has been rejected, because as many of us know in March 2016, through a bipartisan effort, the members of this House made a step in the right direction when we voted to bring transparency to the Committee process by requiring the broadcasting of Committees on the Assembly website when practicable. For the last two years, Assembly Committees have been held over Zoom, which has full video functionality. Unfortunately, the video is turned off of these Committee broadcasts, thus constituents are unable to watch their elected Assembly members vote in Committee, even though the ability to view the Zoom video recording of that meeting is available. Our colleagues in the Senate utilize the Zoom video functionality for the public to see their Committee meetings. Now it is past time for this House to do the same. Remember, we voted in 2016 to implement this and, yes, this Rules change has been considered for several years and every time it's rejected we're told, *We're going to look at it, we're working on it.* I mean, we have the functionality to do it now, I don't understand why it's not being done. It needs to be done.

This amendment to the Rules is necessary to ensure that all New Yorkers have the ability to witness the proceedings of their representatives in the People's House, right, in all its forums. As we all know, the work of our standing Committees is extremely important, in the same manner that our proceedings on the floor are recorded and aired for public broadcast so, too, should all the activities of our Committees.

The second part of this Rules change has to do with Committee hearing petitions. At a time of much needed governmental reform, we must provide the public greater access to our Committee process and finally bring about the meaningful changes desired by all New Yorkers who support the cause of good government and enhanced transparency. We all talk about transparency. These Rules would actually implement greater transparency.

For example, just last year a report was issued by Attorney General James confirming a number of alarming suspicions about the Cuomo Administration's management and willful lack of transparency regarding nursing home deaths. As a result, members of this House repeatedly called for public hearings by our Aging, Health and Oversight Committees to subpoena the former Health Commissioner and members of the Cuomo Administration to demand answers; however, those repeated efforts were consistently denied. Regardless of which Conference members ascribed to, all legislators' thoughts and concerns regarding the issues affecting their constituents have equal merit. Undoubtedly, we all would have benefited from learning more as a result of open public hearings on controversial or complex legislation or issues.

The last part of the Rules change is very simple, it's called The Spirit of '76. When a bill or resolution has the support of a majority of the House, a Motion to Discharge should be executed and that bill should be able to come to the floor for a straight up or down vote. This will ensure that all good ideas supported by a majority of

the House are given a chance to be heard.

By joining me and voting for this resolution, you give all of our constituents across the State true, visible and more transparent access to the valuable work that we do in this House, and provide them with greater ability to participate in its proceedings. A yes vote on this resolution would be a strong statement that this Body supports real transparency, not just talk of transparency. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Ms. Walsh, and sorry for the flub at the beginning.

The Clerk will record the vote on Resolution No. 849. This is a Party vote. Any member who wishes to be recorded as an exception to the Conference position is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir. For the reasons mentioned by my colleague, the Republican Conference is supportive of these Rules reforms. Those who do not support the reforms can certainly vote no here on the floor, or by contacting the Minority Leader's Office. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. While I appreciate and honor the comments of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, I will remind my colleagues

that this is a Majority vote in the negative on this piece of legislation -- on this resolution, rather, and I'm encouraging colleagues to vote with the Conference on this one; however, there may be colleagues who would desire to be an exception, and we certainly would honor their desire to do that, please call the Majority Leader's Office, we will make sure your vote is recorded.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, if you could please record our colleague Mr. Santabarbara in the negative on this one.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: So noted.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Actually, no. Mr. Santabarbara is voting in favor of this resolution.

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is lost.

On consent, page 5, Rules Report No. 97, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00187, Rules Report No. 97, Gottfried, Abinanti, Pheffer Amato, Solages, Steck, Seawright, Ashby, Byrne, Buttenschon, Forrest, McDonald. An act to

amend the Social Services Law, in relation to synchronization of multiple prescriptions.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 187. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A00357-A, Calendar -- Rules Report No. 98, Magnarelli, Epstein, Santabarbara, Burdick. An act to amend the Military Law, in relation to the issuance of a New York State Vietnam War Commemorative Medal.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 357-A. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A01208, Rules Report No. 99, Cahill, Jacobson, Colton. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to establishing the Office of Insurance Consumer Advocate within the Department of Financial Services and describing its powers and duties.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01310-B, Rules Report No. 100, Magnarelli, Colton. An act to amend the Military Law, in relation to the issuance of a New York State Korean War Commemorative Medal.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 1310-B. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A01905, Rules Report No. 101, Dinowitz, Reyes, Otis. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to State disaster preparedness plans.

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 on Assembly print 1905. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A01980, Rules Report No. 102, Dinowitz, Seawright, Wallace, Dickens, Stern, Gottfried, K. Brown, Montesano, Glick, Colton. An act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to required notice of tax exemptions for senior citizens.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 1980. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the

Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A02044-A, Rules Report No. 103, Abinanti, Schmitt, Otis. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to the Water Resources Planning Council.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record -- read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 2044-A. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A02185-B, Rules Report No. 104, Carroll, Colton, Seawright, Simon, Dinowitz, Lupardo, Williams, Dickens, Griffin, Abinanti, Epstein, Sayegh, Jones, Ra, Taylor, Davila, McMahon, Reyes, Jean-Pierre, Ashby, Fall,

Englebright, Anderson, Jackson, McDonald, Otis, Walsh. An act in relation to establishing a dyslexia and dysgraphia task force; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect January 1st, 2023.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 2185-B. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Carroll.

MR. CARROLL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the bill.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: To explain your vote.

MR. CARROLL: To explain my vote.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Yes, sir; it's all right.

MR. CARROLL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to explain my vote today to memorialize the years of work it took to get this bill to the floor. I want to thank the Chair of the Education Committee, as well as so many other people who helped bring this bill to the floor today. This bill is important because we will finally be directing the State Education Department to impanel a set of experts to come up with universal screening methods, evidence-based

curriculum interventions and teacher training so that all children who struggle with dyslexia and dysgraphia become skilled readers and writers, because one cannot have agency in life if they are unable to read and write.

And the reason I'm passionate about this is because it is my story. If I were not fortunate enough to be identified as dyslexic in the 1st grade and then to receive that evidence-based reading instruction that I so desperately needed, I would not be here today. We know how to solve this problem, we know how to fix it. The only thing we now need to do is actually have the will to implement it. This bill will be a first, but important step, in making sure that happens so that all of our children can be come successful students. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Carroll in the affirmative.

Ms. Simon to explain her vote.

MS. SIMON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to commend the sponsor on this bill, it's all hard -- the work that he's been doing, as well as the Chair of our Education Committee. As you know, dyslexia is an issue that is near and dear to my heart. The importance of doing early screening and training our teachers and bring these interventions to young people is -- that will make a huge dent in subverting and stopping the school to prison pipeline. It will allow our students to be able to compete on a level playing field because they'll have the knowledge and the skills and the foundational

skills that they need. So I wanted to just, again, commend the sponsor for this bill, and I'll be voting in the affirmative. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Simon in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02550, Rules Report No. 105, Seawright. An act to amend the Public Authorities Law, in relation to the Office of Chief Executive Officer of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Seawright, 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 on Senate print 7621. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A02562, Rules Report No. 106, Woerner, Stirpe, Lupardo, McDonald, Cruz, Zinerman,

Galef, Jones, Brabenec, Angelino, Byrnes, B. Miller, Sayegh, O'Donnell, Tague, Manktelow, J. M. Giglio, Lemondes, Cook, Goodell. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to the appointment for agricultural representation on the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 2562. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A02632-A, Rules Report No. 107, Bronson, O'Donnell, Seawright, Otis. 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 AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Bronson, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced and the bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03245, Rules Report No. 108, Sayegh, Dickens, Griffin, Galef, Simon, Buttenschon,

Montesano, Seawright, DeStefano, Gottfried, Thiele, Santabarbara, Tague, Durso, Lawler. An act to amend the Public Service Law, in relation to the emergency response plans relating to downed wires.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 3245. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A03258-A, Rules Report No. 109, Sayegh, Dickens, Griffin, Galef, Simon, Buttenschon, Montesano, Seawright, DeStefano, Gottfried, Thiele, Santabarbara, Tague, Durso, Lawler, Ra, Otis. An act to amend the Public Service Law and the Public Authorities Law, in relation to requiring the emergency response plan of an electric corporation to include plans for how the communication and coordination of efforts shall occur.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 3258-A. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to

contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Sayegh to explain his vote.

MR. SAYEGH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, to explain my vote. I rise to explain the urgency of legislation previously approved, and this legislation that focuses on the tremendous need over the last number of years with repeated storms and outages where utility companies have not had in place adequate plans to address emergencies. And these legislative pieces I believe would put on notice utility companies, municipalities, and individuals involved with emergency services to make sure that planning is in effect, the restoration, whether it's power outages or downed trees, or any other emergencies are addressed in a -- in a fashion that saves lives and saves further damage. So I'm glad to vote for this legislation and I appreciate the support of my colleagues in addressing this very crucial area of need. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir. Mr. Sayegh in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03429-A, Rules Report No. 110, Cook, Joyner, Dickens, Galef, Taylor, Lavine, Hunter, Davila, Williams. An act to amend the Executive Law, in

relation to policies and procedures regarding death notifications.

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

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Senate print 3150-A. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A03511-A, Rules Report No. 111, Peoples-Stokes, Abinanti, Wallace. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to adding an acute children's hospital to the term enhanced safety net hospital.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 3511-A. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A03904-B, Rules Report No. 112, Cusick, Englebright, Zebrowski, Fahy, Magnarelli, Thiele, McDonald, Abinanti, Abbate, Hevesi, Jackson, Simon, Gottfried, Zinerman, Otis, Palmesano. An act to amend the Energy Law, the Executive Law and the Public Service Law, in relation to critical energy infrastructure security and responsibility.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 3904-B. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Cusick on the -- to explain his vote.

MR. CUSICK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to explain my vote. This bill is a bill that my office and I have been working on for years, it's good to see it up on the board and being voted on today. During these times, particularly, it's crucial that we protect our energy infrastructure from cyber attacks. This bill will take steps for New York State to do that, and it's very important that

we protect our modern grid with modern security. And so it's a good day today for New York State as we pass this bill to take the steps needed for the State of New York to protect our grid from cyber attacks that are happening and will continue to happen. So thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to explain my vote and I proudly vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Cusick in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03991, Rules Report No. 113, Colton, L. Rosenthal, Walker, Englebright, Cook, Seawright, Dickens, Taylor, Glick, Williams, J. Rivera. An act to amend the Public Authorities Law, in relation to providing notification to customers of bed bug infestations on MTA subways, trains and buses.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 3991. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A04016, Rules Report No. 114, Englebright, Otis. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to hunting and fishing licenses.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 4016. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A04115-A, Rules Report No. 115, Colton, Abbate, L. Rosenthal, Seawright, Williams, J. Rivera, Thiele, Gottfried, Epstein, Cook, Glick, Hyndman, Fall, Fernandez, Cruz, DeStefano, Sayegh, Davila, Montesano, K. Brown, Anderson. An act to amend the General City Law, in relation to requiring the cities with a population of one million or more to establish and implement a plan for the control of litter.

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 on Assembly print 4115-A. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Lawler to explain his vote.

MR. LAWLER: On behalf of the people of the State of New York, I just want to say it's wonderful there's only nine days left in Session.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: And, Mr. Lawler, how are you voting?

MR. LAWLER: Negative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Lawler in the negative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04250-A, Rules Report No. 116, Weprin, Walker, Gottfried, Fernandez, Epstein, Reyes, Cruz, Aubry, Hunter, Taylor, Forrest, Quart, Burgos, Simon, Burdick, González-Rojas, Jackson, Barrett, Gibbs, Davila. An act to amend the Correction Law, in relation to the establishment of a visiting program for incarcerated people.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04485-B, Rules

Report No. 117, O'Donnell, Buttenschon, Seawright. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to opioid overdose prevention in college housing.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. O'Donnell, 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 on Senate print 3448-A. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A04503-A, Rules Report No. 118 was previously amended on Third Reading and is High.

Assembly Bill No. A05286-A, Rules Report No. 119, Abinanti. An act mandating that the Public Service Commission examine a process for streamlining actions relating to identifying and removing certain utility poles.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05819, Rules Report

No. 120, Joyner. An act authorizing a study of 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: Assembly No. A05828, Rules Report No. 121, Reyes, Otis, Forrest, Gallagher, Dickens, Seawright, Zinerman, Sillitti, Darling, Jackson, Kelles, Meeks, Lemondes, Simon, L. Rosenthal, Thiele, Bichotte Hermelyn, Jean-Pierre, Abinanti. An act to establish a Minority Coordinating Council on Asthmatic Affairs.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On behalf of Ms. Reyes -- a motion by Ms. Reyes, 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 on Assembly [sic] print 410-A. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A05987-C, Rules Report No. 122, Stirpe, Hyndman, Dickens, Brabenec, Cook, J. Rivera. An act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in relation to allowing certain villages to enact a tax exemption for newly-constructed single-family and multi-family residential properties; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration 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 on Assembly print 5987-C. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A06202-A, Rules Report No. 123, Barrett, Hevesi, Wallace, Magnarelli, Burdick, Sillitti, Buttenschon, Jones, Kelles, Bichotte Hermelyn, Jacobson, Colton. An act requiring a multi-agency study on the issues impacting the continuum of caregiving in the State of New York.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Senate print 5734-A. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A06266-A, Rules Report No. 124, Hevesi. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to waiving the requirement of establishing paternity or a child support order for certain applicants or recipients of aid to dependent children.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06428-C, Rules Report No. 125, Thiele. An act to amend the Public Authorities Law, in relation to requiring service providers to reimburse consumers in the event of a prolonged power outage.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07063-A, Rules Report No. 126, Fahy, Simon, Colton, Dinowitz, Epstein, Steck, Zinerman, Stirpe, Gottfried, Stern, Quart, Zebrowski, Jacobson, Thiele, Lunsford, Burdick, Glick, Davila, L. Rosenthal, Otis. An act

to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to prohibiting the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in apparel.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07400-A, Rules Report No. 127, Barrett. An act to amend the Tax Law and the State Finance Law, in relation to providing for taxpayer gifts for Lyme and tick-borne diseases education, research and prevention and establishing the Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases Education, Research and Prevention Fund.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Senate print 6871-A. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. McMahon.

MS. MCMAHON: Mr. Speaker, would you please record our colleague Mr. Steck in the negative?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: So noted. Thank you.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07722-A, Rules Report No. 128, McMahon, L. Rosenthal, Zinerman, Gunther, Thiele, Simon, Colton, Gottfried, Glick. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to educating the public about the health and environmental impacts of idling vehicles.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. McMahon, 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 on Senate print 6962. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Montesano to explain his vote.

MR. MONTESANO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, to explain my vote. You know, while this is a laudable idea, right now all municipalities, especially in New York City, all have laws in place to address this issue. They have programs to discourage it, they have substantial fines that they impose. In fact, in New York City they have a program that if citizens go out and video commercial vehicles,

buses, especially buses, idling for more than a prescribed amount of time, they record that evidence in a video and photo, turn it into the City's Environmental Department and they get anywhere from \$250 to \$350 per violation that they turn in. So I think there's a lot there to be done to discourage people from idling these vehicles, and I don't understand what, you know, this bill is going to accomplish that's anything different.

So I'll be voting in the negative. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM: Mr.

Montesano in the negative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07753-A, Rules Report No. 129, Gunther, Tague. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to establishing the position of Catskill Park Coordinator within the Department of Environmental Conservation.

ACTING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly 7753-A. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously

provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Tague to explain his vote.

MR. TAGUE: Mr. Speaker, I just want to commend the sponsor on this bill. And she and I have worked together on this bill and with the folks from the Catskill (inaudible) Coalition. This is a very, very important bill, especially during the COVID crisis. Extra feet on the ground, somebody there to coordinate. So, Member Gunther, thank you very much for your leadership on this. I'm happy to vote yes on this bill today and hope my colleagues will follow by doing the same.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Tague in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07822-B, Rules Report No. 130 was previously amended on Third Reading.

Assembly No. A07855, Rules Report No. 131, Bronson. An act to amend the Elder Law, in relation to clarifying the meaning of the phrase "greatest social need" for purposes of the administration of programs under the Federal Older Americans Act of 1965.

ACTING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM: On a motion

by Mr. Bronson, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM: The Clerk will record the vote on Senate print 78-A. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A08006, Rules Report No. 132, Gottfried, Lupardo, Simon, McDonald, Sayegh, Galef, Abinanti, Wallace. An act to amend the Public Health Law and the Social Services Law, in relation to authorizing residents of assisted living programs to receive hospice services.

ACTING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 8006. This is a fast roll call vote. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers

previously provided.

(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. A08215, Rules Report No. 133, Meeks. An act to repeal subdivision 2 of Section 189 of the -- of the Correction Law and paragraph (b) of subdivision 5 of Section 60.35 of the Penal Law relating to the collection of an incarceration fee.

ACTING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 8215. This is a fast roll call vote. Any members who wish to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Walsh.

MS. WALSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would you please withdraw the roll on this bill and lay it aside?

ACTING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM: The bill is laid aside.

MS. WALSH: Thank you.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08296, Rules Report No. 134, Vanel. An act to amend Chapter of 602 of the Laws of 1980 relating to authorizing the Commissioner of General Services to sell or lease certain lands in Queens County to the Hollis-Bellaire-Queens Village Athletic Association, Inc. and to amend Chapter 841 of the Laws of 1990 relating to authorizing the Commissioner of General Services to sell or lease certain lands in Queens County to the Hollis-Bellaire-Queens Village Athletic Association, Inc., in relation to permissible uses of the conveyed property.

ACTING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM: On a motion by the Senate bill before the House -- 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 CUNNINGHAM: The Clerk will record the vote on Senate print 6893. This is a fast roll call vote. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A08427, Rules Report No. 135, Galef. An act to amend the Real Property Tax Law, in

relation to including certain spent fuel rods within the definition of real property.

ACTING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08453-A, Rules Report No. 136, Simon, Dinowitz, González-Rojas, Mamdani, Dickens, Gottfried, Mitaynes, Zinerman, Galef, Salka, Otis. An act to amend the Executive Law and the State Technology Law, in relation to requiring State contractors and vendors to comply with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines.

ACTING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A8458-A, Rules Report No. 137, Stirpe, Rozic, Englebright, Conrad, Jones, Dickens, Colton, Woerner, Gottfried, Septimo, Thiele, Gibbs, Galef. An act in relation to authorizing the Department of Labor to develop a public awareness campaign promoting the New York State Job Bank.

ACTING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 8458-A. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill has passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr.

Speaker, colleagues, for allowing me to interrupt our proceedings to introduce a guest that's here and ask for you to give her the cordialities of the House. She is our former colleague that represented a district that is now represented by colleague Stefani Zinerman. She is now the -- she also was a former Chair of the Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Asian Caucus [sic] and now she is the Chair of the Office of Cannabis Management's Control Board. Her name is Tremaine Wright. Chair Tremaine Wright. If you could please welcome her and give her the cordialities of the floor I would greatly appreciate it.

ACTING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM: On behalf of the members -- the Speaker and all the members of this House, we welcome you back to this House. Once a member, always a member. We extend the privileges of the floor and hope you enjoy the rest of today's Session.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08880-A, Rules Report No. 138, Wallace, Simon, Gallagher, Glick, Tapia, Galef, Griffin, McDonald, Magnarelli, Stirpe, Cahill, Seawright, O'Donnell,

Gunther, Gottfried, Morinello, Zinerman, Sayegh, Abinanti. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to establishing a Statewide advance care planning campaign to promote public awareness of hospice and palliative care services; and to repeal certain provisions of such law related thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly 8880-A. This is a fast roll call vote. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Wallace to explain her vote.

MS. WALLACE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to explain my vote. So this bill would create a public awareness campaign to inform the public about the importance of advanced care planning and -- and the availability of hospice and palliative care services which are sorely underused in our State. No one likes to think about what would happen if they were suddenly unable to make healthcare decisions for themselves, but it's really important to have those conversations and to have them with your loved ones in advance of needing them so that, God forbid, if

something ever does happen your loved ones know what your wishes are. This happened to me with my mother, unfortunately, and it was a horrible experience. But my mother, who was incredibly meticulous and incredibly organized, planned for everything, including this, so that when the time came where we, my sisters and I, had to make healthcare decisions for her we knew what her wishes were. We knew what she wanted, we were all on the same page and we were able to honor her wishes because she had made them explicit. It was an absolute gift. And I think it's only fitting that we are passing this bill on what would be her 79th birthday, coincidentally, although I kind of think she might have had something to do with that.

So Happy Birthday, Mom. This one's for you. And I want to thank my colleagues and the Speaker for supporting this legislation. I proudly vote in the affirmative. Thank you.

(Applause)

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09328-A, Rules Report No. 139, Lupardo. An act to amend the Executive Law and the State Finance Law, in relation to requiring funds received pursuant to mitigation payment requirements in furtherance of the Major Renewable Energy Development Program to be used for farmland protection programs.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 9328-A. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A09379-A, Rules Report No. 140, Englebright. An act in relation to authorizing VFW Post 4927 to file an application for exemption from real property taxes for certain assessment rolls.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 9379-A. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A09526-A, Rules Report No. 141, Lupardo, Hevesi, Kelles, Englebright, McDonald, Cruz, Galef, J.A. Giglio, J. M. Giglio, Salka, Wallace. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to the activation of 2-1-1 New York State upon declaration of a State disaster emergency.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 9526-A. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A09528, Rules Report No. 142, Buttenschon. An act to amend the Public Officers Law, in relation to the qualification for holding the office of assistant district attorney in the County of Oneida.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Buttenschon, 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 on Senate print 8540. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A09543, Rules Report No. 143, Hunter, Simon. An act to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, in relation to a license to sell liquor at retail for consumption on certain premises.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 9543. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A09785, Rules Report No. 144, Gunther. An act to amend the Public Officers Law, in

relation to qualification to hold the position of assistant district attorney in the County of Orange.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 9785. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A09950, Rules Report No. 145, Gunther. An act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law, in relation to directing the Commissioner of Mental Health to publish information on the Office of Mental Health website about the mental illness anti-stigma distinctive license plates.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 9950. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A09959, Rules Report No. 146, Burdick. An act to amend to incorporate the Croton Falls Volunteer Fire Department Benevolent Association, and providing for its powers and duties.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 9959. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A09970, Rules Report No. 147, Williams. An act to amend Chapter 554 -- 548 of the Laws of 2004 amending the Education Law relating to certain tuition waivers for police officer students of the City University of New York, 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 on Assembly print 9970. This is a fast roll call. Any member

who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A09978, Rules Report No. 148, Jones. An act to amend Chapter 138 of the Laws of 1998 amending the Navigation Law and the State Finance Law relating to the operation of personal watercraft and specialty prop-craft, 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 on Assembly print 9978. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A10001-A, Rules Report No. 149, Cunningham, Otis. An act in relation to directing the Department of Environmental Conservation, in conjunction with the Environmental Justice Interagency Coordinating Council and the

Climate Justice Working Group, to conduct a study on the impacts of urban island effect on disadvantaged communities.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, Rules Report No. 149, Bill No. 10001-A, the amendments are received and adopted.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10004, Rules Report No. 150, Woerner. An act to amend the Public Officers Law, in relation to providing for a waiver of the residency requirement for the City Attorney in the City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 10004. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A10136, Rules Report No. 151, Stirpe. An act to amend Chapter 274 of the Laws of 2010 amending the Environmental Conservation Law relating to repair of damaged pesticide containers, 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 on Assembly print 10136. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A10141, Rules Report No. 152, Dilan. An act to amend the Business Corporation Law, the Limited Liability Company Law, the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law and the Partnership Law, in relation to filing of certificates of resignation by persons designated to receive service of process with the Department of State when identity theft is at issue.

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 Assembly print 10141. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A10157, Rules Report No. 153, Committee on Rules (Paulin, Otis). An act to repeal Subdivision 6 of Section 51 of the Public Authorities Law, relating to voting by members of the New York State Authorities Control Board.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 10157. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A10159, Rules Report No. 154, Committee on Rules (Lucas). An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to manage the American eel.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record

the vote on Assembly print 10159. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or the Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A10160 -- Assembly No. A10160, Rules Report No. 155, Committee on Rules (Williams). An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to manage oysters.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 10160. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes?

(Pause)

Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10161, Rules Report No. 156, Committee on Rules (Williams). An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to manage blackfish.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 10161. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A10163, Rules Report No. 157, Committee on Rules (De Los Santos). An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to manage alewife.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record

the vote on Assembly print 10163. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

I do believe, Mr. De Los Santos, this is your first bill.

Congratulations, sir.

The bill is passed.

(Applause)

You will have to pull me aside and show me where alewife -- where alewife fish manage -- whatever they are. Thank you. Congratulations. No doubt this will be one of many. Good start.

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10164, Rules Report No. 158, Committee on Rules (Cahill). An act to amend Chapter 748 of the Laws of 1991, amending the Environmental Conservation Law and various other laws relating to establishing the Hudson River Valley Greenway, in relation to extending the expiration of certain provisions relating to indemnity to communities.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 10164. This is a fast vote -- roll call. Any

member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A10166, Rules Report No. 159, Committee on Rules (Woerner). An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to manage fish.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print A.10166. This is a fast roll call. And any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A10167, Rules Report No. 160, Committee on Rules (Kelles). An act to amend Chapter 152

of the Laws of 2020 amending the Environmental Conservation Law relating to authorizing hunting big game by rifle in the County of Tompkins, 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 on Assembly print 10167. This is a fast roll call. And any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, please record our colleague Linda Rosenthal in the negative on this piece of legislation.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: So noted. Thank you.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10177, Rules Report No. 161, Committee on Rules (Otis). An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to manage clams.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 10177. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A10178, Rules Report No. 162, Committee on Rules (Englebright). An act to amend Chapter 366 of the Laws of 2011 amending the Environmental Conservation Law relating to youth pheasant hunting days on Long Island, in relation to the effectiveness of such chapter.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 10178. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, please record our colleague Linda Rosenthal in the negative on this one.

Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. So noted.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A10182, Rules Report No. 163, Committee on Rules (Taylor). An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to manage hickory shad.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 10182. This is a fast roll call. And any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A10193, Rules Report No. 164, Committee on Rules (Englebright). An act to amend the

Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to commercial food fish licenses.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 10193. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A10194, Rules Report No. 165, Committees on Rules (Thiele). An act to amend Chapter 378 of the Laws of 2014 amending the Environmental Conservation Law relating to the taking of sharks, in relation to the expiration 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 on Assembly print 10194. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A10199, Rules Report No. 166, Committee on Rules (Burgos). An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to manage the American shad.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 10199. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. A10200, Rules Report No. 167, Committee on Rules (Gibbs). An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to manage weakfish.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 10200. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(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. 1012 -- A10201, Rules Report No. 168, Committee on Rules (Gibbs). An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to manage bluefish.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 10201. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 46, Calendar No. 567 on debate. The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09513, Calendar No. 567, Fall, Aubry. An act to amend Chapter 77 of the Laws of 2021 amending the Civil Service Law and the Labor Law, relating to leave time for COVID-19 vaccination, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof.

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

MR. FALL: This legislation would extend current provisions of law which grant public and private employees four hours of excused leave in order to receive a coronavirus vaccine until December 31st, 2023. Supports note that according to State Department of Health as of May 10th, 77 percent of New Yorkers are fully vaccinated and over 90 percent of New Yorkers have received at least one dose of the coronavirus vaccine.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Friend. On Zoom, Mr. Friend.

MR. FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?

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

MR. FALL: I yield.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Fall yields, sir.

MR. FRIEND: Since the enactment of the original bill, which was just shortly after the release of the initial vaccine in December of 2020, much has changed. Initially, you had to wait in long lines. They'd even cross state lines to go and get the vaccine. You weren't necessarily assured that you were going to receive one even if you were in line. Your current bill - I think that you mentioned it during your brief synopsis - does not change the time frame or reduce the time frame allowed to go and receive a vaccine; is that correct? It's still at four hours?

MR. FALL: It's still at four -- four hours. And the legislation that you're referring to that we passed last year, it was supposed to sunset December 31st, 2022. What we're doing here today is extending this until December 31st, 2023.

MR. FRIEND: Okay. And there's still no requirement for proof of vaccination; is that correct?

MR. FALL: There -- there is no requirement. However, there is nothing in the language that doesn't prohibit the employer for asking for a requirement. And you also have the component of the State Department of Law if there are any concerns where folks feel like, you know, this is being misused. They can always file a complaint with the State Department of Labor.

MR. FRIEND: Thank you. Does the bill require the -- either the agency or the private business to keep a record of the individual going to receive the vaccination or if they're getting a

booster or anything like that?

MR. FALL: No, it does not. But it doesn't prevent them from doing so.

MR. FRIEND: All right. I appreciate your answers to the questions.

Mr. Sponsor -- or -- yeah, Mr. Speaker, on the bill.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Friend on the bill, sir.

MR. FRIEND: So I -- I appreciate the intent of the sponsor of this current bill. However, the State already mandates many leave requirements, some of those being for cancer screening, paid sick leave, paid family leave, workers' compensation, short-term disability, COVID-19-related paid sick leave. COVID-19 vaccination leave, which is what we're discussing right now. Blood donation, bone marrow donation, crime victim leave, jury duty, military service, voting leave, volunteer emergency responder leave, breastfeeding break time, and a recently passed bill, the universal paid sick leave. At the Federal level mandated leaves include the Family and Medical Leave Act as well as federal holidays. The Human Rights Law for employees also following the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that businesses also have to allow for religious belief as well as for disabilities. And then you also have to include any negotiated contract benefits that may also have additional time off that aren't included in those State and Federal mandated leaves. The universal paid sick leave was passed in 2020. It went into effect January 1st, 2021 and requires the

following: Employees will receive an amount of sick time depending on the size of their employer, and that will result in anywhere from 40 hours of paid sick time to 56 hours depending on the size of the business and the amount of money that the business brings in. So I think that that may be the best source for an individual to go and get a vaccine, given the fact that vaccines are now readily and freely available at almost all pharmacies and extended hours of operation. Chapter 77 of the Laws of 2022 was originally passed and signed into law in February 2021 at a time when Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines were in extremely limited supply and those wishing to be vaccinated were being encouraged to take whatever vaccine appointment they could find regardless of their work schedule. Luckily, New York State has moved on more than a year and vaccine scarcity is far less of a concern. Many appointments are already -- readily available and many people still wishing to be vaccinated can schedule around their work schedules. This is going to have a major impact on our small businesses that are already plagued with mounting challenges due to record-breaking inflation, supply chain disruptions, labor shortages, high gas prices and enormous unemployment insurance tax bills. There are close to 500,000 small businesses with employees in New York. These businesses employ half the State's private sector workforce, nearly four million New Yorkers, and their production accounts for nearly half of the State's GDP. A strong, vibrant small business ecosystem supports local tax bases, governments and schools. Sixty-seven cents of every dollar

spent at a local small business is reinvested into the community. According to a recent survey by NFIB, 54 percent of small businesses have not seen their sales volume return to pre-COVID levels and 67 percent anticipate that the local community will not to return to a pre-crisis level of economic activity until the second half of 2022 or later. Additionally, the New York State Comptroller released a report finding that four out of five small businesses continue to suffer from a negative overall impact from COVID-19. These are sobering numbers for the State's economy, local communities and our main streets which bring life and vibrancy to our neighborhoods. At a time when small businesses continue to struggle in search for a way to recover from the cost of the devastating pandemic, New York must do no harm and stop imposing costly mandates. I believe that with the passage of the universal sick care bill that we recently enacted, universal paid sick leave, that we have adequate time given that the vaccines are freely and readily available for an employee to make an appointment, they know when they're going to receive that vaccine. And I do not support the bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mr. Friend.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print 9513. This is a Party vote. Any member

who wishes to be recorded as an exception to the Conference position is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir. The Republican Conference is generally opposed to this legislation for the reasons mentioned by my colleague. Those who support it can certainly vote yes on the floor or do so by contacting the Minority Leader's Office.

Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Majority Conference is going to be in favor of this piece of legislation. However, there may be a few that would desire to be an exception. They should please feel free to contact the Majority Leader's Office, we'll make sure their vote is properly recorded.

Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Ma'am.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Goodell to explain his vote.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir. One of the challenges we have in the Legislature is recognizing that times change and for us to change with it. So when the -- when the COVID pandemic first hit, that's when we first enacted this law to allow employees to take paid time leave to get a vaccine. And as my

colleague mentioned, that vaccine was in extremely short supply, it was difficult to get an appointment. You couldn't always schedule the appointment outside of work hours so it made perfect sense. Well, that was, you know, two years ago when the pandemic started. And things are very, very different today. And in the meantime we passed mandatory paid leave, sick leave, and we've already covered this under other legislation. And no longer do you have any problem getting an appointment or finding the vaccine, and so to provide an extra four hours of paid leave on top of the mandatory leave that we passed last year on top of everything else is really an overkill at the same time when so many of our small businesses are struggling to make ends meet and to keep people employed.

For that -- for that reason I won't be supporting it this year. Thank you again to the sponsor. I appreciate your desire. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Fall to explain his vote.

MR. FALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you know, we are still in the pandemic. As much as we want this pandemic to be over, we're still in it, and -- and I think this piece of legislation is important to make sure that those New Yorkers that still have not received their vaccination, it is about 20 percent or so, that we're giving them the opportunity to get their vaccination so they don't have to choose between going to work and getting their vaccine. And so -- and with the point that my colleague raised as far as the paid leave

that we passed a couple of years ago, an employee would have to accumulate a certain amount of hours to be eligible for any leave. So what we're doing with this bill, it applies to every New Yorker in the State of New York.

I encourage my colleagues to support this bill. I withdraw my request and vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Fall in the affirmative.

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir. Please record my colleague Mr. Miller in the affirmative.

Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: So noted.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, please record our colleague Mr. Stirpe in the negative on this piece of legislation.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: So noted.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you.

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 47, Calendar No. 578, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09764, Calendar No.

578, De Los Santos. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to redefining the duties and renaming the Office of Minority Health to the Office of Health Equity and renaming the Minority Health Council to the Health Equity Council.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: An explanation is requested, Mr. De Los Santos.

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill would rename the Office of Minority Health, which is under the Department of Health, as the Office of Health Equity and redefines the mission and scope of the Office to focus on underserved population by expanding the scope of the Office to include vulnerable population from urban, suburban and rural community and to consider additional social and environmental factors that could have an impact on their health. This bill would allow the Office to more effectively improve health outcomes within underserved area and populations.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Byrne.

MR. BYRNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you to the sponsor. Will the sponsor yield for some quick questions?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. De Los Santos, will you yield?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: Yes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The sponsor yields, sir.

MR. BYRNE: Thank you, sponsor, for that -- that explanation and congratulations on passing your earlier bill. The

expansion of scope, mission and focus that you mentioned in addition to the name change it lists several different groups or categories that seem to be qualified. Some of them are being served already by the existing office, it says by race, ethnicity. The new list is sexual orientation, gender identity, preferred language other than English, gender expression, disability status, aging population, immigration status and socioeconomic status. I understand that many of those populations are served, but it -- it seems that immigration status is a new category; is -- is that correct? Is that your understanding?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: My understanding is that the term "minority" limits the understanding of the population of the Office served. Given the -- the demographic shift in your State that exclude many other groups of people who face health disparity and various access to care. So this is really a -- an effort to -- to make it more to reflect the missions of the Office.

MR. BYRNE: Thank you to the sponsor. Now -- for answering that question. Do you foresee any increased cost for expanding this mission or -- or scope of the -- the Office?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: No.

MR. BYRNE: No. Okay. Thank you to the sponsor for taking time to answer those questions.

On the bill, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. BYRNE: I certainly appreciate the -- the intent

of this bill by the sponsor, and while certainly it -- it's compelling to hear an argument that focuses on fairness, that would want to serve more people, the concern that I and some of my colleagues on the Health Committee had in the Committee discussions and debate is that by expanding this scope and the mission of this agency, not just renaming it, we could unintentionally dilute some of its effectiveness on what it was initially intended to do by hoping non-White and racial ethnic minorities -- we're now opening up to a large category of -- of different folks that were -- it's going to be tasked with. But the last budget we recently passed, my understanding is it received \$266,000 for various grants from the Department of Health to help support initiatives through this Office. It wasn't an increase from the previous year's budget, so there's a concern that by expanding the scope and mission of the Office without additional resources that it could, again unintentionally -- I'm not questioning the intent of the motivation behind this bill, but it could unintentionally divert resources from people that the Office is presently serving. So that is a concern that I and some of my colleagues have for the members' consideration.

But again, thank you, Speaker, and thank you to the sponsor for taking the time to answer my questions.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mr. Byrne.

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you. Would the sponsor yield?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. De Los Santos, will you yield?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: Yes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The sponsor yields.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you. Just following up a little bit on my colleague's earlier question on this expansion to include immigration status. As you know, if you come over to the United States legally on a temporary visa, like an H-1 or F-1 or B-1 or L-1 or E-1, any one of those temporary visas, there are also restrictions on your legal right to access a lot of government programs. I mean, it's recognized that you're coming in here for a very specific purpose on a temporary visa lawfully. But one of the conditions is that you have to be financially self-sufficient. Is it the intent of this to ignore those requirements as it relates to those who are here legally?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: My understanding is that it is not. The Office already provide these services within the capacity of the Office.

MR. GOODELL: So if we're -- if this bill is not intended to deal with any of those who are here legally in accordance with all those criteria that I mentioned, then is it -- is it your intent that this bill does just deal with those who are here illegally or without documentation?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: It -- it deal with both. For those legal and illegally connecting to services.

MR. GOODELL: Okay. So, I'm sorry I

misunderstood your earlier answer. So your earlier answer was that even if you're here on a legal temporary visa this would apply to you even though accessing a lot of those services would violate your temporary visa? Am I correct then? This is intended to apply to both legal temporary visas as well as those who are here illegally?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: This bill has nothing to do with that, so...

MR. GOODELL: Well, what's -- what's it mean when it talks about immigration status?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: The -- the Office served as a hub, as a beacon to examine the data.

MR. GOODELL: Well, I understand, but one of the amendments to the original bill that created this Council was to add the phrase "immigration status," right? That's on page 2, line 9.

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: No, it's just adding immigration status, just one of the things that the Office would -- would provide.

MR. GOODELL: Right. But that -- that whole section there on page 2 from line 5 to line 19, that's all new language, correct? I mean, that's why it's underlined in our drafts, right? It's all new language.

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: So this is a -- a new language, sir.

MR. GOODELL: Yeah, that's what I thought. And on page 1, likewise, lines 1 through 12, that's all new language, too,

correct?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: Correct.

MR. GOODELL: And so we've taken the original Office of Minority Health and we added all this new language, and in all that new language we included for the first time reference to immigration status. And I was just trying clarify -- and I -- I think I understood your answer that this reference in the new language to immigration status applies to both those who are here on a temporary visa legally, those who are here on a permanent resident visa which would be a lawful visa, as well as those who don't have any visa and might be here illegally or -- or undocumented, correct?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: They -- perhaps they're examining how immigration status affect, you know, health.

MR. GOODELL: Okay. Thank you very much. I appreciate your comments.

Sir, on the bill.

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

MR. GOODELL: Thank you. As my colleague mentioned, we have a lot of support in our Conference for helping those who are here legally ensure that they get adequate healthcare and that's very important. And of course we don't want anyone denied healthcare or the availability of high-quality healthcare based on age, race, color, religion, national origin, or any of the recognized criteria. We do have a lot of problems, though when, we start extending the

support of the State to those who are here, whether legally or illegally, in a manner that would violate their immigration status. And we certainly wouldn't want to inadvertently use State tax dollars to cause somebody who's here on a temporary visa to lose their temporary visa because they're accessing a program that they're not legally able to access. And so we need to be very sensitive to making sure that we're compassionate to those who are here legally, to make sure that they are complying with our immigration status so it's not revoked. And certainly we need to be compassionate in recognizing that those who are not here legally should be encouraged to go through the legal process before they access all the services that we have to offer.

Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr.

Speaker. Will the sponsor yield for a couple of questions?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. De Los Santos, will you yield?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: Yes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Could you tell me how many people serve on this Council?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: Fourteen.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Fourteen?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: Yes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: And what direct service do they provide?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: So -- so they connect underserved population to -- to other resources and services.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: So they're researching ideas, thoughts and practices to better deliver equity in healthcare to people who need it wherever -- or make recommendations to hospitals, make recommendations to primary care operations, make recommendations to community health centers on how to deliver a more equitable health service.

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: Correct.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you. And the only thing that this piece of legislation is actually doing is changing the name of the Council.

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: Correct.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, sir.

MR. AUBRY: On the bill, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER CUSICK: On the bill.

MR. AUBRY: So, I represent a community that has exploded in Queens so that we have people from all over the world. A hundred dialects are spoken in the communities that I represent and they're around me. The protection of the health of Americans is primary to our responsibilities. The health and protection of the human beings that live in our districts is our responsibility. I don't care what their status is, because if they have communicable diseases, if they are sick and those sicknesses can spread, we live very close to each other. All of us could be impacted because someone may have a

disease. And I don't care what his status is because my job is to protect the people that I live next to. And as a resident of my community I don't choose who I live next to or who lives in this -- in the buildings next door, around the corner or who's in the store. But so the Health Department, our Health Department, should be involved in preventing and taking care of the health of everyone who is in the -- the -- New York State. Everyone that's in Corona, East Elmhurst, Woodside. They're all our responsibility. So the idea that I might not want to have policies enacted to protect the health of my voting residents, my legal residents, my any residents, doesn't make sense to me. So it would seem that in -- in the issue particularly for communities like mine, and maybe they're communities where people live very far apart, some of you have described them, so you don't run into people unless you want to run into them. But we run into each other every day. We walk on the same streets, we go to the same stores, we pray in the same churches. None of the places where you have to show ID to prove who you are. And so, therefore, we come into contact with each other. And so as a -- if a resident who is legal and has COVID could pass it to a resident who may not have papers and he has COVID. How do you stop that? Because you need polices that look at the health of everyone who resides in this State. And so that's what I believe this Council urges to do, is to look at policies to ensure that we're protected. You're protected. Because you walk on the street. You get in an elevator. How do you know if somebody in the elevator is legal or illegal? And if they can't get healthcare, if

they're not planned for, you're in danger. Let's not put ourselves in danger over political names of whether you're this or whether you have that paper or not. Maybe those things are important in a lot of ways, but when it comes to protecting our health, they're totally unimportant.

So I think the move is most important. And I commend the sponsor for taking on the task to get this kind of process growing in our State so we're not caught by surprise again by the next COVID that comes down or the next typhoid, or the next bubonic plague or whatever may arrive because the world has shrunk. And so you can't put up these artificial barriers around the country. It doesn't happen. People come and go through us just the same way they travel all over Europe. Right. People -- you can't stop folks. And so we need to have policies that recognize the world we live in today and who's with us today, particularly around health.

So, again, I want to commend, you, sir. I hope that the Body comes together and understands how important that is and that we should pass this bill and --

ACTING SPEAKER CUSICK: Mr. Goodell, why do you rise?

MR. AUBRY: -- (inaudible) that kind of cooperation.

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

ACTING SPEAKER CUSICK: Would Mr. Aubry

yield?

MR. AUBRY: I'd be happy to yield, Mr. Goodell.

ACTING SPEAKER CUSICK: Mr. Aubry yields.

MR. AUBRY: I -- oftentimes I don't get the chance to talk to you.

(Laughter)

MR. GOODELL: I know. Most of the time I simply say thank you, sir. As well I should.

MR. AUBRY: Yes.

MR. GOODELL: Yes. But I -- I did have -- I was struck by your conversation and I am always impressed by our comments and -- and your compassion and -- and I thoroughly appreciate that. But I was struck by one statement where you said we all have a responsibility to ensure everyone is healthy. But in the legal context when someone applies for an H-1 visa, for example, it's sponsored by the company. And when the company sponsors a person coming over on a temporary lawful H-1 visa for work, the company makes the commitment that they'll provide all the healthcare. And that's also true for an L transfer or an E visa, even an F visa. And even when you apply for a permanent resident visa, you know, like a green card, there's a sponsor. There has to be a sponsor, and the sponsor makes the commitment to ensure that the applicant healthcare is met. So when we talked about responsibility, I understand we have a general societal responsibility but we certainly don't want to ignore the personal responsibility, do we, of the companies that make that

certification or the individuals or the organizations that make that certification. I mean, they're the ones that have that primary responsibility, don't they?

MR. AUBRY: Well, I suppose that those circumstances that you describe that there is that responsibility. But I don't think that creating this kind of Council obviates anybody from that responsibility. It says that we as a state must plan for when that mechanism doesn't work. Because not all mechanisms that we have written in law, written in Constitution, written on paper, work when you're in the street. When you're walking with people in your community, when somebody walks into your business and coughs and that person hasn't had the kind of health protection that they need regardless of whether they have the papers required -- I have papers all over me -- to do that. So how do we help ensure that that is -- that transmission that's possible has not been treat -- being treated, should be treated? That those health institutions where they can go get that and that the policies of the State support that process.

MR. GOODELL: Right and I --

MR. AUBRY: And I think that's what the Council makes to do.

MR. GOODELL: And I think that's a great dilemma, and I think the way we respond to it currently under current law is that we say that anyone who walks through the front door of a hospital must be treated. Regardless of anything, they must be treated. Regardless of their ability to pay, their immigration status, anything,

they must be treated. Then the next question is, who pays for the treatment. And we don't want to have a situation where someone who's here on an H visa or an L visa or an F visa or an E visa or any of the temporary visas applying for government assistance because that would result in the termination of their visa. And we certainly don't want anyone to fall in that trap. But --

MR. AUBRY: Could you -- let me --

MR. GOODELL: So --

MR. AUBRY: -- let me interfere for a minute --

MR. GOODELL: So access is absolutely guaranteed in New York State, or should be. I think we're all in agreement on that. The question -- but I think we also need to recognize that once access is granted, who is responsible for payment is a little bit of a different issue.

MR. AUBRY: So while (inaudible) I share -- I guess I share your concern about making sure the right person pays. I guess the concern I have is making sure that people stay healthy. And the pay process is important, I suspect, on a lot of levels. But when you live in communities -- and why I describe my communities like mine, the health of people is more important than who pays. So we may approach it differently because maybe your neighbors are ten miles away from you or 20 miles, or not. But my neighbors are on my doorstep. And so I can't totally think about who's paying for them to get healthcare over the point of I need them to have healthcare. I need their children to be healthy. And who says that a person who has

insurance couldn't go to a city hospital and say, *I don't have any insurance* and get care? It could happen, right? And so the chasing the dollar, God help us, in America we love to chase the dollar, to me becomes less important than the health of my neighbors, your neighbors, the State at-large because look what's happened. So while we may have defeated COVID at one level, the rate --the COVID rate is rising up here in Upstate, as am I to understand. So, you may need this help the same way we needed help when it was ravaging Elmhurst Hospital in my district. And we had thousands of people lined up on the street trying to get healthcare because they needed it. So, policies that understand both your difference and my difference make sense to me.

MR. GOODELL: Mr. Aubry, I have to say it is such a pleasure to have these discussions with you on the floor.

(Laughter)

It's also a pleasure when we have these discussions off the floor while we're getting a cup of coffee or whatever. And -- and I -- I think you bring up really a great point about how important it is for us to focus on the health of our community and our neighborhood and -- and our country as well. And one of the criteria that you have to meet in order to get a visa to the United States is a health background check. And of course we saw this remarkable scenario play out when the United States cut off foreign travel. I mean, it went for months, right? You couldn't come here from different countries regardless of -- of anything. I mean, it was

completely cut off. So now we're in a situation where everyone who applies for a visa legally, whether a temporary visa, a student visa, employment visa or a permanent visa, must have a health background check. But we have hundreds of thousands of individuals who are crossing our borders or trying to cross our borders every month without any health check. How would you suggest we address that issue, or do you think this legislation is aimed at that issue?

MR. AUBRY: I -- I believe that a council so composed will take on those kinds of issues. I guess that's part of why they're there. And then, you know, funny things come to my mind when I listen to you, Mr. Goodell. So I think --

MR. GOODELL: I think it is happens to many people.

MR. AUBRY: I -- I'll bet you it does. I'm thinking of the ships that came from England over to the United States in our beginning. Of course nobody had a visa then. The Native Americans didn't stop us at the border and say, *Come on, show me your papers*, you just came. And you brought with you diseases from Europe that decimated the Native American community here in the Americas. So -- so for us now to say those people who come here like we came here -- like you came here, not me, I came one side of the ship or in the bottom and you were on the top. But so they come, here they are and we're going to deal with them. So in health, while you can argue the border question, and I understand that and how important that is, the ones that are here impact our health and we impact their health. And

so I think that the Department of Health is going to be less concerned about their status as citizens or not citizens or legal or illegal as opposed to their health. It seems to me that's why we have a Department of Health because they're concerned about how we live and that we stay healthy --

MR. GOODELL: Mr. --

MR. AUBRY: -- whoever is here --

MR. GOODELL: Mr. Aubry, I am so tempted to say on the bill, Mr. Speaker. But it is your time. So thank you so much.

(Laughter)

MR. AUBRY: But only because you took me off the bill. Thank you, sir.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER CUSICK: Ms. Giglio.

MS. GIGLIO: Thank you. Will the sponsor yield?

ACTING SPEAKER CUSICK: Will the sponsor yield?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: Yes.

ACTING SPEAKER CUSICK: The sponsor yields.

MS. GIGLIO: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. De Los Santos. So where it's the goal of New York State to make sure that everybody gets a COVID vaccination, will this Minority Council or this Health Council now be requiring anybody who's seeking services from New York State to get the COVID vaccination? Where, you know, a vaccination card is required to enter the Legislative Office

Buildings, to enter the Capitol, to attend SUNY schools.

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: No.

MS. GIGLIO: The nurses and -- are required, firefighters, police officers. All these people are losing their jobs because they're forced to get the COVID vaccine. So will the Health Council be requiring for the protection of public health and welfare but --

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: The answer is no.

MS. GIGLIO: The answer is no. So these people that are seeking services that are paid for by New York State taxpayers with the goal to make sure that everybody is healthy and safe, yet they are not going to be required to get the COVID vaccination when everybody else is?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: As I stated before, the Council does -- does not provide services. It exam the data informations that is received to -- to determine how can better improve condition.

MS. GIGLIO: Okay. Do you agree that New York State is focused on getting everybody in New York State vaccinated?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: This is not what the bill does or say.

MS. GIGLIO: But the question: Do you believe that it's the goal by the Department of Health in New York State to get everybody vaccinated?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: Again, the bill says

otherwise. The focus of creating condition and examining the Council to improve the condition that we all deserve and promote equity.

MS. GIGLIO: Understood, but isn't it equitable to the rest of us that are vaccinated, including myself, to make sure that we're protected from people that aren't vaccinated from getting COVID?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: If the bill would propose that then it would be a different story, but this is not what the bill does.

MS. GIGLIO: So would you sponsor a bill that would require that anybody that seeks services, health services from New York State taxpayers that they get the COVID vaccination?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: As I said, this is not this bill.

MS. GIGLIO: Okay. But would you sponsor a bill that would require anybody who is seeking health services from New York State taxpayers to get the COVID vaccination?

MR. DE LOS SANTOS: If you propose a bill I'll look into it.

MS. GIGLIO: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER CUSICK: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER CUSICK: The Clerk will record the vote on A9764. This is a Party vote. Any member who wishes to be recorded as an exception to the Conference position is

reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir. The Republican Conference is generally opposed but there are no doubt some members of my Conference have been swayed by the sponsor and others who have spoken on his behalf. So for those who been swayed certainly vote yes on the floor or contact the Minority Leader's Office. Otherwise, in general, the Republican Conference will be negative. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER CUSICK: Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Majority Conference is going to be in favor of this piece of legislation that it changes the name of the Minority Health Council. Those who desire to be an exception should feel free to contact the Majority Leader's Office and we'll make sure your vote is properly recorded. Thank you, sir.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

ACTING SPEAKER CUSICK: Mr. Byrne to explain his vote.

MR. BYRNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, to explain my vote. I just wanted to again thank the sponsor for his -- his comments in answering my questions and for the remarks on the floor from our colleagues from both sides of the aisle. I just want to try to help set the record straight because while I -- I completely understand

that the intention behind this bill is -- is noble and I applaud the intentions, it is doing more than just a cosmetic change in a name. And I do think people need to understand that on page 2 of the bill where it highlights health disparities and that this is now going to be serving "underserved populations," it does add a list of categories including immigration status as we've heard from our colleagues earlier. It defines health equity. It talks about social determinants of health which shall mean "life-enhancing resources such as healthful foods - make sense - quality housing, economic opportunities, social relationships, transportation, education and healthcare whose distribution across populations effectively determines the length and quality of life." There's limited resources in our State budget. No additional funds were given for this expansion. And again, a concern that I raise was that it could dilute away the resources that are there from its initial mission under the Office today. But again, I appreciate the time that my colleagues have given on the floor to answer the questions but it is more than a simple name change. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Jensen to explain his vote.

MR. JENSEN: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, to explain my vote. With all due respect to our floor leader, it was not the discussion today that changed or influenced my vote, but it was the things that the ranking member on the Health Committee did just mention. We want all 20 million New Yorkers to live healthier lives.

There are certain determinants that effect the ability of an individual to live a healthier life. And while I share the concern of the diluting the original intent of the Minority Health Council and the Office of Minority Health, expanding its purpose and its mission will make a difference in making sure that New Yorkers can live a healthier life. And while they may not have gotten the budget allocation in this year's State budget, it is my hope that perhaps in subsequent budgets or through referrals to not -- not-for-profit community partners we can ensure that New Yorkers live a healthier life regardless of food insecurities, regardless if they live in a rural, suburban, urban population. The original office only effected certain communities, certain counties. The expansion will address the health of people who live in rural communities like those in Upstate New York. And for that reason I'm voting in the affirmative. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Jensen in the affirmative.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes to explain her vote.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the opportunity to explain my vote. I actually rise to commend the sponsor for taking on the challenge like this which really seems sort of simplistic in a way when you first read the first portion of the bill which just says this enacts the change in name of an existing organization. But then it does add people into who would be eligible to be discussed at this council table which makes a lot of sense because we do have a growing population in our country and I know

we do in the City of Buffalo that we do need to talk about what their health issues are. And no one needs to wonder whether or not there's equity in healthcare in America. No one needs to wonder about that because we see it in broad daylight in front of our faces as a result of COVID. We saw the people who died first and fastest. Those are the people who got disparate healthcare. There are social determinants to health that impact the lives of people. It's important to have a council in place that does the research on those, gets the information out to the places where the service is delivered so that the best opportunities services can deliver. So I want to commend the sponsor for pushing the button on this one. It needs to happen. Thank you. Pleased to vote in favor of it.

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.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: We do have a bit of housekeeping.

On a motion by Ms. Bichotte Hermelyn, page 29, Calendar No. 160, Bill No. 84947, amendments are received and adopted.

On behalf of Ms. Buttenschon, Bill No. A1121-B.
The Assembly bill recalled from the Senate. The Clerk will read the title of the bill.

(The Clerk read the title of the bill)

THE CLERK: An act to amend the Penal Law.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: 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.

And another one. On behalf of Ms. Paulin, Bill No. A9883. Assembly bill recalled from the Senate. The Clerk will read the title of the bill.

THE CLERK: An act to amend the Public Authorities Law.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: 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.

We have numerous fine resolutions, we will 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. 891-893 were unanimously adopted.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned until Thursday, tomorrow being a legislative day and that we reconvene at 12:00 noon, Monday the 16th being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Monday, 12:00 noon. The Assembly stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 6:20 p.m., the House stood adjourned until Thursday, May 12th, that being a legislative day, and to reconvene on Monday, May 16th at 12:00 p.m., that being a Session day.)