

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

3:57 P.M.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come to order.

Rabbi Butman will offer a prayer.

RABBI SHMUEL BUTMAN: (Speaking foreign language), our Heavenly Father, please bestow Your blessings on the members of the New York State Assembly, especially since they have passed a resolution dedicating 122 days of education in the State of New York in honor of the 122nd birthday of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. The Rebbe spoke about education so many times, and he said that when he speaks about education, he doesn't only mean the Jewish child, he means any child, any child of the world; the American child, the European child, the child from the Far East, the child from the Middle East. He wants every child to have an education, and that every child should know that there is an eye that sees and there's an

ear that hears, and that the world is not a jungle. And you have passed 120 days of education in the State of New York in honor of the Rebbe.

The State of New York is a leader in the United States of America, and the United States of America is a leader in the world. So therefore, you are part of the leadership of this world and you were elected by Almighty God to be His representatives to do good for His people in the State of New York, in the United States of America and all over the world.

In 1991, I went to Washington to open the United States Senate. Before I went to Washington, I went to see the Rebbe. And the Rebbe said to me, *While you're in Washington, you should take with you a pushka -- you are familiar with this, a pushka is a charity box -- and then he says, You should give charity while you're doing the prayer and let everybody see what you are doing, and let them know what money should be used for.* And that's what I did in Washington in 1991, and that's what I do here every single year. I am going put in a dollar in which it says, "In God We Trust", in this pushka, it's called a charity box, and I hope that after that you will join me and you will also put a dollar into the charity box. And I don't want you to get scared. This is not a fundraising campaign, because if this was a fundraising campaign, I would ask you for much more than \$1. So now we're only asking for \$1. That's a -- a deed of charity, a good deed. And the Rebbe wants each and every one to do another good deed. So I'm going to ask you to join me, and don't give me \$2, I'm going to be watching, \$1. Thank you so much.

And I want to tell you before I conclude that every Saturday, every Sabbath in our shuls, in our synagogues, we say a prayer for you. We say (speaking foreign language), all those who serve the public faithfully as you are, we are asking for blessings to be bestowed upon you and upon your family in everything that you need. May you pass the budget successfully today.

(Laughter)

Thank you.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Also, let us pause for a moment in silence and keep in our thoughts the Syracuse Police Officer, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Officer who died in the -- of their injuries sustained in yesterday's shooting. Let us remember their sacrifice and hold in our thoughts their families, friends, and colleagues and the communities that they serve.

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

Amen.

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 Friday, April the 12th.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

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

dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Friday, April the 12th and that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Without objection, so ordered.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, sir. To the many guests that are in our Chambers today, as well as the Rebbe and all of our colleagues that are here, I want to share a quote today. This one comes from Oliver Goldsmith. He's an Irish novelist and a playwright. One of his most well-known novels is *The Vicar of Wakefield*. His words for us today: *Our greatest glory is not in never failing or falling, but is rising every time we do fall*. Again, these words from Oliver Goldsmith.

Mr. Speaker, members have on their desk a main Calendar with 23 new bills, and after you've done any housekeeping or introductions we will be calling for the following Committees to meet in the Speaker's Conference Room: Ways and Means, Rules, and Agriculture. These Committees are going to produce an A-Calendar of which we will take up today. We will begin our work following that with the -- taking up resolutions on page 3, Calendar resolutions. Then we're going to continue with consent where we left off last week, beginning with Calendar No. 396, it's on page 35. We're gonna go right through to Calendar No. 398. Then we will consent the new bills, beginning with Calendar No. 399, it's on page 5. Majority members should be aware that there is gonna be need for a

conference immediately following our work on the floor today and, Mr. Speaker, as always, we will confer with our colleagues on the other side of the aisle to determine what their needs may be.

That is a general outline of where we are, Mr. Speaker. If you have introductions or housekeeping, now would be a great time.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: We do have housekeeping, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

On a motion by Mr. O'Donnell, page 6, Calendar No. 406, Bill No. 4905-A, amendments are received and adopted.

On a motion by Ms. Kelles, page 23, Calendar No. 136, Bill No. 4871-A, amendments are received and adopted.

Committee meetings, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, if you could please call the Ways and Means Committee immediately to the Speaker's Conference Room.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Way and Means, Speaker's Conference Room.

For the purposes of a introduction, Mr. Weprin.

MR. WEPRIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased, once again, to introduce Rabbi Shmuel Butman here today. Rabbi Butman is a longstanding friend of the Weprin family. He's a good friend -- he was a good friend of my late father, Saul Weprin, and my late uncle, Jack Weprin. He is the Executive Director of the Lubavitch Youth Organization. He sponsors the largest menorah in

the world every Hanukkah for eight days in Manhattan on 59th and 5th Avenue. I am very proud to sponsor a resolution which commemorates the anniversary celebration of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson's 122nd birthday. And as a result, the resolution calls for 122 days of education in honor of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who served over 45 years of dedicated leadership. Rabbi Schneerson established over 1,500 Lubavitch centers, helping people of all walks of life throughout the world, from Australia to Africa, from Holland to Argentina, and from Moscow to Jerusalem. Whereas Rabbi Schneerson's educational activity -- activities throughout the globe have enriched and strengthened the religious, educational, cultural, moral and ethical fibers of all citizens of the world. And whereas he was a remarkable and holy man who inspired millions of Jews and non-Jews to greater dedication, loyalty and commitment in all matters between man and God, and between man and man. So whereas Rabbi Schneerson proclaimed the redemption was on its way, and he called upon all citizens of the world to prepare with a personal commitment to increase all activities of goodness and kindness, and commemorating this birthday will be on April 19th this year, which corresponds to the 11th day of Nisan, which is during the High Holiday of Passover. We will celebrate 122 days of education, and it's a great pleasure for me to welcome Rabbi Shmuel Butman here to celebrate this momentous occasion and the passing of this resolution for the 122nd birthday of the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Weprin, the Speaker and all the members, Rabbi Butman, we welcome you again here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to us [sic] the privileges of the floor, and it looks like your fundraising has been successful.

RABBI BUTMAN: From this to the budget.

(Laughter)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: From this to the budget. Well, we're gonna go back and see about that budget right now.

RABBI BUTMAN: Thank you very much.

(Applause)

(Pause)

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Mr. Cunningham for the purpose of an introduction.

MR. CUNNINGHAM: Thank you so much for the opportunity to introduce three very special people to me. I'll start in age order from the oldest to the youngest, so I'll start with my son, Senator. Senator was born in November of last year. He has obviously transformed my life in so many ways that are so meaningful. I am so proud of him already and know he's gonna be a great, great young man. Also want to introduce my wife, Stephanie, who has joined us. I just want to thank her publicly. Child raising is very hard, particularly when your spouse is running back and forth to Albany. Stephanie has done a phenomenal job being a mom, being a working

mom and taking care of our kid. And lastly, the youngest of the group, my mother-in-law, or mother-in-love, Edwina Kerr-Johnson. I don't know how we would do this thing called parenting without my mother-in-law and my mother. They've been towers of strength, support and love.

Mr. Speaker, please give them full cordialities of the floor and welcome them to the House. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Certainly. On behalf of Member Cunningham, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you and your lovely family here to this Body. We know that as little Senator here is just in his young age, we very much look forward to seeing him and your lovely family in the years to come. And so we extend to you the privileges of the floor today, we hope that you will enjoy today's proceedings, and know that you are always welcome here. Thank you so much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mr. Pirozzolo for the purpose of an introduction.

MR. PIROZZOLO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm very, very proud today to introduce to you, I have a group of people here from Moore Catholic High School on Staten Island, which is in the heart of my district. Moore Catholic is a co-educational Catholic school on Staten Island, and was founded in 1963 by the Presentation Sisters and is named after Countess Mary Young Moore, a benefactress of the Archdiocese of New York. Today we're joined by Principal Scott Gabel and AP Government Teacher Amanda

Sorrentino. And we also have the wonderful students of the AP Government class of Government and Politics.

Mr. Speaker, they are here to see how government works. The speed of government has been astounding for them, so it's a very good thing. But these students here also belong to the National Honor Society, the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, the English Honor Society, Science Honor Society, Quill and Scroll International Honor Society for High School Journalists. Moore Catholic has over 500 students and about 35 faculty members. Their football team has played in three straight CHSAA championship games, and their senior class of only 83 students has -- has produced four Division I athletes.

And Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not let you know that they are here on this trip on -- thank you to the NYPD, the Community Affairs Bureau, so I'd like to thank them for providing the transportation and assisting and planning this visit. I'd like you to give a special shout-out to Assistant Commissioner Foster, Detective Nunez, Sergeant Santos, Officers Koshy, Roldan, Familia and Germosen. And I'd also like to thank Community Associate Garcia and School Safety Supervisor Ward and Agent Robinson.

Mr. Speaker, could you please present them the cordialities of the House?

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Pirozzolo, the Speaker and all of the members, we welcome you all today to this People's House and the Chamber and the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the

floor, and we hope that you have enjoyed today's proceedings. We look forward to welcome -- welcoming you back in -- in the near future. Thank you so much for joining us. Thank you so much.

(Applause)

Mr. Jensen for the purpose of an introduction.

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

I am privileged to introduce two guests from 13thirty Cancer Connect in the City of Rochester in Monroe County, Lauren Spiker, the Founder and Executive Director of 13thirty, and Steve Esposito, the Associate Director. 13thirty was founded by Lauren after the death of her 19-year-old daughter, Melissa. Before Melissa's passing, she asked her mother to make a difference, saying that, *If you've learned anything from me through all of this, do something with it to make a difference, to make things better.* 13thirty has become an internationally-known and respected leader in the field of adolescent and young adult cancer, which we will be taking up an awareness resolution later today. Because of the passion, clear vision and the steadfast commitment, and the singular focus on teens and young adults with cancer, this is why 13thirty is so renowned for its advocacy efforts. Unlike many other cancer support organizations, they concentrate their efforts and resources on a target -- targeted national problem that affects approximately 90,000 young people in the United States every year, and 5,000 of these young people in New York, that 13 to 30 age group who are facing, battling and then surviving cancer. They not only act as a support group for these AY --

this AYA population while battling cancer, but also continue to be there for them as they continue to survive and thrive after their cancer is beaten, or to support the families if they are not -- if the individual is not successful in their fight.

So it's my pleasure to welcome them here today, and if, Mr. Speaker, you'd be willing to grant them the cordialities of the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Certainly. On behalf of Mr. Jensen, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you today. We hope that you will enjoy today's proceedings. We extend to you the privileges of the floor, and we thank you so much for all your advocacy and all your efforts on an issue that touches so many. We wish you all the best of luck in all of your continued efforts. We thank you for joining us, and we welcome you back at any time that you should be able to join us. Thank you.

(Applause)

Ms. Seawright for the purpose of an introduction.

MS. SEAWRIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to introduce some very special guests in the Chamber today. From the New York Junior League, I'd like to recognize Delia Folk [phonetic], the Vice Chair of State Subcommittee; Michaela Harris [phonetic] and Paloma Naderi [phonetic], Vice Chairs of the City Subcommittee; Nicole Veno [phonetic], the Co-Chair of Advocates for Public Policy; Erin Newlands [phonetic] of Advocates for Public Policy Committee; Courtney Smith [phonetic] and Mariah Lewts-Tweedy [phonetic], and

Board Member Leah Winger [phonetic].

Established in 1901, the New York Junior League is one of the oldest and largest women's non-profit volunteer organizations in New York City with more than 2,500 volunteers of all races, religions and ethnicities. They donate more than 100,000 hours of service every year. The Junior League trains volunteers to develop skills for community work to serve on boards and to be leaders. They effectively advocate for issues affecting women, children, families, under-deserved communities, and are focused on health care equity, gender equity, public safety and the prevention of domestic violence.

Please welcome them and give them the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Certainly. On behalf of Ms. Seawright, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you to the People's House. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. We hope that you will enjoy today's proceedings. Thank you so much for gracing us with your presence and the work that you continue to do on behalf of all New Yorkers. Thank you for joining us, and we welcome you to the State Assembly.

(Applause)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes for the purpose of an announcement.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, would you please ask the Rules Committee to go to the Speaker's Conference

Room?

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Rules Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room.

(Pause)

Resolutions, page 3, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 1081, Mr. Tannousis.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 2024, as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Mr. Tannousis.

MR. TANNOUSIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Parkinson's disease is a progressive disorder that affects the nervous system. It affects over 8.5 million worldwide. Although there is no cure for Parkinson's, there is treatment. Unfortunately, hundreds of thousands of people do die from Parkinson's disease. One of those people was my uncle, George Tannousis, who passed away a few years ago, leaving behind his three sons, his wife and his grandchildren. It's very important that we bring awareness to this disease and that we are able to bring this awareness to bring that knowledge to the public as to how to go about fighting Parkinson's disease so we can continue to save lives.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Ms. Buttenschon.

MS. BUTTENSCHON: Thank you to my colleague for bringing this important resolution forward. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce Paula Flisnik and her wonderful daughter Sarah Militano that are from my district. And clearly, as my colleague stated, this a serious, serious diagnosis with over 65,000 individuals across the State of New York with the highest counties being Oneida and Onondaga County that face this challenge. Paula is a Parkinson Foundation Ambassador with the People of [sic] Parkinson's Advisory Council. As a person with Parkinson's, she was diagnosed nearly 13 years ago. Paula encourages others to live life to the fullest, regularly attends meetings with Parkinson's patients from across the country. As an ambassador, she also works directly with the -- with Parkinson's individuals that are Vietnam veterans that face these challenges, ensuring that they have access and assistance to necessary services.

Again, I want to thank my colleague for bringing this important resolution forward, and thank Paula and her daughter for being here today. Please extend them the cordialities of the House at this time. Thank you.

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

(Applause)

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 1090, Ms. Jackson.

Legislative Resolution memorializing --

memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 11-17, 2024, as Black Maternal Health Week in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: On the resolution, Ms. Jackson.

MS. JACKSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Mom Squad and Senator and Stephanie who's here with us, I want to say thank you to our Governor for proclaiming April 11th to April 17th as Black Maternal Health Week. I want to lift up the names of Christine Fields, Sha-Asia Semple, Elaina Boone and Shakema Edwards. And the reason I lift these women's name up because they're not here to celebrate Black Maternal Health Week. They're not here to hold their babies, they're not here to raise their children with their partners, and it's because they died during childbirth. And the CDC has told us that 80 percent of pregnancies-related death experienced are preventable. To be exact, the mortality rate in 2021 for non-Hispanic Black women was 69 deaths per 100 live births. And so we have Black Maternal Health Week to bring awareness and lift up Black voices regarding the stories, the horror stories. We -- we celebrate and talk about Black Maternal Health Week because we know that systemic racism exists within our hospitals, within our government, and if we don't say anything it'll continue to be so. So I'm grateful that I was able to have my two children. I'm grateful to the mothers and -- and birthing people who were able to have their children, but I'm also saddened for the -- the ones that did not get to experience living life with them.

So on this day we say thank you to all the moms, to all the health care providers, to all the doulas, to all the midwives, to all the doctors, we say thank you for all your work and we acknowledge April 11th to the 17th as Black Maternal Health Week. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Bichotte Hermelyn.

MS. BICHOTTE HERMELYN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this resolution in celebrating Black Maternal Health Week as we advocate legislation and actions addressing the maternal mortality crisis. I want to thank the sponsor for this resolution. We are here recognizing and celebrating the 7th Annual Black Maternal Health Week, and it's to spread the awareness of all the maternal issues in our communities are facing. We've heard the grim reports continuously where the disparity with Black women giving birth are dying at a very high rate, three times, four times, five times, six times of -- of their White colleagues. And as a survivor of maternal health where I also had suffered having to lose my child and was neglected, I want to stay that I stand with all the advocates, I stand with my legis -- my -- with my fellow legislators and making sure that Black women, when they come in -- when they go into the hospitals they are coming out alive. Black children, Black infants, when they are born in the hospitals they are coming out of the hospital alive.

And so with this, I join my colleagues in pushing and supporting this resolution and letting everybody know that there are so many things we can do to prevent Black women, or any women, who are pregnant from dying. Let's push for more doulas, let's push for more midwives. Let's push for more cultural competencies in our hospitals, let's push for health equity and access. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 1091, Ms. Walsh.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 11, 2024, as Submarine Day in the State of New York, in conjunction --

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. 1092, Ms. Clark.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April --

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Before we vote on the resolution, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

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

would call the Agriculture Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Agriculture, Speaker's Conference Room immediately. Thank you.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 1092, Ms. Clark.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 14-20, 2024, as Medical Laboratory Professionals Week in the State of New York.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 1093, Mr. Magnarelli.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 21-27, 2024, as Abusive Head Trauma/Shaken Baby Syndrome 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. 1094, Ms. Barrett.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 2024, as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Barrett on the resolution.

MS. BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have had the honor of -- of rising to introduce this legislation -- this -- this resolution for more than a decade. When we first introduced it, it was 2013 and it was the month of May. But climate change and changes in the -- the warmth of -- of our, you know, of our -- our communities has really changed the dynamic of Lyme and tick-borne disease, and so we've moved this to April. And -- and really find that it's important that everyone recognize and continue to be vigilant about Lyme and tick-borne disease. The climate change expanded the geographic range of ticks, and what was once considered a problem just in Lyme, Connecticut or the Hudson Valley is now across the country and across the world. In fact, this year the first tick carrying dangerous Powassan virus was found earlier this month on a human in Western New York. There are more than a dozen tick-borne illnesses in the United States, and one tick can carry more than one disease, resulting in people receiving more than one coinfection from a single tick bite.

At this point, the number that the CDC uses is 476,000 people diagnosed and treated for Lyme disease on any year. But that number is thought to be a lot more because many of the symptoms of Lyme and tick-borne diseases really mimic a lot of other

diseases that we've seen; everything from mental health or Alzheimer's to influenza. So this is something that we have to keep promoting and advancing and being sure that -- that the -- the sources of information and the research institutions are supported here. SUNY Upstate Hospital in New York has a world-class testing lab, but it hasn't been able to be funded on a regular basis. So what was a tremendous resource where people could send their ticks to to get diagnosed is no longer operating on a regular basis.

So this is why I continue to bring this resolution to the floor, ask all of you for your support. And remember, always as we go through this to #gettickedoff. Thank you.

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. 1095, Ms. Levenberg.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 2024, as Oral Cancer Awareness Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Levenberg on the resolution.

MS. LEVENBERG: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to introduce this resolution, and also thank you to so many of my colleagues for joining me to recognize April as Oral Cancer Awareness Month. In recent years the not-for-profit Oral

Cancer Foundation has partnered with the nation's top dental associations to promote April as Oral Cancer Awareness Month. Oral cancer awareness and early detection greatly increase an individual's chances of survival, with the survival rate often well over 90 percent, depending on the type of cancer found. Unfortunately, it's estimated that 43 percent of those diagnosed with oral cancer this year will not survive longer than five years after diagnosis. Many of those who do survive will endure significant challenges such as facial disfigurement and difficulties with basic tasks like eating, drinking and speaking. In addition to regular dental care and screenings by dental professionals, the Oral Cancer Foundation is encouraging Americans to check -- to visit checkyourmouth.com to learn more about this initiative and how you can check yourself and get screened by a professional before it's too late. You know, that one where you stick out your tongue, (making sound) that's the one that the dentists do. It's really not that comfortable, but it's really useful. So let's make sure that we all let our dentists do that, let them (inaudible) so that they can check our mouths for oral cancer.

I have a very dear friend, Christopher Goode, who is actively battling tongue cancer. And he is a trooper, but we certainly would love to make sure that fewer people need to fight this battle. Many cancer -- cases of oral cancer can be prevented, and oral cancer is strongly correlated with tobacco use, alcohol abuse, and Human Papilloma Virus, or HPV infection, typically, the HPV 16 strain responsible for the majority of cervical cancer cases. So, reducing or

eliminating your alcohol intake and your tobacco use can help prevent oral cancers in many people, as can the HPV vaccination.

So again, Mr. Speaker, thank you so much to my colleagues for supporting the resolution, and to the Oral Cancer Foundation and dentists everywhere for helping to promote oral cancer awareness and do everything that we can together to combat this horrible scourge.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 1096, Mr. Anderson.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 2024, as Second Chance Month in the State of New York [sic].

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Anderson on the resolution.

MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, on the resolution. I'd like to take a moment for us to thank my colleagues for joining me in commemorating and memorializing April as Second Chance Month in the State of New York. When I introduced this resolution last year, I had an opportunity to talk and share the stories and the reasoning as to why it's important for us to recognize New Yorkers who are returning home. And over 30,000 New Yorkers are incarcerated in New York State prisons as it presently stands today. Eighty percent of

those incarcerated individuals are Black and Brown, and that is the legacy of mass incarceration that has had a disproportionate impact on communities like the ones I represent. And so today is an acknowledgement that we know that these folks will come home, and they will be coming home shortly and they have been coming home. And that we must have the requisite resources and supports as they return home to their communities. It's important that with this resolution we recognize Second Chance Month as a reaffirmation of our commitment to communities and commitment to the idea that everyone in New York deserves a second chance and that we have to continue to dismantle a system of mass incarceration that doesn't meet the needs of all New Yorkers.

I want to bring up a story of a constituent. One of my constituents, Sharon, has a brother who has been incarcerated for 27 years, since he was a teenager, and today he has earned a college degree and spends his time mentoring incarcerated young people and facilitating conflict resolution workshops. This is important, and it's a great thing that we're looking to acknowledge this. And I want to commend also the Biden Administration which first introduced this resolution on the Federal level in April of 2022.

It's important, again, that we recognize the disparities that exist as people are returning home, and I proudly hope that my colleagues will join me as we acknowledge and commemorate April as Second Chance Month in the State of New York. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Ms. Walker on the resolution.

MS. WALKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to rise in support of this resolution memorializing Governor Hochul to declare April as Second Chance Month in the State of New York. One of the things that we know is that over 650,000 people are released from our State and Federal jails across -- and prisons across the country. When I was initially elected, I was told that 25,000 people were returning to my district alone, based on the zip codes that I represent. For many of those individuals, a second chance represented their first opportunity. And so hopefully this resolution will support this Legislature and others to come up with comprehensive plans to improve access and the systems with respect to the criminal justice system in America. We hope that this will provide the awareness so that we can provide access to quality education, small business loans, and further decarceration of many of the crimes that we know, such as when we did the marijuana legislation, which were based on poverty and access as opposed to any severe criminality. We also hope that this will allow for more reentry housing opportunities, because we know that those things stabilize communities. We hope that it will promote more job opportunities because we know that when people have access to a good job, that that promotes public safety. And of course we hope that it would provide more resources to reduce recidivism, provide more drug treatment, and access to mental health services as one of the things

that I anticipate that we will be improving upon and allow more access to mental health courts across the State of New York.

So thank you to the sponsor for introducing this bill [sic], and I look forward to working with my colleagues as we promote Second Chance resolutions around the country and definitely more resources for our own State. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 1097, Mr. Jensen.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 2024, as Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Awareness Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Jensen on the resolution.

MR. JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, on the resolution. Caught in the great divide between pediatric and adult medicine, the adolescent and -- the adolescent and young adult population between the ages of 13 and 30 experience a serious gap in age-appropriate coordinated services and support. No longer children, but often not yet fully independent self-supporting adults, AYAs have unique challenges which continue to be inadequately addressed, compounding the devastating impact of cancer. Consequently, this vulnerable age group has seen comparatively little improvement in

survival rates relative to younger or older cancer patients, and are at a higher risk for reoccurrence and secondary cancers. At the national level and international level they see less research on their very specific types of cancer and the impacts that the cancers have on them. They suffer from complicated and often lifelong treatment-related late effects, emotional and psychological distress, social isolation, diminished education, career opportunities and serious financial hardship. While the number of AYA cancer diagnoses is not high every year, it is worthy of awareness by the State to ensure that we put a greater focus on the impact of lifelong cancer on the AYA population.

I appreciate my colleagues' support of this resolution and the continued effort to support not just those AYAs fighting cancer, but all the families affected by someone in the AYA population who has been touched by cancer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 1098, Mr. Sayegh.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim April 2024, as Celebrate Diversity Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Sayegh on the resolution.

MR. SAYEGH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my pleasure to again sponsor this resolution celebrating each April in New York State as Diversity Month [sic] in the State. As we know, New York State is blessed to have a very diversified make-up in our community. And we've learned, as the Rabbi stated earlier in his prayer, the importance of education and awareness, and we learn to respect the differences and the benefits that people bring together as New Yorkers to the betterment of our State. And we learned, especially myself as an educator many years ago, when we looked at diversity as a melting pot, and then we realized years later we're not really a melting pot, we're a salad bowl. We're a salad bowl that looks at the make-up of our State and appreciates the differences we bring together. And today is really significant because of the enormous amount of polarization and division that I believe is largely caused by misunderstanding and the lack of awareness.

So the message today is to respect diversity, respect differences and appreciate, appreciate differences and recognize that by becoming aware and putting ourselves in everybody else's situation, whether we negotiate a budget, we debate a concern, a matter that becoming more aware and being able to put ourselves in everybody else's different position makes us better citizens, better human beings, and makes us better global citizens of the world.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying

aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 1099, Ms. Solages.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 3, 2024, as Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis 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.

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

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to interrupt our proceedings for the purposes of an introduction of some very special guests that are in our Chambers as we passed a resolution acknowledging maternal -- Minority [sic] Maternal Health Week. We have with us Shannon John -- John -- Johns. Shannon's right here, she's a doula. As well as Njeri Motley, a doula as well. They are both from Buffalo, New York and they work with this phenomenal facility called Calming Nature Doula. They have had the, I think, awesome responsibility and a great pleasure to a lot of families to have served in the birthing of over 40 families since the beginning of the year. They work both with the Catholic Health Systems, as well as other private health systems throughout our community and they're doing great work.

So Mr. Speaker, if you would please welcome these

amazing women to our Chambers and offer them the cordialities of the House and the floor. Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you here to the New York State Assembly. We extend to you the privileges of the floor. Our congratulations on the wonderful work that you're doing. We know how important that relationship is between those who provide services to women who are giving birth, and how you have done so successfully in Buffalo. Please know you are always welcome here and we appreciate the fact that you are sharing this time with us. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, members now have on their desk an A-Calendar. I would like to move to advance that A-Calendar.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On Mrs. Peoples-Stokes' motion, the A-Calendar is advanced.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

(Pause)

Page 3, Rules Report No. 29, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09851, Rules Report No. 29, Weinstein. An act making appropriations for the support of government; to amend Chapter 111 of the Laws of 2024, relating to making appropriations for the support of government, in relation

thereto; to amend Chapter 113 of the Laws of 2024 relating to making appropriations for the support of government, in relation thereto; and to amend Chapter 114 of the Laws of 2024, relating to making appropriations for the support of government, in relation thereto, and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Governor's Message is at the desk, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: I hereby certify to an immediate vote, Kathy Hochul, Governor.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: An explanation has been requested, Ms. Weinstein.

MS. WEINSTEIN: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we continue making progress with budget negotiations, this bill would secure -- would ensure funding for State operations and other programs through April 18th. It includes funding for the institutional payroll, public health programs, unemployment insurance and veterans' programs.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Ra.

MR. RA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will Chair Weinstein yield?

MS. WEINSTEIN: Yes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Weinstein yields, sir.

MR. RA: Thank you. So just a few questions and then maybe you can give us somewhat of an update as to what is

going on with the budget itself. But, so this is our fifth extender, this will take us through Thursday, April 18th, correct?

MS. WEINSTEIN: Correct.

MR. RA: And how much is the additional appropriation in this bill?

MS. WEINSTEIN: The additional appropriation is 419,522,000.

MR. RA: Okay. And what does that bring us to a total in the five emergency extenders we have done to this point?

MS. WEINSTEIN: So then total will be 1,677,272,000.

MR. RA: Thank you. Anything you can tell us in terms of where we are in term -- in terms of this being the last extender we do this year?

MS. WEINSTEIN: I believe things are very close to an agreement, and hopefully we will be able to vote on budget bills sometime this week.

MR. RA: Okay. Can you tell us, are there any items that are agreed upon at this point?

MS. WEINSTEIN: As -- as I've said before, until there is a total agreement, we can't really -- I -- I can't really talk about -- there -- until there's total agreement, nothing is really totally agreed to.

MR. RA: Okay. Do -- do we have any sense on what the total spending number might be?

MS. WEINSTEIN: Not at this time, it's still --

MR. RA: Okay.

MS. WEINSTEIN: -- being negotiated.

MR. RA: But it is your belief that we will hopefully at some point this week prior to the start of Passover next week, be able to get a budget done?

MS. WEINSTEIN: I -- I hope so. I have some things to do on Passover.

MR. RA: Okay. I -- I hope so, too. Well, I think that's -- oh, one -- one last question, I guess. Do we think that if we are to come to an agreement, again, that a full financial plan will be available to the members before we start doing budget bills?

MS. WEINSTEIN: Once we conclude the enacted budget, there would be a financial plan available.

MR. RA: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Mr. Speaker, on the bill.

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

MR. RA: Thank you. So we're here on fifth budget extender. Coincidentally, it's tax day today so I -- I think that is maybe appropriate as we're talking about, you know, what our actual spending numbers are gonna look like for the upcoming year. And there's a lot of hub going on, I know it's imminent that the Governor is making some type of announcement. Obviously, we're here on the floor and not listening to it, but hopefully this is the week.

I -- I just want to reiterate as we work towards a final

budget a couple of things; number one, I don't want to continue to rehash this, but we had a decade where a late budget was rare. It was as rare as a bald eagle. You know, you -- you -- we were always around that date regardless of the calendar, regardless of holidays, and we've gotten away from that the last couple of years. Now here we are today, and hopefully that we are coming to a conclusion. You know, I'll tell you, like everybody else I was back in the -- in the district I represent over the weekend. I was at a street fair yesterday and I had a number of people come up to me that are local school board members. And they said, *Please tell me you're getting a budget done this week because we have to put our budget out to the public.* They have layoffs in their proposed budget and they need to know what's going on. So I just want to reiterate that part, that -- how important it is to get a budget done.

But I also want to reiterate another -- another piece of this, and there's been a lot of talk about whether or not we want policy in this budget. And I know generally speaking, I don't like policy being put in the budget, but the items that have been holding this up really are policy issues. You know, some of these policies regarding tenant protections, good cause evictions, those are policy issues. So we shouldn't pretend that we're not doing policy in the budget. And I want to reiterate -- and it's unfortunate that here we are again talking about as we recognized before Session today, two law -- law enforcement officers who unfortunately lost their life last night. The criminal justice issue is still out there. It's still something New

Yorkers want us to address, whether it's in this budget or after the budget, and it's something that needs to continue to be at the forefront of our conversations this week and until we're done here in June because New Yorkers want something to be done.

I -- I want to just, you know, lastly say that I hope that, you know, as we vote for this and we make sure our workforce continues to get paid, we make sure all the State's payments get made, as we get hopefully toward the business of -- of enacting a final budget, those points I think have to -- have to be prevalent in terms of those policy issues, but also this: Transparency. Putting budget bills out there in the light of day so our constituents know what's in them before we are voting for them. So we're not doing this in a piecemeal fashion so we don't know the fate of certain proposals that may be not in one budget bill, but may be coming up in a later budget bill. And certainly a financial plan so we know before we vote on a budget bill how much this budget is going to spend, whether there's any new taxes, whether -- whether so many of the things that our constituents care about are -- are going to be addressed in the budget.

With that, I'm gonna be voting in favor of this budget extender with the hope that this is our last one this year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record

the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Page 35, Calendar No. 396, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09580, Calendar No. 396, Lavine. An act to amend Chapter 401 of the Laws of 2002, amending the Real Property Tax Law and the Nassau County Administrative Code relating to assessment and review of assessments in the County of Nassau, in relation to extending certain provisions thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09670, Calendar No. 397, Dais. An act to amend Chapter 890 of the Laws of 1982, relating to the establishment of certain water charges for hospitals and charities in New York City, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

Mr. Dais, congratulations on your first bill.

(Applause)

The bill is passed.

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09671, Calendar No. 398, Braunstein. An act to amend the Local Finance Law, in relation to the sale of bonds and notes of the City of New York, the issuance of bonds or notes with variable rates of interest, interest rate exchange agreements of the City of New York, the selling of bonds at private sale, the refunding of bonds, and the down payment for projects financed by bonds; to amend the New York State Financial Emergency Act for the City of New York, in relation to a pledge and agreement of the State; and to amend Chapter 142 of the Laws of 2004, amending the Local Finance Law relating to interest rate exchange agreements of the City of New York and refunding bonds of such city, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00402-B, Calendar No. 399, Rozic. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in

relation to prohibiting reckless driving in parking lots.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read -- on a motion by Ms. Rozic, 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 30th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir. This bill would make it illegal to engage in reckless driving on a private parking lot. And while I would not recommend that anyone drive in a reckless manner, whether you're on a public street or on private land, I think it may be a little bit of an overstretch for the State Legislature to make it a misdemeanor punishable up to a year, and possible suspension of your license if you're driving in a manner that a public official might think is inappropriate while you're on private property. And for that reason, I will be opposing it, but I certainly would recommend that people always drive carefully.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section -- oh, I'm sorry.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01010-B, Calendar No. 400, Weprin. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to the sale of over-the-counter drugs and cosmetic products.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01390, Calendar No. 401, Paulin, Buttenschon, Cruz, Gunther, Jacobson, Darling, Sayegh, Stirpe, Zebrowski, DeStefano, McDonough, Tague, Steck, Jean-Pierre, Durso, Smith. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to the location of the annual school district elections.

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

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03073-B, Calendar No. 402, Paulin, Fahy. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to requiring certain persons to wear a helmet when operating a Class One or Class Two bicycle with electric assist.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Goodell to explain his vote.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir. There was some question amongst my colleagues over what this bill covered and didn't cover, so I thought it might be helpful to review where we are. Under current law, everyone under the age of 14 who is riding a regular bicycle has to have a bicycle helmet. There are three classes of e-bikes; Class 3 is the fastest, it goes up to 25 miles an hour. Anyone who rides a Class 3, regardless of age, is supposed to have a helmet. Class 1 and 2 e-bikes are slower, Class 1 you have to pedal, Class 2 you don't have to pedal but it has a maximum speed of 20. Right now those under 14 can't drive it anyway, and there's no obligation for any helmets for anyone else. This bill would require that 16- and 17-year-olds would have to wear a helmet if they're driving a Class 1

or Class 2 e-bike, but adults would still be exempt from wearing a helmet either on a bicycle or on a Class 1 or Class 2, or if they're in New York City, on a Class 3 they'd still have to wear a helmet.

I support the bill because I think it's important that kids traveling 20 miles an hour on an e-bike have a helmet. Thank you, sir.

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03580-A, Calendar No. 403, Hevesi, Darling. An act to amend the Social Services Law, in relation to the adoption subsidies provided for disabled or hard-to-place children.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04058-A, Calendar No. 404, Rosenthal. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to prohibiting contracts for the purchase or financing of a dog, cat or rabbit from including provisions allowing repossession of the animal.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04737-B, Calendar No. 405, Lavine. An act to amend the Penal Law, the General Business Law and the State Technology Law, in relation to adding medical and health insurance information within the definitions of

identity theft.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A04905-A, Calendar No. 406 was previously amended on third reading.

Assembly No. A05730-A, Calendar No. 407, Zaccaro, Shimsky, González-Rojas, Septimo, Aubry, Raga, Cruz, Mamdani, De Los Santos, Sillitti, Novakhov, Beephan, DeStefano, K. Brown, Zinerman, Gibbs. An act to amend the Executive Law, in relation to requiring the installation of smoke detectors in common places of certain dwellings.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06229, Calendar No. 408, Weprin. An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to the payment of restitution by registered and unregistered repair shops.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07467, Calendar No.

409, Paulin, Sayegh, Steck, Simon, Cook, Glick, Vanel, Lunsford, L. Rosenthal, Bronson, Zebrowski, Thiele, Williams, Bichotte Hermelyn, Carroll, Fall, Gallagher, Forrest, Cruz, Stirpe, Clark, Colton, Santabarbara, Hunter, Jackson, Zinerman, Kelles, Jacobson, Otis, Wallace, Meeks, Sillitti, Gunther. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to the use of psychotropic medications in nursing homes and adult care facilities.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08555, Calendar No. 410, Paulin. An act to amend the Business Corporation Law and the Limited Liability Company Law, in relation to requiring certain companies and corporations to report certain data regarding the gender, race and ethnicity of their employees.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A08993, Calendar No. 411, Thiele, Paulin, Ardila, Colton, L. Rosenthal, Seawright, Bichotte Hermelyn, Levenberg, Lucas, Burdick, Simone, Sillitti, Durso, K. Brown, Gandolfo, DeStefano, Simon, Weprin. An act to amend the County Law, the Tax Law and the Suffolk County Water Quality Restoration Act, in relation to the use of moneys from the Water Quality Restoration Fund.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Thiele to explain his vote.

MR. THIELE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, to explain my vote. This legislation, the Suffolk County Water Quality Restoration Act, represents a multi-year effort to put together a program in Suffolk to deal with wastewater, and a way to reverse the trend that we've had in Suffolk of declining water quality, and this legislation would accomplish that. It would provide from \$3- to \$4 billion over the next 30 years for wastewater treatment and upgrading individual septic systems. And I just wanted to express my thanks to several folks that were involved in this. First of all, it was a bipartisan effort. I want to thank my colleagues from Suffolk County on both sides of the aisle. I want to thank our former County Executive Steve Malone who initiated this -- this program, and I also want to thank both our current County Executive Ed Romaine and our Presiding Officer of the Suffolk County Legislature, Kevin McCaffrey, for getting this across the finish line. When this bill passes and gets signed by the Governor, it will be subject to mandatory referendum and it will ultimately be decided by the voters. But it also involved the support of -- of business and labor and environmental groups and local governments. It was really a -- a really broad effort, and I just want to say thanks and I'm glad that we were able to get to where we are today with this legislation.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Thiele in the

affirmative.

Mr. Brown to explain his vote.

MR. K. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the sponsor of this bill, I want to thank the cosponsors and my Suffolk County colleagues. This important bill will create a Suffolk County Sewer Commission and a Water Quality Restoration Fund that is 50 years in the making. And I applaud the bill sponsor for his steadfastness and his dedication to this issue. It will create a fund modeled after a Maryland law that helped clean up -- excuse me, the Chesapeake Bay to fund sewer -- septic system projects. Importantly, the fund will have a lock box to prohibit any use of the funds that is not approved by the new Suffolk County Sewer Commission. This fund will also sunset after 50 years. The bill will also consolidate several of the existing sewer districts under one roof, and is critically important in the 12th Assembly District which has over 60 miles of coastline, to help clean up the quality of water by reducing the nitrogen levels that cause red and brown tides, as well as fish kills, and allow the restoration of the once-thriving shellfish and fishing industries in the Long Island Sound, the Great South Bay and the Peconic Bay, as well as countless back bay areas in and around Long Island.

So thank you very much for speaking on this bill and I vote in the affirmative. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Brown in the affirmative.

Ms. Giglio.

MS. GIGLIO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I'd like to also thank the sponsor for bringing this bill forward and working so diligently with both sides of the aisle, which is not always an easy task.

Suffolk County has 360,000 conventional sanitary systems, some of them sitting in groundwater. So this bill will eventually remove all those homes and put them onto a system where there will be treated water. We have Peconic Estuary Program funding and EPA funding from the Federal Government, but sometimes it just feels like you're shoveling (making sound) against the tide.

So this will definitely help with that effort and I want to again thank the sponsor.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Giglio in the affirmative.

Mr. Gandolfo to explain his vote.

MR. GANDOLFO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, to explain my vote. I would also like to congratulate the sponsor and thank him for his work on this. Representing the Great South Bay in my district, all my towns right along the coastline there, this is hugely important for us. The effect that the lack of sewer systems has on the health of the Great South Bay is apparent. Between the nitrogen runoff and the rising water temperatures, we are seeing these very harmful algal blooms that are basically just smothering the Bay and

choking out all the marine life there.

So again, thank you to the sponsor. This will be great for Suffolk County. I vote yes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Gandolfo in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09080, Calendar No. 412, Pretlow. An act to amend Chapter 473 of the Laws of 2010, amending the Racing, Pari-mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law relating to the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

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

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09209, Calendar No. 413, Pretlow, Woerner. An act to amend the Racing, Pari-mutuel

Wagering and Breeding Law, in relation to certain payments to the Horsemen's Organization.

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

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09345, Calendar No. 414, Kelles. An act to amend the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, in relation to exempting the Varna Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., from the 45 percent limit on non-resident members.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09581, Calendar No.

415, Benedetto. An act to amend the Public Authorities Law, in relation to certain contracts of the New York City School Construction Authority; and to amend Chapter 738 of the Laws of 1988 amending the Administrative Code of the City of New York and other laws relating to establishing the New York City School Construction Authority, in relation to extending certain provisions of such chapter relating to certain contracts of the New York City School Construction Authority.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09621, Calendar No. 416, McDonald. An act to amend the Public Officers Law, in relation to requiring agencies to report information about FOIL inquiries to the Committee on Open Government.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09729, Calendar No. 417, McDonald, Fahy. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to shared pharmacy services.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A09761, Calendar No. 418, Cruz. An act to amend Chapter 670 of the Laws of 2007 amending the Education Law relating to directing the Commissioner of Education to promulgate regulations limiting the engines of school vehicles to remain idling while parked or standing on school grounds, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Ms. Solages.

MS. SOLAGES: Do we have any further housekeeping or resolutions?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: We do have some housekeeping, Ms. Solages.

On behalf of Mr. Weprin, Bill No. A09407, Assembly bill recalled from the -- Assembly bill recalled from the Senate, the Clerk will read the title of the bill.

THE CLERK: An act to amend the Insurance 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.

Ms. Solages, we have numerous fine resolutions,

we'll take them up with one vote.

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

(Whereupon, Assembly Resolution Nos. 2000-2027 were unanimously approved.)

Ms. Solages.

MS. SOLAGES: Can you recognize Mr. Jacobson for an announcement?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Jacobson for the purposes of a announcement.

MR. JACOBSON: Yes, I want to announce great news for the Majority. We're having conference immediately following after Session, immediately following this Session, in Hearing Room C.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Conference in Hearing Room C.

Ms. Solages.

MS. SOLAGES: I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned until 2:30, Tuesday, April 16th, tomorrow being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Assembly stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 5:59 p.m., the Assembly stood adjourned until Tuesday, April 16th at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday being a Session day.)