

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

1:03 P.M.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The House will come to order. Good afternoon, colleagues.

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

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

Visitors are invited to join the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A quorum being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of Monday, January 27th.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, I move to dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Monday, January the 27th, and that the same should stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Without objection, so ordered.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, ma'am. Colleagues and guests that are in the Chambers, I would like to share a quote with you today. This one is coming from Stephen Covey. Stephen is an American educator, or I should say was because he transitioned in 2012. He was an author, a businessman, and a speaker. His most popular book, entitled *The 7 Habits of an effective -- Highly Effective People* was one of the most powerful books shared in America. His words for us today, *Most people do not listen with the intent to understand, they listen with the intent to reply.* Again, these words from Stephen Covey.

Madam Speaker, members have on their desk a main Calendar. Before any housekeeping and/or introductions, we will be calling for the following Committees to meet off the floor, beginning with Codes followed by Ways and Means, immediately followed by Rules. These bills are going to produce an A-Calendar. We will begin our floor work today by taking up Calendar resolutions on page 3, then we're going to continue consent where we left off on yesterday, beginning with Rules Report No. 40 on Page 5. Majority colleagues should be aware that there will be a need for a conference immediately following our work on the floor, and we're going to

check with our colleagues on the other side, Madam Speaker, to see what their needs may be, as well. I -- there could be a possibility for additional floor work, not firm yet but if so, I will be more than pleased to make you aware of that.

Right now, that's a general outline of where we are. If we can start by calling Codes to the Speaker's Conference Room, it will be a great place. Thank you so much, ma'am.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes. Please join Mr. Dinowitz if you're on the Codes Committee immediately convening in the Speaker's Conference Room, Codes Committee in the Speaker's Conference Room.

There is no housekeeping, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

Ms. Woerner for the purposes of an introduction.

MS. WOERNER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is -- it is with great pride and pleasure that I introduce you to New York State's NYSPHSAA Class C Champion football team, the Black Horse from Schuylerville.

(Applause)

MS. WOERNER: This is the -- this is the first year that this team has ever achieved that level of achievement, and I am so pleased and proud to bring them here today to introduce them to you. Accompanying the team we have Superintendent Dr. Ryan Sherman, Principal Jaime Ducharme. We have John Bowen, the head coach, and his coaching staff. We have Captains Ollie Bolduc, Josh Bowen, Landen Cumm, Chase DeLisle, and the entire Black Horse team.

Madam Speaker, please welcome them to the People's House and offer them all of the cordialities of the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Good afternoon, Black Horses, congratulations to you. On behalf of Ms. Woerner, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you to the House, extend the privileges of the floor, and hope you enjoy the proceedings. I do wish you great luck in future championships. Thank you for joining us today.

(Applause)

Mr. Burdick for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. BURDICK: Thank you, Madam Chair. It truly is my honor to welcome 18 students from the Boys and Girls Club of Northern Westchester, which is based in Mt. Kisco, along with their CEO, Alyzza Ozer, and staff Chris Beaudreault, John Tunas. And these students are here to advocate because they're learning about the legislative process and they're advocating for after-school programming not only for their own club, but for the New York State Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs throughout the State. They're meeting, of course, with elected officials such as myself to ensure that they are heard, and to engage in civic activism. So they offer - the Boys and Girls Club - offers a very wide range of support to its members, including nutritional programs, mental wellness resources, youth fitness and sports, and much more.

So Madam Speaker, if you could kindly extend the courtesies of the House, I would be most grateful.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you. On behalf of Mr. Burdick, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you young people from the Boys and Girls Club. I have three of them in my district, I know the phenomenal work that they do so I do hope you enjoy the proceedings, and we extend the privileges of the floor to you. We do hope you enjoy it and please, you're our future so we're counting on you. Welcome, and thank you for joining us today.

(Applause)

Resolutions on page 3, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 46, Ms. Woerner.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 2025 as Blood Donor Awareness Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Ms. Woerner on the resolution.

MS. WOERNER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My colleagues, giving blood is one of the easiest ways that we can help our communities and how we can have the greatest impact. One pint of blood can save three lives. Just think about that. With the donation of one pint of blood that will take 45 minutes of your time, you can save three lives. How amazing is that? So this month is Blood Donor Awareness Month. I'm going to be rolling up my sleeves to do my part and I hope you will, as well. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying aye --

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 47, Mr. DeStefano.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 2025 as Thyroid Disease Awareness Month in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. DeStefano on the resolution.

MR. DESTEFANO: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I bring this resolution today as it's personal to me as my mom suffered from thyroid disease. She had cancer from it, she had her thyroid removed, and it eventually did take over. But more than 20 million Americans, including many here in New York, are affected by thyroid disease, with some not even knowing they have it. The disease can develop in anyone, but tends to occur three-times more often in women than men. They have a higher mortality rate from thyroid cancer, and that's unacceptable. In New York State, incident rates for late-stage thyroid cancer is 5.7 cases per 100,000. This is higher than the national rate of 4.1. Counties such as Richmond, Nassau, and my home of Suffolk County, their report rates were even higher. In addition to cancer, thyroid disorders, including Graves Disease, Hashimoto's, Goiter, nodules, and both hypo- and hyperthyroidism, terrible conditions that no one should have to endure.

Because 60 percent of people with thyroid disease

don't even know they have a problem, public awareness is critical in minimizing its devastating effects. This is why I'm sponsoring this resolution year after year to bring awareness to this terrible disease that so many people in our State go through. I'm designating this as Thyroid Awareness Month, and thank you to the Governor and my colleagues for sponsoring this in the State of New York. Let us encourage people to reduce their risk of thyroid issues through awareness, regular check-ups, preventive measures, and such an exercise as stopping smoking. If we can save one more New Yorker from these discerning effects of thyroid disease, it will be well worth it to all of our citizens. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 57, Ms. Rosenthal.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim January 27-31, 2025 as Data Privacy Week in the State of New York.

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

On consent, page 5, Rules Report No. 40, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00435, Rules Report

No. 40, Woerner. An act to amend the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, in relation to vacancies on the Council of the Arts.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

On a motion by Ms. Woerner, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00436, Rules Report No. 41, Simon. An act to amend the Penal Law, in relation to classifying pistol converters as a rapid-fire modification device.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00437, Rules Report No. 42, Dinowitz, Weprin, Cruz. An act to amend the Penal Law, in relation to requiring warnings regarding rifles and shotguns; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2024 amending the Penal Law relating to warnings to be posted and provided by firearms dealers, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6649 and A. 2882, in relation to making certain technical corrections thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00441, Rules Report No. 43, R. Carroll. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to increasing the notice of cancellation requirements for automobile broker businesses.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Ms. Walsh for the purposes of an introduction.

MS. WALSH: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker; good afternoon to my colleagues. On behalf of Assemblymember Blumencranz, I have an introduction of some people who have joined us here today in the People's House. We have members of the Grenville Baker Boys and Girls Club from Locust Valley, Long Island. So we have Theresa Martinez, Alexandra Gutierrez, Katie Alvarado, Rachel Cortez, the Executive Director Melissa Rhodes, Program Director Stephanie Urio, and Director of

Governmental Affairs Tara Butler. We're happy that they took the time to be with us today in Albany and, Madam Speaker, if you could please extend to this group on behalf of Mr. Blumencranz and all the members the cordialities of the House. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

On behalf of Ms. Walsh, Mr. Blumencranz and the Speaker, all the members, we welcome you all from the Boys and Girls Club to the Chamber. We extend the privileges of the floor and hope you do enjoy the proceedings. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00752, Rules Report No. 44, Eachus. An act to amend the Education Law, in relation to policies regarding maximum temperatures in school buildings and facilities.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Walsh to explain her vote.

MS. WALSH: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So I just

want to say that I'm very happy that the changes were made in this chapter amendment to the original bill which talks about maximum temperatures in schools. I think that adding -- the chapter adding some more flexibility for our school districts when temperatures rise to be able to improve those conditions in the classroom when it is practicable is smart, it's a pragmatic approach and it's one that I'm very happy to support. So I'll be in the affirmative. Thank you.

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00813, Rules Report No. 45, Vanel. An act to amend the Executive Law and the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to directing the Superintendent of State Police to develop and institute child-sensitive arrest policies and procedures for instances where police are arresting an individual who is a parent, guardian or other person legally charged with the care or custody of a child.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00814, Rules Report No. 46, Benedetto, Weprin. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to the safe storage of firearms and child access prevention; to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2024 amending the Penal Law and the Executive Law relating to the safe storage of firearms and child

access prevention, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 9760 and A. 10356-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and to repeal certain provisions of the executive law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

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

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Ways and Means in the Speaker's Conference Room immediately; Ways and Means, Speaker's Conference Room.

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00913, Rules Report No. 47, Sayegh, Weprin. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to when and how notification of a data breach is to be provided to the Department of Financial Services.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On a motion by Mr.

Sayegh, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced. Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00920, Rules Report No. 48, Lavine. An act to amend the Penal Law and the General Business Law, in relation to including medical information and health insurance information in the definition of personal identifying information for certain purposes; and to repeal certain provisions of the General Business Law and the State Technology Law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: 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. A00921, Rules Report No. 49, Lavine. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to protective orders for juries.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: 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. A00925-A, Rules Report No. 50, Paulin. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to quality improvement and increased consumer transparency in assisted living residences.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

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

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Members of the Rules Committee, Speaker's Conference Room immediately.

The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01474, Rules Report No. 51, Dinowitz. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to the Climate Change Adaptation Cost Recovery Program and requirements for climate change adaptive infrastructure projects; to amend the Labor Law, in relation to the use of funds from the Climate Change Adaptation Fund for certain climate risk-related and energy transition projects; to amend the Tax Law, in relation to the disclosure of certain data from returns of petroleum or fossil fuel businesses to the Department of Environmental Conservation or the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority; to amend the State Finance Law, in relation to expenditure of funds from the Climate Change Adaptation Fund; to repeal Section 76-0105 of the Environmental Conservation Law, relating to labor and job standards and worker protection; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2024 amending the Environmental Conservation Law relating to establishing the Climate Change Adaptation Cost Recovery Program,

and amending the State Finance Law relating to establishing the Climate Change Adaptation Fund, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 2129-B and A. 3351-B, in relation to legislative findings and severability.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01674, Rules Report No. 52, McMahon. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to Down Syndrome diagnosis awareness.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: 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. A01675, Rules Report No. 53, Peoples-Stokes. An act to amend the Correction Law, in relation to clarifying that the Department of Corrections is not required to obtain and input into its electronic record-keeping applications any individual's otherwise uncollected former legal name or any alias; and to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2024 amending

the Correction Law relating to requiring that websites providing incarcerated individual information be searchable by the incarcerated individual's name, former name or alias, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 4061-A and A. 4763-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: 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. A01676, Rules Report No. 54, Burdick. An act to amend the Correction Law, in relation to the Commissioner of Corrections and Community Supervision's best mitigation plan for correctional facilities.

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER ZACCARO: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

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

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for allowing me to interrupt our proceedings for the purposes of introducing a Boys and Girls Club from Rochester, New York. The Director is Dwayne Mahoney. Mr. Mahoney has been serving the youth of Rochester for over 50 years. Madam Speaker, would you please welcome Mr. Mahoney and these fine young people that are with him today from the great City of Rochester.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, Mr. Meeks and all the members, we welcome you young people from the Boys and Girls Club from Rochester. We extend the privileges of the floor and hope you enjoy our proceedings today. Thank you so much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, colleagues have on their desks an A-Calendar. I would like to move that A-Calendar.

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

Page 8, Rules Report No. 88, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly --

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you so much.

We're going right to Rules Report No. 88.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Oh.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03224, Rules Report No. 88, Braunstein. An act to amend the New York State Medical Care Facility Finance Agency Act, in relation to the ability to issue certain bonds and notes.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

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

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Yes, Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, we have a few resolutions.

Resolution by Mr. Kim, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 58,

Assembly Resolution by Mr. Ron Kim.

Legislative Resolution commemorating the Asian American community's celebration of Lunar New Year, the Year of the Snake, on January 29th, 2025.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Kim on the resolution.

MR. KIM: Madam Speaker, tomorrow is a historic day in New York State and for our country. For the first time in the history of this nation, we are celebrating Lunar New Year as a Statewide holiday, the first in the country to do so. And thanks to all of our efforts led by the Chair of the APA Task Force, our former colleagues in government, the bill's sponsor who fought for this for many years, and all of you who voted for this last year.

And for the first time, a generation of young people will grow up in this State and beyond knowing that Asian Americans belong in this country, they belong in our cities and they belong in this State.

My mother, when I was a young boy, she used to make me Korean food, very smelly Korean food to take me -- to bring to school. It had some kimchi in it, some beef in it, and I remember the kids taunting me, like *what is that smell*, you know, *what is that thing, what are you eating?* And I remember coming back and lashing out at my mom, *can you make me some more American food please*, you know, *I just don't want to be bullied anymore in our classroom*. And when I look back at that moment as a young boy, I

feel so ashamed, right, looking back, feeling ashamed of my mom's cooking as an Asian American. And I wish I had the opportunity before my mom passed from COVID to tell her all the things we did right, not for just me, but for my kids, so we can walk tall, walk proud as an Asian, Asian American in this country and this State, that you don't have to feel like you don't belong here.

Now, we still have a crisis when we're constantly pushing immigrants and Asian Americans to compete to try to fit in into a group. There's a difference between competing to fit in versus feeling like you belong. This piece of legislation that we did, the celebration we're doing now, recognizing Lunar New Year as a Statewide holiday will make sure that the next cohort of generations know that they can feel like they belong, they don't have to compete to try to belong to a group.

So with that, I want to thank my colleagues for taking this resolution on again this year in a very special, historic year, the Year of the Snake. Despite the sound of it, it's a very symbolic animal. It symbolizes transformation, it symbolizes initiation, it symbolizes change for the better. And just a few minutes ago, one of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle even asked me some questions about the animals in the Lunar New Year, and this is how it starts, this is how we learn more about each other's cultures and have insightful conversations. Every 12 years, there's a different animal. So this is the fourth animal of the cycle, this Year of the Snake. I'm a Sheep, myself, but I like to tell people I'm a Ram, not a sheep, but

anyways, thank you so much colleagues for doing this, and happy Lunar New Year, everybody.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you, Mr. Kim.

Ms. Lee on the resolution.

MS. LEE: I want to thank the sponsor for introducing this resolution. This week, we are making history. Tomorrow, New York will close schools in observance of Lunar New Year, making New York the first state in the nation to recognize Lunar New Year as a Statewide school holiday. For the first time ever, students across the State will have the day off to celebrate with their families. This milestone recognizes Asian Americans as an essential piece of the cultural fabric of New York.

As the first Korean-American woman elected to the State Legislature, it has been my honor to help to lead the fight for this law and to see its impact come to life. Over 15 years ago, then-Assemblymember Grace Meng first took on this effort in this Chamber. It is a collective power of the persistence of our community that has culminated into this history-making moment.

But this is more than a day off. It is an opportunity for all New Yorkers to reflect on the rich diversity and inclusion that make our State so great, and to recognize the vital role Asian Americans have played in shaping our communities. This Lunar New Year, we celebrate the Year of the Woodsnake, a symbol of tolerance, good luck, and rebirth. The snake represents essential traits for

guiding one's life with wisdom and grace.

So as we step into this New Year, I wish you all good fortune. Thank you, and happy Lunar New Year.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you, Ms. Lee.

Mr. Chang on the resolution.

MR. CHANG: Well, thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you for the sponsor for this occasion here to mark in my culture a significant milestone, cultural history -- a cultural holiday. As you -- I'm not sure everybody know, other than Christmas, Chinese New Year is the second largest celebrated holiday in the world, and the third is Eid. That's about a quarter billion -- about a quarter billion world population. And I'm grateful that this is the first weekend to be celebrating, my kids will have a day off instead of competing. Last year was a weekend. And I'm grateful that this House both sides of the House and Governor signed this legislation recognizing this occasion, that we don't have to fight for who we are and at least it's being recognized. And as my previous colleagues had said, that this is a symbolized as Year of the Snake, symbolize changes, a lot of good fortune itself, and I wish everyone here a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. (Speaking foreign language) Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you, Mr. Chang.

On the resolution, all those in favor signify by saying

aye; opposed, no. The resolutions [sic] are adopted.

We have a number of resolutions before the House.
Without objection, these resolutions will be taken up together.

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

(Whereupon, Assembly Resolution Nos. 59-65 were
unanimously adopted.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, would
you please call on our colleague Ms. Clark for the purposes of an
announcement?

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Ms. Clark for the
purposes of an announcement.

MS. CLARK: Thank you, Madam Speaker.
(Inaudible/mic off) -- word exciting, but the Majority Conference will
have an exciting conference in Hearing Room C immediately
following Session; Hearing Room C immediately following Session.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you, Ms.
Clark. Majority Conference, Hearing Room C, immediately following
Session.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: I now move that the
Assembly stand adjourned until Wednesday, January the 29th,
tomorrow being a legislative day, and that we reconvene at 2:00 p.m.
on February the 3rd, Monday being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On Mrs.

Peoples-Stokes' motion, the House stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 2:39 p.m., the Assembly stood adjourned until Wednesday, January 19th, Wednesday being a legislative day, and to reconvene on Monday, February 3rd at 2:00 p.m., Monday being a Session day.)