

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

1:55 P.M.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The House will
come to order.

Good afternoon, colleagues.

Father David Smith will offer a prayer.

FATHER DAVID SMITH: Lord God, who has given
us this good land and nation, orderly and peaceful. We humbly ask
You to bless us. That we would always be a people mindful of Your
favor and guidance, who fulfill Your will joyfully. Bless us with
honorable industry, sound learning and civic unity. Keep us from
discord and confusion, pride, arrogance and everything evil. Help us
to defend our liberties against any external and internal threat. Bless
all our civil leaders as they dispense justice, enact laws and provide an
example of wisdom to our nation and the world. We take these

moments to pray to You, knowing that You love us and You dwell here among us. Your presence here helps us remember and rely on Your promise to inspire us as we protect the beauty of New York State, build its prosperity, resolve divisions, pursue justice and preserve freedom. Thank You. Thank You for this Assembly, this State, this awesome responsibility. Bless every word, motion, vote, resolution made here today. Bless and guide, bless and motivate, bless and energize. Fill us with You, O God, we pray here in our gathering today. And make us worthy of the task given to us by the people of the great State of New York. Amen.

MEMBERS: Amen.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: 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 Sunday, May 18th.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, I move to dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Sunday, May the 18th, and that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Without objection, so ordered.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you so much. Colleagues and guests that are in the Chambers, I'd like to share a

quote with you today. This one comes from the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King. His words: *We don't have to see the whole staircase, you just have to take the first step.* Again, these words from Reverend Dr. King.

Colleagues have on their desks a main Calendar, it has 30 new bills. Before any introductions and/or housekeeping, we're going to be calling for the following Committees to meet off the floor: Alcoholism followed by Banks, followed by Consumer Affairs, followed by Governmental Employees, followed by Housing, followed by Health and then Veterans' Affairs. We're going to begin our floor work today, Madam Speaker, by taking up Calendar No. 67 by Mr. Jones on consent. And then, we're going to begin consenting the 30 new bills on the Calendar, which start on page 5. There actually may be a need for additional floor activity as we proceed. I will be happy to acknowledge that at that point. So, that's a general outline of where we're going today.

Madam Speaker, if you can begin by calling the Alcoholism Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Alcoholism Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room. Please go see Member Steck in the Speaker's Conference Room for the Alcohol [sic] Committee.

We do have several pieces of housekeeping before introductions.

On a motion by Ms. Hunter, page 9, Calendar No.

165, Bill No. 7906, the amendments are received and adopted.

On a motion by Ms. Bichotte Hermelyn, page 6, Calendar No. 150, Bill No. 3280, the amendments are received and adopted.

On a motion by Ms. Hunter, page 6, Calendar No. 145, Bill No. 1433, the amendments are received and adopted.

On a motion by Ms. Rosenthal, page 13, Calendar No. 17, Bill No. 1867, the amendments are received and adopted.

On a motion by Mr. Epstein, page 19, Calendar No. 118, Bill No. 8067, the amendments are received and adopted.

Mr. Lemondes for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. LEMONDES: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise to introduce Father David Smith, who was born and raised in Syracuse, New York and is a graduate of Drury University, Asbury Theological Seminary and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary where he earned his Doctorate of Ministry degree in 1999. He has served as an Orthodox priest for over 30 years, and since 2010 he's been the pastor of St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church in Syracuse. When he retires, Syracuse will continue to be his home. He is the author of three books of spirituality: *Mary, Worthy of All Praise, Christianity and Pleasure* and *Help! I'm Bored in Church*. His first novel, *The Saint Outside the Gate*, was published by St. Innocent Press last spring. Father David and his wife, Donna, have four children, five grandchildren and counting.

Madam Speaker, if you could please honor Father

David with the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. Lemondes, the Speaker and all members, we welcome you Father David to the People's House, the Assembly Chamber, extend the privileges of the floor to you. Hope you enjoy our proceedings today. It was wonderful to hear your word this morning, or this afternoon, rather. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

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

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for allowing me to introduce one of my forever colleagues. He's in the Chambers with us today, is none other than former member, always a member, once a member for life, Michael DenDekker is with us. So, if you would please offer him the cordialities of the floor and welcome him to our Chambers once again.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, the Speaker and all members, welcome back Mr. DenDekker. It's wonderful to see you here today. You always have the privileges of the floor. Hope you enjoy our proceedings today. Thank you so very much for joining us today.

(Applause)

Ms. Simon for the purposes of an introduction.

MS. SIMON: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to

introduce Norman Brown, a constituent of the 52nd Assembly District in Brooklyn. Norman Brown has devoted his life to public service, beginning as a machinist with the Long Island Railroad and working his way, eventually, to serving on the MTA Board, where he's represented the interest of workers and commuters, employing his vast knowledge of economic development throughout the region. He's joined by his wife and family members, including his grandson who has discovered the Assembly's most enduring feature, Wayne Jackson and his Tootsie Roll pops.

Norman is not only a constituent, he's also a very close friend of Member Steck's Chief of Staff, Thad, who has known him for decades. Norman is known for his keen intellect and sense of humor. And upon retirement, I don't know how to break it to him, but the poor guy lives a block away from my office, so we will continue to put him in service to the community.

Would you please extend Mr. Brown the cordialities of the floor?

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Ms. Simon, the Speaker and all members, we welcome you, Mr. Brown and the Brown family, to the People's House, to our Assembly Chamber, extend the privileges of the floor to you. Do hope you enjoy our proceedings today. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mr. Morinello for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. MORINELLO: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I'm very privileged today to have my family here. I have my two grandchildren, Rafael and Juliana, my daughter, Melissa, and her mother, Rose. I -- I -- I'm so privileged -- I'm sorry, I'm at a loss for words. This is the reason I keep coming to Albany. These two are the reason that I won't stop until the Lord tells me. But I ask that you welcome them to the Chamber and afford them the cordialities of the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. Morinello, the Speaker and all members, we welcome the Morinello family to the Assembly Chamber and extend the privileges of the floor to you. Hope you enjoy your day here with us and thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mr. Morinello for the purposes of another introduction.

MR. MORINELLO: This being Italian-American Legislative Day, I am going to introduce a trio of honorees that we have, that we honored this year. I would like to introduce Dr. Joseph Scelsa, Robert Fonti and Damien Crowley. Dr. Joseph Scelsa is a lifelong advocate for the Italian-American community, a noted author, and an advocate for all aspects of bringing dignity to those in the community of the Italian heritage. Robert Fonti, President of the Lieutenant Detective Joseph Petrosino Association of America. Advocate for police, advocate for safety. And I'd like to introduce Damien Crowley, Damien (indicating). Damien is one of our four

scholarship winners. Each year, the Italian-American legislators gives out two scholarships. Two in honor of James Conte and two in honor of John Marchi, but one being an Assembly, one being a Senator.

Damien was an outstanding athlete, an outstanding student. His grade average is higher than 100, higher than most peoples' IQs. I'm very proud to have and to welcome him to the floor. Dr., same with you, congratulations. Bob, thank you so much.

I ask that you extend them the courtesies of the floor and welcome them to the Assembly. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. Morinello, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you to the Assembly Chamber, our Italian-American Heritage Day honorees today, extend to you the privileges of the floor. Hope you enjoy the proceedings today and your event this evening. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mr. Ra for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. RA: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I'm very proud to introduce on the floor today Maria Milito who is joining us as part of the Italian-American Day festivities. Last week, we adopted a resolution naming Maria the 2025 Italian-American of the Year in New York State, as awarded by the New York Conference of Italian-American State legislators. Just for everybody to know, we actually were supposed to recognize Maria back in 2020, and unfortunately, the COVID pandemic prevented us

from having Italian-American Day or a festa. So, I'm glad that she was able to join us today.

Maria has been -- is a native New Yorker. She's been on the air for over 25 years on Q104.3. She is one of the most well-known DJs in New York. She -- she previously worked with NY1 and Infinity Broadcasting and is an alumna of New York Institute of Technology in Old Westbury. She is an avid animal lover and hosts Maria's Mutts & Stuff podcast, where she and guests chat about animal rescue and welfare, and is passionate and involved in animal advocacy across New York State. In both her professional and work life she's always spreading the message of adopt, don't shop.

Maria also has given public service to this State in the aftermath of what we all agree was one of the most difficult times in New York State history in the aftermath of 9/11. Maria led her talent and her voice to making public service announcements from the New York City Office of Emergency Management.

So, we're very proud to recognize her. I know Maria's proud of her Italian-American heritage, and we are proud and honored that she was able to join us for Italian-American Day in New York today.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. Ra, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you Ms. Milito to the Chamber and extend the privileges of the floor to you. Congratulations to you for being the 2025 Italian-American of the year. We hope you enjoy our proceedings today. Thank you so very

much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mr. Ra for the purposes of another introduction.

MR. RA: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I'm also proud to welcome today Matt -- Matt Weingartner from Salisbury, down on Long Island. At the end of Session today, we're going to be adopting a resolution for Aphasia Awareness Month in the State of New York. June is Aphasia Awareness Month and Matt has come to the Capitol today to help spread awareness to aphasia, which is a condition that affects one's ability to communicate. Aphasia affects a portion of the brain responsible for the understanding of written and spoken language, and once the underlying cause of aphasia is treated, people can make significant progress with speech therapy and with appropriate support. Matt experienced this condition when one day, in April of 2018, he was in class with Local 3 studying to become an electrician. The next thing he knew, he was waking up in a hospital bed. He had suffered an ischemic stroke from a blood infection, and it resulted in a clot that traveled to his brain. This left him partially paralyzed and unable to speak without difficulty. Matt has made a fantastic recovery and has now made it his mission to raise awareness about aphasia and support others who have the condition, which is about 200,000 people who are diagnosed each year.

In his advocacy, Matt has hosted Aphasia Awareness Open House at the LIU Post Ladge Speech and Hearing Center. He's

involved in organizations including Voices of Hope for Aphasia, Aortic Hope and Aphasia Recovery Connection, and he was the New York leader for the annual 5K for Aortic Warriors. He also has his own chapter in Letisha Living's book, *Finding Yourself After Stroke*.

As I said, June is Aphasia Awareness Month in New York State, and Matt has also worked with Nassau County to light the Legislative Building in Mineola gray for the month. Matt's journey with aphasia is one of great resilience and hope, and his determination, positive outlook and steady recovery demonstrate there is hope for those with aphasia, and we're glad to welcome him to the Capitol today.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. Ra, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you, sir, to the Assembly Chamber and extend the privileges of the floor to you. Thank you so very much for your work in aphasia awareness and hope you enjoy our proceedings today. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, if you could please call the Banks Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Banks Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room. Please see Chairman Vanel. Banks Committee members to the Speaker's Conference Room.

Mr. Patrick Carroll for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. P. CARROLL: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I'm proud to rise today to introduce an inspiring group of students from Clarkstown South and Felix Festa Middle School in my district. They're accompanied by their teachers, Ms. Sachs, Ms. Magazine-Fishkin [sic], Ms. Freimann, as well as their principal, Dr. Michael St. John and the principal of Clarkstown South, Ms. Debra Tarantino. Their superintendent is also with them, Dr. Marc Baiocco.

They're accompanied by the founders of the program they've been involved with. Tova and Doug Rosenberg are the founders of Names, Not Numbers, an organization created to ensure that we never forget the atrocity of the -- of the Holocaust. Over the last year through the Names, Not Numbers project, these students interviewed Holocaust survivors, World War II veterans, conducted research, produced videos and edited their work to create mini documentaries in order to digitally preserve the stories that were told to them. Their program culminated with events honoring the interviewees and showcasing the documentary that they created. The Names, Not Numbers program has enabled thousands of students worldwide to learn about the Holocaust firsthand from survivors, and preserve their stories for future generations.

As we move -- more further away from the Holocaust, we unfortunately have become desensitized from the pain,

suffering and tragic loss -- loss of life -- life that occurred. As one program participant said, Sam Petowski (phonetic) noted, their generation will be the last we hear firsthand accounts of the Holocaust survivors. We see that now with the alarming rise of anti-Semitism in our State and our country. We will always say we never forget the unthinkable tragedy that was the Holocaust. These students work, along with the dedication of the Rosenbergs, make it possible that we will never forget and that the generations who will come, will they be able to learn from the stories of the Holocaust.

I thank you for allowing me to introduce these inspiring group of students here today. I'm inspired by Clarkstown South and Felix Festa, and I thank the teachers and the students for doing such inspiring work. It's great to welcome them. Please offer them the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. Carroll, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome our future leaders from the Clarkstown South High School and middle school students. Welcome you to the Assembly Chamber and extend the privileges of the floor to you. Thank you for the very important work that you are doing interviewing Holocaust survivors, and the important documentary that you are creating. Enjoy our proceedings today. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Ms. McMahon for the purposes of an introduction.

MS. McMAHON: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for

allowing me to introduce my constituent who has traveled all the way from Western New York to visit with us today. Hannah-Kate McFadden is a junior at Amherst Central High School. She created the Nonpartisan Candidate Pledge [sic] at the age of 13, after experiencing instability in the political discourse while volunteering for a local mayoral campaign. She later created the Elected Official Pledge. Both pledges contain similar commonsense principles that are not always so common in politics. Things like be respectful to other candidates, stick to the issues and have a servant's heart, my personal favorite. Hannah-Kate has met with many candidates and elected officials at all levels of government, including the Governor of her home state of Tennessee. Both Democrats and Republicans have signed on and Hannah-Kate would encourage all of us to join her in this effort to foster civility and cooperation in politics in government.

Madam Speaker, please welcome Hannah-Kate and her mother, Brandy, and provide them with all the cordialities of the House.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Ms. McMahan, the Speaker and all the members, we welcome you, Hannah, to the Assembly Chamber, extend the privileges of the floor to you, and hope you enjoy our proceedings today. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, thank

you for allowing me the opportunity to introduce one of -- another one of our former colleagues. Mr. Joe Lentol is in the room, and I would ask that you would welcome him here and offer him the cordialities of our House.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, the Speaker and all the members, welcome back Mr. Lentol to the Assembly Chamber. We extend the privileges to you, but you have them already. Welcome back, sir. Thank you so very much for joining us today. Miss you.

(Applause)

Mr. Gandolfo for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. GANDOLFO: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I'm honored to have my family with me here -- with me here today in Albany. I try to bring the kids up once a year so they can see the place that their dad spends so much in from January to June. So, joining us today are my oldest son, Leonard, my youngest son, Benjamin, they are four and two, my mother-in-law, Debbie Cappola and my wife, Natalia Gandolfo, formerly a Cappola. I'm glad to have her here with us today. She holds down the fort while I'm up here and takes on just so much, and I'm incredibly lucky to have such a loving and supportive spouse.

So, would you please welcome my family here to the Chamber today and extend to them the cordialities of the House?

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Happy to. On behalf of Mr. Gandolfo, the Speaker and all the members, we

welcome the Gandolfo family to the Assembly Chamber, extend to you the privileges of the floor. Leonard and Benjamin, there's unlimited candy and snacks for you in the members' lounge. Thank you so very much for joining us today.

(Applause)

Mr. Jensen for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. JENSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

On -- on family day, apparently, here at the -- the New York State Assembly, I'm very proud to introduce two of my favorite constituents, Randy and Betsy Jensen, my parents. This is the first time they've been up since 2021, when floor access was limited due to COVID. So, this is the first time they're -- they're able to be in the Chamber during Session. If any of you want to yell at somebody for -- for my level of verbosity on the floor during debates, Randy is the one to go after on that respect. But, in all seriousness, throughout my -- throughout my life, they've been a tremendous source of support, and comfort, and love, and continuing to provide that support for my wife, Casey, and I, and our kids, Brendan and Margot, while I'm here doing the people's work in the People's House.

So, Madam Speaker, if you would extend to them the -- the cordialities of the floor and welcome them.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. Jensen, the Speaker and all members, we welcome you Mr. and Mrs. Jensen to the Assembly Chamber, extend the privileges of the floor to you. Hope you enjoy our proceedings today. Thank you so very

much for traveling to join us.

(Applause)

Mr. Gray for the purposes of an introduction.

MR. GRAY: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise for the privilege of an introduction today. I have with me today Aveline Hellings, she's an eleventh grader from La Fargeville Central School. She's in Albany today as part of the League of Women Voters of New York State Education Foundation Shadowing Program. She's also a member of the, earlier this year we introduced them, she is a member of the Class D New York State Women's Basketball Championship team for our 2025 this year.

Madam Speaker, would you offer her the cordialities of the floor?

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mr. Gray, the Speaker and all members, we welcome you to the Chamber and extend the privileges of the floor to you. Exciting for you today to do the League of Women Voters Shadow Day. So, I hope you get the most out of your experience here today. Enjoy the proceedings. Thank you so very much for joining us.

(Applause)

On consent, page 16, Calendar No. 67, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06769-A, Calendar No. 67, Jones, Otis. An act to amend the General Municipal Law and the Executive Law, in relation to requiring municipal cybersecurity

incident reporting and exempting such reports from freedom of information requirements; and to amend the State Technology Law, in relation to requiring cybersecurity awareness training for government employees, data protection standards, and cybersecurity protection.

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

Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, if you could please call the Consumer Affairs Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Consumer Affairs Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room. Please meet Chair Rozic in the Speaker's Conference Room, Consumer Affairs.

On consent, page 5, Calendar No. 139, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00057-A, Calendar No. 139, Epstein, Kelles, Levenberg, Burdick, Glick, Zinerman, Santabarbara, Shimsky, Simon, Seawright. An act to amend the Civil Practice Law and Rules, the New York City Civil Court Act, the Judiciary Law, the Uniform City Court Act, the Uniform District Court Act and the Uniform Justice Court Act, in relation to redefining credit transaction to consumer debt.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00391, Calendar No. 140, Vanel, Otis. An act to amend the Financial Services Law, in relation to requiring certain disclosures in advertisements involving virtual tokens.

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 for the purposes of an introduction.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Madam

Speaker, for allowing me to interrupt our proceedings, yet again, to introduce some guests that are in our Chambers. As a matter of fact, there are quite a few students who are here on behalf of the League of Women Voters. And Jemell Aacosta is joining us, she is a senior at Peekskill High School. We also have Kara Flynn and Tess Ashley, they are both juniors at Westhampton Beach High School.

So, if you could welcome them, and the other students that are in the Chamber, on behalf of the League of Women Voters; if you could welcome them all to our Chamber and offer them the cordialities of the floor.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On behalf of Mrs. Peoples-Stokes, the Speaker and all members, the young people who are in our Chamber today, if you are part of the League of Women Voters Shadow Day, we want to see our young people standing up. We welcome you to the Chamber today and extend the privileges of the floor to you. Please take special care, and enjoy your day today, asking lots of questions, making sure you ask your member a lot of questions that you're with today. This is your civic responsibility and exciting part of your day today. So, we are hoping you enjoy the proceedings today and thank all of our young people for joining us today. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

On consent, page 5, Calendar No. 141, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00810, Calendar No.

141, Levenberg. An act to amend the General Municipal Law, in relation to permitting the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, Westchester County, to lease certain sports field fences for advertisements.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00979-A, Calendar No. 142, Lunsford, Weprin. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to contractual liability insurance policies.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01096-B, Calendar No. 143, Magnarelli, Hevesi, Epstein, Zinerman, Raga, Santabarbara. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to the disclosure of pricing changes for online grocery delivery and online pick-up services.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01260, Calendar No. 144, Cruz, Burdick, Simon, McDonough, Glick, Weprin, Dilan. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to alternative forms of identification for renters insurance.

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, if you could please ask colleagues who are members of Governmental Employees to proceed to the Speaker's Conference Room immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Members for the Governmental Employees Committee see Chair Pheffer Amato in the Speaker's Conference Room. Governmental Employees to the Speaker's Conference Room.

On page 6, on consent, page 6, Calendar No. 145, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01433, Calendar No.

145, was previously amended on third reading and is high.

Assembly No. A01461-A, Calendar No. 146, Paulin, Sayegh, Steck, Simon, Cook, Glick, Vanel, Lunsford, Rosenthal, Bronson, Williams, Bichotte Hermelyn, R. Carroll, Fall, Gallagher, Forrest, Cruz, Stirpe, Clark, Colton, Santabarbara, Hunter, Jackson, Zinerman, Kelles, Jacobson, Otis, Meeks, Weprin, Raga. 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 HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01535, Calendar No. 147, Kelles, Taylor, Reyes, Tapia, Cruz. An act to amend the Real Property Law, in relation to enacting the "tenants organizing act."

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01944, Calendar No. 148, Paulin, Hevesi, Seawright, Ra. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to foreign adoptions.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02093-C, Calendar No. 149, Fall, Cunningham, Bores. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to enacting the "consumer protection and automotive transparency act."

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A03280, Calendar No. 150, was previously amended on third reading and is high.

Assembly No. A05405, Calendar No. 151, Hunter, Stirpe. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to void provisions in construction contracts.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A05445, Calendar No. 152, Eachus. An act to amend Chapter 291 of the Laws of 2023, amending the Tax Law relating to the imposition of a hotel and motel tax in the Village of Woodbury, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06220, Calendar No. 153, Shimsky. An act to amend Chapter 372 of the Laws of 2020, relating to authorizing the town of Mount Pleasant to adopt a local law to impose a hotel/motel occupancy tax for hotels not located in a village, in relation to extending the expiration thereof.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, if you could please call the members who are available for the Housing Committee meeting to head right to the Speaker's Conference Room.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Housing Committee to Speaker's Conference Room. Housing Committee, please meet Chair Rosenthal in the Speaker's Conference Room.

On consent, page 7, Calendar No. 154, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06223, Calendar No. 154, Shrestha. An act to amend the Tax Law and Chapter 200 of the Laws of 2002 amending the Tax Law relating to certain tax rates imposed by the County of Ulster, in relation to extending the authority of the County of Ulster to impose an additional 1 percent sales and compensating use tax.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06232, Calendar No. 155, Hawley. An act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to extending the period during which the County of Orleans is authorized to impose additional rates of sales and compensating use taxes.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06455, Calendar No. 156, Septimo, Forrest, Gallagher, Epstein, González-Rojas, Hevesi, Kelles, Kim, Jackson, Levenberg, Mamdani, Raga, Seawright, Simon, Jacobson, Reyes, Walker, Rosenthal. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, in relation to the issuance of temporary orders of protection when an action is pending in a local criminal court.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06595, Calendar No. 157, Weprin. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to extending certain provisions relating to medical malpractice insurers.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06634, Calendar No. 158, Kim, Davila, Shimsky, Tapia, Glick, Kassay. An act to amend

the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law, in relation to mandating the development and approval of operational safety plans.

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, if you could please now call the Health Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Health Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room. Please see Chair Paulin. Speaker's Conference Room, Health Committee.

On consent, page 8, Calendar No. 159, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A06862, Calendar No. 159, Epstein, Reyes, Burdick, De Los Santos, Cunningham. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to requiring consumer reporting agencies to contact consumers when requests are made for their consumer reports.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07321-A, Calendar No. 160, Weprin, Kay, Raga, Shimsky, Bichotte Hermelyn, Kassay, Berger. An act to amend the Insurance Law, in relation to requiring health insurers to provide coverage for speech therapy for stuttering.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: This bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07372, Calendar No. 161, Paulin. An act to amend Chapter 505 of the Laws of 2016, amending the Tax Law relating to the imposition of an occupancy tax in the Village of Tuckahoe, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Madam Speaker, if you

can call our last committee meeting for today, Veteran [sic] Affairs, to the Speaker's Conference Room.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Veteran [sic] Affairs Committee to the Speaker's Conference Room. Please see Chair Stern in the Speaker's Conference Room for Veterans' Committee.

Page 9 -- Page 9, Calendar No. 162, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07374, Calendar No. 162, Burdick. An act to amend Chapter 506 of the Laws of 2016, amending the Tax Law relating to the imposition of an occupancy tax in the Town of North Castle, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

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

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A07378, Calendar No.

163, Otis. An act to amend Chapter 508 of the Laws of 2016 amending the Tax Law relating to the imposition of an occupancy tax in the Village of Mamaroneck, in relation to extending the expiration thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER WOERNER: Home Rule message is at the desk.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER WOERNER: 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. A07906, Calendar No. 164 was previously amended on third reading and is high.

Assembly No. A08161, Calendar No. 165, Woerner. An act to amend Chapter 455 of the Laws of 2011 amending the Environmental Conservation Law relating to authorizing angling by a single individual with up to three lines in freshwater, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER WOERNER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER WOERNER: 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. A08278, Calendar No. 166, Lasher. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to manage weakfish.

ACTING SPEAKER WOERNER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER WOERNER: 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. A08280, Calendar No. 167, Kassay. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation for manage clams.

ACTING SPEAKER WOERNER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER WOERNER: 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. A08281, Calendar No. 168, Schiavoni. An act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to extending the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation to manage blackfish.

ACTING SPEAKER WOERNER: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER WOERNER: 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, if we could now go to page 3 and take up our resolutions.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Yes, ma'am.
Resolutions, page 3, the Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 521, Ms.

Solages.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 3, 2025, as Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis Awareness Day in the State of New York.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 522, Ms. Levenberg.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 17-23, 2025, as Safe Boating Week in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Ms. Levenberg on the resolution.

MS. LEVENBERG: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to continue the tradition of my predecessor, Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, to introduce this resolution recognizing this week as Safe Boating Week in the State of New York. She did so when we lost a precious young man in our district, Bryan Johnson, who was tragically killed in 2012 in a boating safety accident. Following Bryan Johnson's loss, this Legislature enacted a law to mandate that anyone born after 1996 must take an eight-hour boating safety course before operating a craft on New York's waterways.

National Safe Boating Week is the U.S. Coast Guard and National Safe Boating Campaign's annual week of recognition to

bring attention to the important life-saving information recreational boaters need to have for a safer, more enjoyable experience on the water now and throughout the year.

For nearly 100 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity. The Coast Guard estimates that human error accounts for 70 percent of all boating accidents, and that lifejackets could prevent more than 85 percent of boating fatalities. Through simple boating safety procedures such as carrying life-saving emergency distress and communications equipment, wearing lifejackets, attending boating safety courses, participating in free boat safety checks and staying sober when boating, New Yorkers can help ensure boaters in New York's waterways stay safe.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in support of this resolution recognizing Safe Boating Week in New York State to help ensure all those recreating on New York's waters are safe as we kick off boating season.

Thank you.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 523, Mr. Morinello.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 19, 2025 as Italian American Day, in the State of New York.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Mr. Morinello on the resolution.

MR. MORINELLO: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Italian American Day is a joyous celebration of culture, civic covinility [sic] and other merriment, held annually throughout the State of New York in commemoration of the Republic of Italy's national holiday, Festa della Repubblica Italiano [sic], Italy's 4th of July. This holiday marks the day when Italy voted after World War II and fascism to become a Democratic Republic. It provides an opportunity to celebrate the significant contributions of Italian Americans so that all people may know and appreciate Italian history and traditions, and the role Italian Americans have played and will continue to play in our society.

Many of these individuals came over on -- by boat. They came either through Ellis Island, they came through Canada, and they came for a better life. They came and they worked. They came and they had nothing, but they expected nothing. They came. They didn't come with their hand out, they came with their shovels and their backs. They came and were ridiculed. They came and found life difficult. If you go and watch some of the movies, the children had to live in sewers because there were no places for them. There was no government handouts; yet, they survived. They came together as families. And what the Italian holidays are are family, friends and food.

Thank you very much.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: Thank you.

Mr. Ari Brown on the resolution.

MR. A. BROWN: Grazie, Signora Presidente [sic].

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Today on Italian American Day, we celebrate a culture that has left an indelible mark on the world through art, architecture, music, cuisine and fashion. From the masterpieces of the Renaissance to the runways of Milan, Italy has long stood as a beacon of creativity, craftsmanship and style. But for many Italian families, mine included, those cultural treasures couldn't protect some from the horrors of war. In 1944, after years of refusing refugees fleeing from the Holocaust, President Roosevelt authorized the admission of 902 Italian refugees to the United States. They were brought to Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter in Oswego, New York, an isolated camp under strict military guard. Though it was a small and belated gesture, it became a lifeline for those few who were fortunate enough to find safety within its walls. My grandmother and mother were among them. A respected furrier from Milano [sic], my grandmother arrived in Oswego with her young daughter, my mother, both seeking safety and the opportunity for a new life. They were determined to become Americans, to learn the language, adapt to their new home and give back to the country that welcomed them.

So today as we honor Italy's contributions to the world, we also honor the determination of those who came here not just to start over, but to serve, build and belong.

Thank you, Madam -- 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. 524, Mr. DeStefano.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2025, as Teen Self-Esteem Month in the State of New York.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 525, Mr. McDonald.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2025, as Huntington's Disease Awareness Month in the State of New York.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 526, Mr. Ra.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 2025, as Aphasia Awareness Month in the State of New York.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 527, Mr. Rivera.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim September 15-October 15, 2025, as Hispanic Latino Heritage Month in the State of New York.

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

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 528, Ms. Rosenthal.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 2025, as Be Kind to Animals Month in the State of New York.

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

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

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

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: We have no housekeeping. 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. 529-537 were unanimously adopted.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned, and that we reconvene at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, May the 20th, tomorrow being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER HUNTER: On Mrs. Peoples-Stokes' motion, the House stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 4:59 p.m., the House stood adjourned until Tuesday, May 20th at 12:30 p.m., that being a Session day.)