ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House will come to order.

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

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

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

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

A quorum being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of Friday, January 29th.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, I move
that we dispense with the further reading of the Journal of Friday, January the 29th and ask that the same stand approved.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Without objection, so ordered.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS.PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Wow, it's February 1st already. How time flies. As most of us know, this is the beginning of what many of us call Black History Month, although there a lot of us who think it should be celebrated year-long. We're going to take the month that we have. And we're going to start our Session today, if we could, Mr. Speaker, with a quote that comes from Yvette Clarke, who is an American politician serving as the U.S. House of Representatives in New York's 9th Congressional District and she's been serving since 2013. Her quote for today is, We must never forget that Black History is American History. The achievements of African-Americans have contributed to the greatness of this nation.

With that, Mr. Speaker, members have on their desks a main Calendar. It has 20 new bills on it. These bills begin on page 3 and they go until Calendar No. 58 through Calendar No. 77 on page 7. Our principal work for today, though, Mr. Speaker, is going to be continuing our consent Calendar where we left off on page 9 with Calendar No. 30. And immediately following Session today there will be a need for a Majority Conference, and of course we will consult with our colleagues on the other side to see what their needs are. At
the conclusion of our work today on the floor, Mr. Speaker, we will take up a resolution by our colleague Mr. Bronson, on which he would like to be heard.

That is the general outline of where we're going today on the floor, Mr. Speaker. If you have any housekeeping, now would be an appropriate time.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly. I presume we are also going to start with the resolution on page 3.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 28, Mr. Cusick.

Legislative Resolution memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 19, 2021 as Direct Caregivers 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.

Page 9, Bill No. 126, Calendar No. 30, the Clerk will read.


ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.
THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00129, Calendar No. 31, Paulin, Dinowitz, Galef, Otis, Seawright, Colton, Barron, Rodriguez, De La Rosa, Vanel, Sayegh. An act to amend the Public Service Law, in relation to filling gas safety reports.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.


ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00210, Calendar No. 33, L. Rosenthal, Gottfried, Bronson, Seawright, Barron. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to requiring pre-admission notification of policies authorizing the refusal to follow directives in health care proxies that are contrary to a hospital's operating principles.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

informing maternity patients about the risks associated with cesarean section.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Calendar No. 34, Bill A.217. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.


ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00585-A, Calendar

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.


ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Calendar No. 37, Bill A.735. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the number previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00815, Calendar No. 38, Jean-Pierre, Steck, Gottfried, Thiele, Seawright, Montesano, Walker, Vanel, Ra, Otis, Epstein, Reyes, Colton, Sayegh. An act to amend the Public Service Law, in relation to requiring utility companies to include a notice of public hearings concerning rate increases.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.
THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00952, Calendar No. 39, Lupardo. An act in relation to directing the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets to work with the State's Land Grant University system to produce a report to provide recommendations on the State's farm and food supply; and to repeal certain provisions of the Agriculture and Markets Law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Calendar No. 39, Bill A.952. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00963, Calendar No. 40, Abinanti, Colton, Vanel, Fahy, Sayegh, Barron. An act to amend the Environmental -- Environmental Conservation Law, in relation to supermarkets providing excess edible food to food relief organizations; to amend a chapter of the Laws of 2020 amending the Environmental Conservation Law relating to requiring supermarkets to make excess food available to qualifying entities, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.4176-A and A.4398-A, in relation to the
effectiveness thereof; to repeal certain provisions of the
Environmental Conservation Law relating thereto; and providing for
the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Senate print S.901. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Anderson to explain his vote.

You have to unmute yourself, Mr. Anderson.

MR. ANDERSON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I actually raised my hand to speak on the -- the last bill by Rosenthal, but I guess it wasn't seen.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: It's out of the House already. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Abinanti to explain his vote.

MR. ABINANTI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Hunger is a pervasive problem in the United States and also in New York. It has been exaggerated by the pandemic. The numbers are unclear at
this point, but before the pandemic we knew that there were 2.8 million New Yorkers who were classified as food insecure. This bill is a chapter amendment which allows -- which amends the effective date of the bill that we passed last year to make the bill effective immediately. That bill would put in place a system so that supermarkets that have excess food could work with food relief organizations in the community to get that food out into the community. This Chapter Amendment makes that section effective immediately, and also amends a previous law that we had passed dealing with scraps, which the Governor had put in the previous budget, which is a good bill but is now even better because of the amendments we're making with this Chapter Amendment. I want to thank my colleagues for their support of this bill, thank the Westchester County Legislature that was involved in drafting the original version, and the Greenburgh Town Board that also was involved -- involved in fashioning the original version.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I vote in the affirmative.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Abinanti in the affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00978, Calendar No. 41, Englebright, Colton, Vanel. An act to amend the Environmental
Conservation Law, in relation to the unlawful disposing of construction and demolition debris.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Calendar No. 41, Assembly print A.978. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00984, Calendar No. 42, Gottfried, Barron, Sayegh. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to review of policies and practices relating to COVID-19 outbreaks in correctional facilities, including the treatment and prevention of the disease among inmates and staff.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will
record the vote on S.877. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00986, Calendar No. 43, Gottfried, Barron, Sayegh. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to the amount of members on the Public Health and Heal Planning Council.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on S.869. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00987, Calendar No. 43, Gottfried, Barron, Sayegh. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to the amount of members on the Public Health and Heal Planning Council.

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

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on S.869. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00987, Calendar No.
An act requiring the Department of Health of the State of New York to conduct a review of the effects of racial and ethnic disparities on breastfeeding rates and prepare and submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature; and repealing certain provisions of the Public Health Law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the -- on a motion by Ms. Solages, the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Senate bill S.1296. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Ms. Forrest to explain her vote.

MS. SOUFFRANT FORREST: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for me -- for the opportunity for me to explain my vote. As a maternal child health nurse, I am very particularly concerned about our breast -- our breastfeeding rates, especially in the Black and Brown communities. Breastfeeding is very important not only for the mother, but for the child. As a nurse we always say, breast is best. And the reason is because the benefits for the infant are, of course, documented reduced rates -- risks of asthma, obesity, Type 1 diabetes, respiratory
disease. Even ear infections, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, which we know that predominantly has a large impact on Black and Brown women -- Black and Brown children, especially newborn males. And also just general digestive tracts. For the mother, the benefits of breastfeeding also extends to high blood pressure, decreasing Type 2 diabetes, ovarian cancer and breast cancer. However, the statistics are alarming. Only one in four infants are exclusively breastfed, as recommended by the time that they are six months old. The low rates of breastfeeding add more than $3 billion a year to medical costs for both the mother and the child in the United States. And for me, Black infants are 15 percent less likely to have ever been breastfed than White infants. It has been in my experience working in hospitals where when we say that we support breastfeeding, we also supply the mother with formula. And even seeing -- when I send mothers to the office -- WIC -- Women and Children WIC office, there is this push to take formula. I would love a study to be done to see why.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Forrest, your time is up. How do you vote?

MS. SOUFFRANT FORREST: Thank you so much for this.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Forrest in the affirmative.

Mr. Barron to explain his vote.

MR. BARRON: Well, I want to thank my colleague Solages for always coming up with these kinds of bills. You know,
this is critical for Black babies, Black and Brown babies in particular. And you know me and the critique of this capitalist society, of course they make much money -- more money off of formula than off the natural way. And I've been reading articles when I was into health and into my vegetarian diet and natural eating, and they said one of the natural foods to build calcium and bones for the human infant is human milk. Cow's milk is for a calf that will grow hundreds and hundreds of pounds real fast. That's why a lot of our babies have too much mucus in their system. And if the capitalist system wasn't so greedy for profit, they would at least go to goat's milk, which is closer to the formula of human's milk. But even that doesn't top human's milk. But because there's much more milk you can get from a cow and much more you can -- money you can make off of formulas and things of that nature that they don't think about the health of our infants. So if we can get this -- and I couldn't agree more with Assemblymember Forrest on her analysis of what's going on, so I support this a thousand percent. What a great way for a Black infant in particular, but any infant, to start off their life than what the life-giving breast food -- food feeding of a human being who happens to be their mother. And the love and cuddling that comes with that also is nurturing for the infant child.

So I support this bill a thousand percent and I commend the Assemblymember Solages for bringing this forward and I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Barron in the
affirmative.

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00988, Calendar No. 45, Solages, Barron. An act to require the Department of Health of the State of New York to conduct a study of the effects of racial and ethnic disparities on infant mortality and prepare and submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature; and to repeal Section 2500-l of the Public Health Law relating thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Solages, 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 on Senate print S.879. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.
THE CLERK: Assembly No. A00989, Calendar No. 46, Solages, Colton. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to accessibility to bone marrow registry information; and to amend a Chapter of the Laws of 2020, amending the Public Health Law relating to requiring the Department of Health to develop and disseminate information regarding bone marrow donor programs and authorizing physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners to provide such information to patients, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.6705 and A.5370-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print A.989. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01135, Calendar No. 47, Paulin, Abinanti, Barron. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to adding "embryo" to the definition of "tissue" for purposes of tissue storage.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.
THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01254, Calendar No. 48, Bichotte Hermely. An act to amend the Public Health Law, in relation to pre-term labor care and directing the Commissioner of Health to require hospitals to provide pre-term labor patients with information regarding the potential health effects of pre-term labor and pre-term delivery on an expectant mother and on her fetus; to amend a Chapter of the Laws of 2020, amending the Public Health Law relating to enacting the Jonah Bichotte Cowan law, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.8525 and A.2770-C, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and to repeal certain provisions of the Public Health Law related thereto.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On a motion by Ms. Bichotte [sic], the Senate bill is before the House. The Senate bill is advanced.

Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on S.1303. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01260, Calendar No.
49, Paulin, Barron. An act to amend the General Business Law, in relation to creating a Crohn's and Colitis definition card; and to repeal certain provisions of the Public Health Law relating thereto.

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 180th day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Senate print S.870. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

Concurrent Resolution of the Senate and Assembly proposing an amendment to Article I of the Constitution, in relation to the right to clean air and water and a healthful environment.

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

The bill is laid aside.


ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on print A.1634. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, sir. And I just wanted to take an opportunity to explain my vote. I will be supporting this Chapter Amendment, even though the original had considerable opposition, the Chapter Amendment addresses those concerns. The original bill created a State Commission on Prosecutorial Misconduct and there’s a lot of concerns on the constitutionality of that original legislation because the Governor is the one that is designated under
our Constitution with the authority to remove elected officials. This has been amended to make it clear that the State Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct is only advisory and, therefore, the amendment meets the Constitutional concerns. And since the Commission is now advisory, I will be supporting this amendment and recommend it to my colleagues.

Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mr. Barron to explain his vote.

MR. BARRON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to support this bill because it's something. But I'm sick and tired of the Governor watering down our bills and leaving it without any teeth now as advisory. When it had power before and it was a constitutional challenge, then let's deal with that. But every time we have these Chapter Amendments, those are usually bills coming back that the Governor waters down and takes the teeth out of. We have too many prosecutors that are engaging in misconduct, but unlike the judges, we can go to the judges to get them disciplined but you can't do that with prosecutors. And now this turns into an advisory commission without any real teeth or power. We have to stop allowing the Governor to water down bills to meet his control-freak-ego-self and have bills that are going to protect the people who violate their rights.

I'll vote reluctantly in the affirmative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Barron in the affirmative.
Mr. Montesano.

MR. MONTESANO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To explain my vote. I supported the first bill when it came out because it served a legitimate purpose. We have very serious cases of prosecutorial misconduct in the State that go unattended. Suffolk County has more of its share of people who were convicted of serious crimes had to be let go because of prosecutorial misconduct. And the amount of lawsuits the State faces on a yearly basis because of improper convictions of people because prosecutors withheld vital information from discovery. This amendment, as my colleague from Brooklyn just alluded to, severely waters down this bill and turns it into nothing. So I cannot support it and I will be voting in the negative.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Montesano in the negative.

Mr. Dilan to explain his vote.

MR. DILAN: I would have to agree with my colleague Mr. Montesano and my colleague Mr. Barron and say that in light of all the wrongful convictions that have happened in the City of New York and -- and the County of Kings that this panel was very much needed and very important. And I believe it's been watered down to a point where its effectiveness would be very minimal. So I'm going to vote no on this.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Dilan in the
negative.

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please record the following Republican Assembly members in the negative on this bill: Ms. Byrnes, Mr. DiPietro, Mr. Montesano and Mr. Schmitt.

Thank you, sir.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: So noted. Thank you.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, if you could please record our colleagues Mr. Mamdani and Mr. Barron as a negative.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Barron already recorded his vote in favor.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: And Mr. Santabarbara as well.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Barron is changing his vote? Okay. So Mr. Barron and who else? I didn't hear.

(Pause)

Ms. Mitaynes.

The member needs to be unmuted, I believe. We lost her.

MS. MITAYNES: Yes, this is member Marcela Mitaynes.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Okay. Speak up, we
can hardly -- we lost her again.

    MS. MITAYNES: I'm voting no.

    ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: You're voting in the negative.

    MS. MITAYNES: Correct.

    ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Member is in the negative.

    Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

    (The Clerk announced the results.)

    The bill is passed.

    THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01877, Calendar No. 52, Dinowitz, Carroll. An act to amend the General Obligations Law, in relation to prepayment penalties for mortgages secured by real property owned in a cooperative form of ownership.

    ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

    THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01917, Calendar No. 53, Perry, Dinowitz, Gottfried, Seawright, Vanel. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law and the Civil Practice Law and Rules, in relation to enacting the "New York No Citizen Is Above The Law Act."

    ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

    THE CLERK: Assembly No. A01941, Calendar No. 54, Walker. An act to amend the Mental Hygiene Law and the Public Health Law, in relation to access to medical and psychiatric records of deceased inmates by the Board of Correction of the City of New York.
ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Read the last section.

THE CLERK: This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will record the vote on Assembly print A.1941. This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.


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


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

The Clerk will record the vote on Senate print S.884.
This is a fast roll call. Any member who wishes to be recorded in the negative is reminded to contact the Majority or Minority Leader at the numbers previously provided.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The bill is passed.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. A02354, Calendar No. 57, Dinowitz, Vanel, Abinanti. An act to amend the Criminal Procedure Law, the Civil Practice Law and Rules and the Executive Law, in relation to the possession of opioid antagonists.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The bill is laid aside.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, if we could go to the resolution by Mr. Bronson.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: He would like to be heard on it.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 35, Mr. Bronson.

Legislative Resolution mourning the death of Chief Warrant Officers Steven Skoda, Christian Koch and Daniel Prial, distinguished citizens and devoted members of their communities.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Bronson on the resolution.
MR. BRONSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, thank you. In times of sorrow and grief, challenge and conflict, pride and honor, our National Guard stands ready to heed our nation's call at a moment's notice. They drop everything; their jobs and time with their families to respond when we need them most. As the United States oldest component of the Armed Forces, the National Guard has seen us through storms, both natural and manmade. Their motto, *Always there, Always Ready* serves as a constant reminder of the sacrifices they make every day. Today we mourn the lives of three guardsmen whose ultimate sacrifice and final act rendered them the heroes we always knew they were. Wednesday, January 20, Chief Warrant Officer Steven Skoda, Chief Warrant Officer Christian Koch and Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Prial were flying a routine training mission when their Blackhawk helicopter crashed in a field in Mendon, New York. These three soldiers lost their lives that night, and in their final moments they acted with courage and bravery, steering their helicopter away from nearby homes as it went down. Each one of these men were outstanding soldiers and citizens in their own right. Chief Warrant Officer Steven Skoda was a son, brother and an uncle. His work with the National Guard took him on two tours in Afghanistan, where he piloted medical evacuation helicopters with teams of dedicated professionals who navigated and landed under fire to fly injured U.S. Marines and allied forces to advanced medical facilities. His career was filled with deployments to provide support and aid in natural disasters and emergencies. I have been told by those
who worked with him that wherever he ventured, everyone loved working with Steve. And he was a mentor for the younger pilots. With a kind and generous spirit, he was always willing to lead with his heart and lend a hand, serving his true purpose with humility.

Chief Warrant Officer Christian Koch was a husband, a father, a son, a brother, an uncle and a best friend. He was deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2008 to 2009 where he flew supplies and personnel. After receiving his UH-60 Blackhawk instructor pilot rating and completing his Aviation Warrant Officer Advanced course, Chief Warrant Officer Koch then went on to serve in the Afghanistan campaign as a medical evacuation pilot, saving many lives. With a record of distinguished service, Christian also served as a division civilian pilot with the New York State Police. His family has said he will forever be renowned for family hikes, backyard fires, creating fairy houses, pulling practical jokes, paddle boarding, cooking incredible meals, and most of all, being a superhero dad to his children.

Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Prial was a son, a grandson, a brother, and an uncle. He attended West Point from 2008 to 2012. He entered the 82nd Airborne Division as a helicopter pilot and was deployed to Afghanistan during 2014 and 2015. In 2020 he joined the New York National Guard and moved to Rochester, New York. His family has said he likely had more friendships than we will ever know because of his outgoing personality and desire to connect with people, no matter who they were. The genuine joy Dan felt from
making friendships and spending time with his close friends fed his commitment as a soldier. He connected with others so easily because he found value in the commonality of being American, and his time off in civilian experiences reminded him of why he served in the Army.

And so I say to each of the families of these three men, their sacrifice will not be forgotten. We will always remember them as the heroes they were. Their fight is over, and now just divine embrace, eternal light and the mansions of the Lord await them.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Ms. Lunsford.

MS. LUNSFORD: Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to speak on this important resolution. This is a personal issue for us here in Monroe County and I'm grateful for the opportunity.

I rise today in remembrance of three National Guardsmen, each of them pilots lost too soon to us. To echo the sentiments of my colleague Harry Bronson, I want to send my condolences to their families. These three brave heroes, Chief Warrant Officers Steven Skoda, Daniel Prial and Christian Koch were each career public servants who gave their lives in the course of serving their country. We must never forget their sacrifice or their humanity.

Today we honor Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Prial, a
hometown hero. Daniel was a 30-year-old West Point graduate who served our country in Afghanistan. Flying was Daniel's dream, and the military gave him that opportunity. September 11th was a watershed moment for Daniel, whose father was a firefighter at the World Trade Center on that day. That moment lit a fire in Daniel for public service that he carried with him throughout his too-short life. That's who Daniel was. A man who loved flying, who loved serving and who loved being a part of something bigger than himself.

Today we also honor Chief Warrant Officer Steven Skoda, a 35-year veteran of the U.S. Army and National Guard. He served us bravely in Afghanistan, where he was a friend and mentor to all the soldiers in his unit. Steve signed up for the National Guard because he wanted to be a pilot. He was, in the words of those who served under him, an "Army Dad." Steve noticed people. He was kind, sweet and ensured you were always taken care of. Steve was, in the words of his mother, a dear, sweet hero.

And lastly, we honor Chief Warrant Officer Christian Koch, a 39-year-old father, husband, brother, son and friend. Christian, like his fellow pilots, was a veteran of the war in Afghanistan and served on Operation Noble Eagle, the National Guard security mission in the U.S. following the attacks on September 11th. He was a devoted father, an accomplished pancake chef and a true friend. He was a pilot you could trust wholeheartedly. And on the day of this terrible incident, Christian was flying the helicopter that went down in a field in Mendon. Flight data shows that quick, evasive
action was taken to steer that helicopter away from populated areas to ensure that when it went down, it would limit the risk to human life and property. That's who Christian was. A spectacular pilot who prioritized the safety of his community even in his final moments. He was, in the words of his family, irreplaceable.

Each of these men loved flying and serving. Each of them were sweet, kind heroes. And each in their own way are irreplaceable. I'm proud to honor them today. Our community is poorer for their loss and darker for their absence. May their memories serve in death as they served in life and always be there.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Ms. Clark.

MS. CLARK: Thank you for this opportunity to speak, and to Assemblymember Bronson for introducing this important resolution to honor and celebrate the lives of Chief Warrant Officers Steven Skoda, Christian Koch and Daniel Prial. These three men loved to fly, loved to serve their community, loved to teach and were cherished members of the National Guard family. As a very important branch of the government, the National Guard is often the least recognized. Activated by either the President or our Governor, there are many different responsibilities for Guardsmen, including on the battlefield. Our unit here had just had a company return from Iraq. But there's also the humanitarian side. These are the soldiers that run into emergencies, often with a people mission, ready to help those in
need. With COVID continuing to be a public health crisis, our National Guard has constructed field hospitals, assisted at vaccine sites, helped with contract tracing and at our transportation hubs, working to make sure travelers follow quarantine protocols. The National Guard are deployed all over our country to help families when natural disasters hit, like wildfires and hurricanes. And we all remember, rushed to New York City and Ground Zero to assist with cleanup after 9/11, ultimately sacrificing more than just their time, but in some cases, their health.

This brings us to the soldiers themselves. Many detailed about who they were and the lives they lived. You have already heard from my colleagues. Steven Skoda, a 35-year Army and National Guard veteran who used his passion for flying and aviation to mentor countless others. Christian Koch, who served multiple tours in the Middle East flying supply and personnel missions, but was best known for being a loving husband and father. Daniel Prial is a 2012 graduate of West Point could have had a long, distinguished career in the Army, but joined the National Guard because he wanted to continue to fly and still serve his community. We celebrate all three for their lifetime of service and dedication to us, and honor their final sacrifice.

I send my condolences to their family and friends and all who knew them. And I end my remarks very similar to Assemblymember Jen Lunsford. We do not know all the details of what has happened in the last few minutes of that crash. We do know
there was a moment of time when it became obvious the helicopter was in a state of emergency. These three soldiers, using their combined 50-plus years of flying experience made sure to avoid citizen casualties, displaying the ultimate courage and sacrifice. We stand today to honor them.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mr. Ashby.

MR. ASHBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is with the deepest respect and sincerity I ask my colleagues and those listening today to remember Chief Warrant Officer 5, Steve Skoda; Chief Warrant Officer 4, Christian Koch; and Chief Warrant Officer 2, Daniel Prial. Mr. Speaker, these heroes and their families have shouldered the burden of preserving our freedoms and have now given their last full measure. In a time where divisiveness has been ever-present, let their lives of service and sacrifice be cast as monuments of unification in our hearts.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Ra.

MR. RA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just briefly, I wanted to speak on this resolution because, you know, I -- I don't have any connections to these individuals, you know, they weren't from my area of the State. But, you know, it certainly occurred to me that evening when I heard about this having been here, seeing the National
Guard members that were here to protect all of us that work in this Capitol on that day, knowing there were many National Guard members that were down in Washington, D.C. at the -- at the U.S. Capitol during that same time, and certainly knowing that throughout this pandemic these units have stepped up and done whatever was needed to help New Yorkers. So I just wanted to join my colleagues in paying tribute to Chief Warrant Officers Steven Skoda, Christian Koch and Daniel Prial. And, you know, the thing that really hit me hard that evening was these are always just awful situations and -- and these are obviously men who have dedicated a career to serving our State and our country. But there were many officers during that day walking around the Capitol that I -- that I saw and I said, Thank you for being here. And I'm sure they all have similar stories of service, and it could have been any one of these individuals that in service to the State and country that they could lose their lives.

So may these individuals rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers, and I think all of our prayers are with their families and we thank them for -- for their sacrifice and their service to our State and our nation. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

Mr. Jensen.

MR. JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to my colleague Mr. Bronson for sponsoring this resolution. I rise this afternoon to honor and recognize the service and sacrifice of Chief Warrant Officers Christian Koch, Daniel Prial and my
constituent, Steven Skoda, who tragically lost their lives when their helicopter crashed during -- during a training mission last month. As my fellow members said earlier today that these three men were experienced soldiers who bravely served our nation in uniform both at home and abroad with deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. As citizen soldiers, they proudly and willfully chose to continue their service to ensure our liberties as members of the New York National Guard. But most of all, they were sons, fathers, brothers, nephews, uncles, and dedicated members of our community who even in their final moments made sure that their helicopter avoided nearby homes and families, saving countless lives. And we talk about heroes. May God bless these men and their memory. May God bless their families and grant them strength in the coming days, weeks and months and years to come. My prayers and my condolences are with their friends and their families and with all the members of our National Guard and soldiers serving at home and abroad.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Manktelow.

MR. MANKTELOW: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just rise today to honor these three individuals. These three National Guardsmen that gave their life for our country. They trained hard every day, they fought overseas. They're part of our community, part of New York. And I'm very fortunate for where I live is an -- excuse me -- because I get to see these helicopters fly over my house in their
flight plan. And I just want to tell their families, thank you for what their -- their loved ones gave to us, how they secured our freedoms and what they did for the great State of New York. And again, I just want to offer up a prayer and -- and may God bless their families, and just to let them know that every time one of those helicopters fly over my house, I will salute (pause) -- I will salute them and never forget them.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Ms. Byrnes.

MS. BYRNES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are no words to fully express the deep sadness that has fallen on my entire Assembly District following the tragic death of National Guard Chief Warrant Officer Christian Koch, along with his fellow guardsmen Steven Skoda and Daniel Prial. Our hearts break thinking of their families and their friends, and in particular I'm thinking of Christian's wife Teressa and their children. All of these men deserve our deepest gratitude for their life of service. They served our State and our nation through our National Guard. Also, in Christian's case, through his service as a civilian pilot with our New York State Police. It was truly devastating for us to lose such extraordinarily civic-minded men. What Christian wanted most in life was to be a husband, a father and a helicopter pilot. Before he died he told everybody he had it all. He married his wife Teressa in October of 2019, and everyone said they'd never been happier. He was a great husband and a father, and he was
a helicopter pilot. That was his passion. That was his dream. He told anyone that would listen that flying a helicopter was the best job. His loss is a loss to my entire district and our community. My district includes all of Livingston County and part of Monroe County, including the Town of Mendon. Christian was born and raised in Livingston County. He grew up in the York/Leicester area and graduated from York High School. He lived for a long time in the Town of Caledonia, not far from where I live. He moved to the Town of Mendon when he and Teressa married not very long ago. Sadly, the Town of Mendon is also where the helicopter crashed and our soldiers perished. He always talked about his kids. Not his service, not his accomplishments and not his honors. But he was a 20-year veteran of the New York State National Guard. He earned many medals, citations and awards. He was deployed on multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was also dedicated to our State as a civilian pilot with the New York State Police. Christian's efforts both at home and abroad in overseas conflicts saved many, many lives. In 2018 during flooding in North Carolina, he saved over 80 people, plus, I'm told, numerous dogs and cats. Just this past November, he was awarded the Red Cross Heroism Through Teamwork Award for piloting his New York State Police helicopter about 300 feet over a ravine while it dropped a hoist to retrieve an 11-year-old boy who was injured. He was someone any community would be proud to call their own, and in our small town he was truly the bright light that will be deeply missed. He was our hometown hero. I spoke with his mother the other day.
(Pause) She wanted everybody to know that Christian had an extraordinary effect on every person he met. By all accounts it was a life well lived. Obviously, one lost way too short. His service won't be forgotten and his example will serve as reminder to all of us of the true spirit of community and the definition of service. Our hearts break for his family and his friends. We will never forget and be forever grateful for him being a part of our lives and our community.

Interesting, all three of these men had connections with my district and were known in my district through the volunteer firemen, through the National Guard, through so many different connections. They were all considered to be great guys and true natural leaders. All three of these soldiers were the best and the brightest, and all three represent the very best of our State and our nation.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you so very much.

Mr. Schmitt.

MR. SCHMITT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There's certainly a void across the entire State, but in particular, speaking as a fellow guardsmen, fellow member of the Army National Guard, a deep sadness with every member of the New York Army National Guard over the loss of three fellow soldiers; Chief Warrant Officers Skoda, Koch and Prial. Their memories will live on forever. As long as there is an Army National Guard, their memories will never be forgotten. In particular, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Daniel Prial, also known as
"Danny" by his family and friends, is an Orange County native. He grew up in Warwick, attended Warwick High School. He attended West Point Military Academy, which I'm honored to represent, and graduated in 2012 with many friends and -- and many in the area who know him. He loved history, which he majored in. He loved sports. He loved them so much his thesis says, as I was told by his classmates and friends, was on baseball. He was a huge Mets fan, his dog was named Shea, after Shea Stadium, and he just was somebody who connected with everybody he met. I had the privilege of attending Boys State with him, American Legion Boys State. It was something that certainly shaped his life of service for many, many years. He was an athlete, multi-sport athlete. Cross-country track and field at West Point and in high school. His mother stated, Danny was a patriot through and through. He loved his country. That is certainly without a doubt. His memory will never be forgotten. His family's service -- his father served in the FDNY, and I think it's particularly important to note that he had a special class ring made -- and anybody who knows the Military Academy knows the class ring is important. He had a piece of World Trade Center glass that his father brought home from the World Trade Center site put into his class ring at West Point.

God bless his memory, and God bless all the soldiers of the National Guard. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Smullen.

MR. SMULLEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I really
appreciate Member Bronson for this most gracious resolution. It's really a tragedy that we've lost three of our guardsmen. These pilots that we lost are the best of the best. When it's -- when it's time for the medivac mission in a place like Afghanistan, they're the ones that you want to come and pick up your -- your wounded. And it's really a severe loss for -- for us to lose them today -- or over this past week.

Chief Skoda was from Johnstown, New York. He was buried after a funeral mass here at St. John's Episcopal Church, we're going to miss him very much. So we mourn their memory. We in New York are always Semper Fidelis, always faithful to their memory, and may God bless them and their families.

Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Vanel.

MR. VANEL: Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to speak on these great heroes. Chief Warrant Officer 5 Steve -- Steven Skoda; Chief Warrant Officer 2nd, Daniel Prial; Chief Warrant Officer 4, Christian Koch were men of honor. Men of valor. These were the best of New York and the best of this country. We have to give honor for these brothers of the skies, as I'm also a pilot, that have served with valiancy and honor in New York State. We mourn -- we mourn their death, we mourn their passing. But we will never forget them. We will never forget their legacy. We pray for their families and we pray for the communities that miss them. We will always honor their legacy. May God bless them. May
God bless their families. May God bless New York. May God bless the New York -- the Army and National Guard.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Lemondes.

MR. LEMONDES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a retired soldier, I can only say every death in uniform is premature. And to the families - the Skodas, the Kochs and the Prials - there's nothing we can say to take your pain, and I wish that this event had not happened. It's -- it's so unfortunate. The only thing that I -- that I could offer is that although I never met or served with them, I understand their character, and I've seen many lives saved by these angels on wings. What they have chosen to do is something very special, and they gave their lives in that -- in that endeavor.

So in their honor, to the Skoda, Koch and Prial families, my condolences. I'm sorry this happened.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Santabarbara.

MR. SANTABARBARA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to speak on this resolution. It's with great sorrow that we pass this resolution today honoring the three National Guardsmen that tragically lost their lives on a training mission here in New York. These honorable men are remembered for their compassion, leadership, selflessness and courage. Members of our National Guard dedicate their lives to serving our country. We cannot forget their sacrifices. As a member of our Armed Forces, my family
and I send our thoughts and prayers to their families, their friends and fellow soldiers.

    Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to not just honor the families and the gentlemen who have lost their lives, but to honor my colleague Mr. Bronson and those who have spoke so highly of these honorable public servants. As the daughter - well, I should say granddaughter first - of a veteran, daughter of a veteran, a niece of multiple uncles who are veterans, I understand what it calls for to be that level of public servant. Even though as elected, we are public servants as well. There is no way that we make the same level of commitment that they do in terms of putting their lives on the line to protect others. Mr. Speaker, I'm also reminded of the history of the National Guard. None of us were even thought about when they were created, yet they still serve. That was December 13, 1936 for the Army, and December 18, 1947 for the Air National Guard. Yet they still serve. And because of their service we're all in a better position. Honestly Mr. Speaker, had it not been for the National Guard being in D.C., I'm not sure what we would have seen happen there. I honor these young men and women. I looked at them on TV, sleeping all over the floor, waiting for their call of duty. That's honorable. That's the level of honor that most of us can't think about getting to.
And so to my colleagues who honored these gentlemen, these fallen heroes, I certainly honor you for doing that. And to the families of Officer Skoda, Officer Koch and Officer Prial, I honor you in your loss. My heart goes out to you, and I trust that God will continue to bless you and your family as you deal with this very, very, very difficult time.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly.

Would the House rise, please?

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

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

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

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: We have numerous fine resolutions. We will take them up on one vote.

All in favor of the resolutions signify by saying aye; opposed, nay. The resolutions are adopted.

(Whereupon, Assembly Resolution Nos. 29-34 were unanimously adopted.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Would you call on Ms. Hunter for an announcement?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Hunter for the purposes of an announcement.
MS. HUNTER: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There will be an immediate meeting of the Majority Conference following Session.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Majority Conference immediately after Session.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Now, Mr. Speaker, I move that the Assembly stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February the 2nd, tomorrow being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The House stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 4:37 p.m., the House stood adjourned until Tuesday, February 2nd at 12:30 p.m., that being a Session day.)