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SENATOR BRIAN A. BENJAMIN, Acting President
ALEJANDRA N. PAULINO, ESQ., Secretary
PROCEEDINGS

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The Senate will come to order.

I ask everyone present to please rise and repeat with me the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Whereupon, the assemblage recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Giani Kuldip Singh, from Guru Nanak Darbar, will deliver today's invocation.

GIANA KULDIP SINGH: {Greeting in Punjabi.} Good afternoon, and shalom. We are honored to be here to start the Senate session by saying a Sikh prayer.

We also thank Senator Kevin Thomas for providing us this opportunity. Thank you.

Now I am going to say Sikh prayer.

{Praying in Punjabi.} Thanks.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The reading of the Journal.

THE SECRETARY: In Senate, Monday, April 29, 2019, the Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The Journal of Sunday, April 28, 2019, was read and approved. On motion, Senate adjourned.
ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Without objection, the Journal stands approved as read.

Presentation of petitions.

Messages from the Assembly.

Messages from the Governor.

Reports of standing committees.

Reports of select committees.

Communications and reports from state officers.

Motions and resolutions.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Ramos, on page 13 I offer the following amendments to Calendar Number 243, Senate Print 3344, and ask that said bill retain its place on Third Reading Calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The amendments are received, and the bill shall retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, I now move to adopt the Resolution Calendar, with the exception of Resolutions 1080, 1104, and 1179.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: All in favor of adopting the Resolution Calendar, with
the exception of Resolutions 1080, 1104, and 1179, please signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

Opposed, nay.

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The Resolution Calendar is adopted.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now take up previously adopted Resolution 1026, by Senator Little, read that resolution's title only, and call on Senator Little.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The Secretary will read.

the SECRETARY: Senate Resolution 1026, by Senator Little, congratulating the Plattsburgh State Women's Ice Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Championship.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Little on the resolution.

SENATOR LITTLE: Thank you, Mr. President.

I am very proud to present to this
body the Plattsburgh Women's Hockey Team, which
is here in the gallery. And they're here with
their coach Kevin Houle, as well as assistant
coaches.

Plattsburgh University is in my
district, obviously in Plattsburgh, New York,
known as the Cardinals. We are very proud of the
Women's Hockey Team and the tradition that they
have created of women's hockey in Plattsburgh.
They have now won their seventh national
championship. They have been to the Final Four
13 times, and this is the seventh national
championship that they have won for the Cardinals
of Plattsburgh State.

They won this by defeating Hamline
University in a 4-to-nothing victory on Saturday,
March 16, 2019, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Proudly
there were many family members, fellow students
and friends there to watch them. They ended
their year with 29 wins, two ties, and zero
losses, which is quite a record for a women's
hockey team.

We also have five seniors who are
completing their season and their career; we wish
them well as they graduate this year. And we
have nine freshmen who are on this team. So I
think that that tells us that this Plattsburgh
State College will be back here again winning the
national championship in women's hockey.

My sincere congratulations to them.

It doesn't come easy. When you are a student in
college, you have a heavy course load, you have a
lot of things going on, you have a lot of
demands, a lot of pressures. And yet you
travel -- and there's a lot of travel involved
with these teams. They travel and they represent
Plattsburgh in so many ways. And they show their
athletic skills and how good they are. And they
really are. Not just good hockey players, they
are very good women who have represented us.

I congratulate them and I thank them
for their tremendous effort and for certainly for
raising the banner of Plattsburgh and the
Cardinals on a national level. Thank you very
much.

And I would ask you to honor them
with the honors of the house.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The
resolution was previously adopted on March 26th.

To our guests from Plattsburgh, I
welcome you on behalf of the Senate. We offer
you all the privileges and courtesies of this
house. Please rise and be recognized.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President,
Senator Little would like to open that resolution
for cosponsorship.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The resolution is open for cosponsorship. Should you choose not to be a cosponsor of the resolution, please notify the desk.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we please now move to previously adopted Resolution 843, by Senator Thomas, read that resolution in its entirety, and recognize Senator Thomas.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution 843, by Senator Thomas, memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 2019 as Sikh Awareness Month in the State of New York.

"WHEREAS, It is the custom of this
Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of the diverse cultures that make up the communities throughout the State of New York; and

"WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 2019, as Sikh Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

"WHEREAS, Sikhs have been living in the United States for more than 100 years, and during the early 20th century, thousands of Sikh Americans worked on farms, in lumber mills and mines, and on the Oregon, Pacific & Eastern Railroad; and

"WHEREAS, Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world and today, there are more than 30 million Sikhs worldwide and an estimated 500,000 Sikh Americans; and

"WHEREAS, Vaisakhi is one of the most historically significant days of the year for Sikhs and is celebrated on April 14, 2019; and

"WHEREAS, 2019 is the 550th birthday...
of the first of 10 gurus and founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak; this day is celebrated for Sikhs in New York State and worldwide as Guru Nanak's Gurpurab and is one of the most important dates in the Sikh calendar; and

"WHEREAS, Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions and make rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of the United States, including service as members of the United States Armed Forces and significant contributions to our great nation in agriculture, information technology, small businesses, the hotel industry, trucking, medicine, and technology; and

"WHEREAS, Sikh Americans distinguished themselves by fostering respect among all people through faith and service; and

"WHEREAS, The State of New York is committed to educating citizens about the world's religions, the value of religious diversity, tolerance grounded in First Amendment principles, a culture of mutual understanding, and the diminution of violence; and

"WHEREAS, Today, the State of New York seeks to further the diversity of its
community and afford all residents the
opportunity to better understand, recognize, and
appreciate the rich history and shared
experiences of Sikh Americans; now, therefore, be
it

"RESOLVED, That this Legislative
Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 2019,
as Sikh Awareness Month in the State of New York;
and be it further

"RESOLVED, That a copy of this
resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to
the Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the
State of New York."

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator
Thomas on the resolution.

SENATOR THOMAS: Thank you,
Mr. President.

It's a new day here in Albany where
we get to celebrate this state's diversity. To
my Sikh brothers and sisters up in the gallery,
and to Giani Kuldip Singh, who led the opening
prayer, thank you for coming to Albany.

The reason why I introduced this
resolution is because there's little to no
information about the Sikh community and who they are. Who are the Sikhs? These individuals come from the Indian subcontinent and practice a faith that is considered to be the fifth-largest in the world, Sikhism. It is a religion founded more than 500 years ago by Guru Nanak, who taught that all paths lead to one God, men and women are created equal, and through community service you give back to everyone without asking for anything in return.

You can identify a Sikh in public by their articles of faith. Most noticeable is the turban they wear and the beards they grow. This is the Sikh way. Just two weeks ago the Sikh community celebrated Vaisakhi, which is their New Year. This is a day on which the Sikh community gives thanks for all their blessings and prays for future prosperity.

Their prosperity is New York's prosperity, and it comes in the different roles they play in our society. Sikhs are doctors, they are lawyers, they are engineers, they are teachers. They serve in our armed forces, they serve in our law enforcement. They're also entrepreneurs. And most importantly, they're our
neighbors and friends.

    In New York, businessmen like
Chandeep Singh work to make the dreams of
hundreds of families come true with the sale of a
home. Research scientists like Varan Singh work
to find the cure to cancer. Community leaders
like Harpreet Toor work tirelessly to promote the
Sikh culture through his TV show. And attorneys
like Manjit Kaur fight to represent a vulnerable
population in court.

These are individuals that make
New York great, who follow the Sikh faith and
contribute to our way of life that makes us a
better community and better people.

    So let's all try to be like a Sikh
today and for the future, one who cultivates the
spiritual self while also serving the communities
around them.

    Thank you.

    ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The
resolution was previously adopted on March 29th.

    To our Sikh community here in
attendance today, I welcome you on behalf of the
Senate. We extend to you all of the courtesies
and privileges of this house. Please all rise
and be recognized.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: At the request of Senator Thomas, this resolution is open for cosponsorship.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The resolution is open for cosponsorship. Should you choose not to be a cosponsor of the resolution, please notify the desk.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now take up Resolution 1104, by Senator Helming, read that resolution in its entirety, and call on Senator Helming.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution 1104, by Senator Helming, congratulating the Lansing High School Boys Soccer Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class C Championship.
"WHEREAS, Individual and team championships are highly sought after in high school sports; this Legislative Body commends rare athletic achievements and pays special recognition to those who pursue such excellence and become examples for the youth of this great Empire State; and

"WHEREAS, Athletic competition helps to enhance both the moral and physical development of young athletes, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the importance of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

"WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Lansing High School Boys Soccer Team upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class C Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Bobcats defeated Geneseo in a 3-0 victory at Middletown High School on Sunday, November 11, 2018, to win the championship; and

"WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of blue and gold, family,
friends, and the community at large loyally and
enthusiastically supported the Bobcats throughout
their journey as they ended their season with an
impressive 20-4-1 overall record; and

"WHEREAS, In a sport such as soccer,
which demands athletic prowess, speed and
agility, Head Coach Benjamin Parkes and his
expert coaching staff worked hard to hone the
skills of this championship team, teaching these
outstanding athletes lessons which will prove
invaluable both on and off the field; and

"WHEREAS, Coach Benjamin Parkes,
Assistant Coaches David Schlesinger and
Andrew Troisi, and all of the outstanding
athletes on the Lansing High School Boys Soccer
Team have clearly utilized dedication,
determination and teamwork in providing a lasting
contribution to the spirit of excellence which is
a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be
it

"RESOLVED, That this Legislative
Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate
the members of the Lansing High School Boys
Soccer Team: Sean O'Callaghan, Tomas Vence,
Morgan Somcchanhmavong, Langston Hopkins,
Erik Goehler, Jack Collins, Ethan Zemanick,
Eli Bartholomew, Gill Richardson,
Jason Littlefair, Julian Tornusciolo, Mason
Edwards, Kyle Romeo, Aidan Burt, Ben Infante,
Alex Rose, Aidan Huslebosch, Kyle Reid,
Matt Weil, Joe Besemer, Ethan Burt, Sam Panzer,
Matthew Kirkwood, Phillip Linnik,
Tristan Lyndaker, Sean Wenzel, George Taylor and
Gavin Suwara; Head Coach Benjamin Parkes;
Assistant Coaches David Schlesinger and Andrew
Troisi; Team Managers Andrew Galvin and Kenton
Edwards; and Team Ball Boys Tyler Smith, Jackson
Tarbert, and Kaden Haslinger on their outstanding
season and overall team record; and be it further
"RESOLVED, That copies of this
resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to
the members of the Lansing High School Boys
Soccer Team, Head Coach Benjamin Parkes,
Assistant Coaches David Schlesinger and
Andrew Troisi, Team Managers Andrew Galvin and
Kenton Edwards, and Team Ball Boys Tyler Smith,
Jackson Tarbert and Kaden Haslinger."

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator
Helming on the resolution.

SENATOR HELMING: Thank you,
Mr. President.

I rise proudly today to congratulate and acknowledge the Lansing Bobcats Boys Varsity Soccer Team, led by Coach Benjie Parkes, on capturing the 2018 New York State Class C Soccer Championship.

Those of you who were in the Senate last year, these guys may look familiar to you. It's because they were also the 2017 champions. And it's so great to have you back here today. I can't wait until next year to be talking about your three-peat.

Vince Lombardi once said "If we chase perfection, we catch excellence." And that is exactly what this Bobcats team did. They've been supported throughout the system by the entire school district, by the Lansing Boosters, and the entire community.

As state champions you serve as role models to your peers and will forever represent a spirit of excellence in the Lansing community. I wish you all continued success in the future, both inside the classroom and out on the field.

On behalf of the entire Lansing community, this chamber, and the entire State of Kirkland Reporting Service
New York, I'd like to congratulate the entire team and the coaching staff on an incredible ending to a remarkable season.

Go, Bobcats!

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The question is on the resolution. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye."

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

Opposed?

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The resolution is adopted.

To the Lansing High School Boys Soccer Team, I welcome you on behalf of the Senate. We extend to you all of the privileges and courtesies of this house.

You've already risen, so please be recognized.

(Standing ovation.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, Senator Helming would like to open that resolution for cosponsorship.
ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The resolution is open for cosponsorship. Should you choose not to be a cosponsor of the resolution, please notify the desk.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now please move to Resolution 1080, by Senator May, read its title only, and call on Senator May.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution 1080, by Senator May, memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 4, 2019, as Firefighters' Appreciation Day in the State of New York.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator May on the resolution.

SENATOR MAY: Thank you, Mr. President.

This winter I had the pleasure of spending an evening with the Volunteer Firefighters and Women's Auxiliary of DeRuyter, New York. We were honoring John Best, a firefighter who had spent 50 years in service to the community. But the room was full of men and
women of all ages who devote countless hours to protect the safety and well-being of their small town and surrounding rural area.

Volunteer firefighters exemplify the best of America, with a generosity of spirit and dedication to helping neighbors in their time of need. In rural communities they are a particularly crucial lifeline, but their numbers are declining -- down 25 percent in New York State since 1990. The Recruit New York program has helped, but it is increasingly hard to get people to volunteer their time for training, preparedness, and emergency response.

More than ever, volunteer firefighters deserve our support, recognition and gratitude. I am proud to sponsor today's resolution in honor of International Firefighter Day.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The question is on the resolution. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

Opposed?
(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The resolution is adopted.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Senator May would like to open that resolution for cosponsorship, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The resolution is open for cosponsorship. Should you choose not to be a cosponsor of the resolution, please notify the desk.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we please take up Resolution 1179, by the great Senator Harckham, read its title only, and recognize Senator Harckham.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senate Resolution 1179, by Senator Harckham, commending the Garden Club of America upon the occasion of partnering with the Great Healthy Yard Project to improve overall water quality and produce healthy backyards.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator
Harckham on the resolution.

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to thank Senator Gianaris for that great introduction as well. Thank you, sir.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR HARCKHAM: Today we are going to discuss and debate in this chamber a series of bills that are designed to improve the environment and protect the health and well-being of all New Yorkers. So this is a timely resolution we take up today.

The Garden Club of America has been beautifying towns and communities all over New York for the past hundred years, and today we celebrate a milestone as they form a partnership with an organization called the Great Healthy Yard Project -- which actually was formed by a former neighbor of mine, Dr. Diane Lewis, from Katonah, New York -- that essentially says in order to have a beautiful lawn and a beautiful garden, you don't need synthetic fertilizers and chemical pesticides and herbicides.

In fact, people's private lawns per capita use 10 times more the amount of pesticide
and herbicide than our commercial farms do -- and
they use a heck of a lot.

So this unique program will be
rolled out statewide and then nationwide,
educating property owners that they can do the
right thing -- by using organic techniques like
composting and mulching, by overseeding, by using
beneficial plants and beneficial insects to
bolster the overall habitat, that they can have a
great lawn and protect our water source. The key
to all of this is protecting our water.

The U.S. Geological Survey did a
study and found that in over 90 percent of our
streams and rivers and lakes, you can find
pesticides. Over 50 percent of our private wells
contain elements of pesticides and herbicides.

So what we need to do both on the
regulatory side, we do it this end, but we thank
our partners out in the community who have found
solutions through education and knowledge.

So with that, we put forth this
resolution today. We thank Dr. Lewis and the
Great Healthy Yard Project, and we thank the
Garden club for all of their efforts to protect
the environment.
Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The question is on the resolution. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Opposed?

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The resolution is adopted.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: At the request of Senator Harckham, that resolution is open for cosponsorship.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The resolution is open for cosponsorship. Should you choose not to be a cosponsor of the resolution, please notify the desk.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: At this point, Mr. President, there will be an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in Room 332.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: There will be an immediate meeting of the Rules Committee in Room 332.
SENATOR GIANARIS: And the Senate will stand at ease.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The Senate will stand at ease.

(Whereupon, the Senate stood at ease at 3:57 p.m.)

(Whereupon, the Senate reconvened at 4:10 p.m.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The Senate will return to order.

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Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Thank you, Mr. President. Is there a report of the Rules Committee at the desk?

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: There is a report of the Rules Committee at the desk.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Stewart-Cousins, from the Committee on Rules, reports the following bills:

Senate Print 354A, by Senator Kaminsky, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law;
Senate Print 752, by Senator Montgomery, an act to amend the Tax Law;

Senate Print 3558A, by Senator Kennedy, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law;

Senate Print 4385, by Senator Parker, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law and the Education Law;

Senate Print 5098, by Senator Martinez, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law;

Senate Print 5343, by Senator Kaminsky, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law; and

Senate Print 5349, by Senator Kaminsky, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

All bills ordered direct to third reading.

SENIOR GIANARIS: Move to accept the Rules Committee report.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: All those in favor of accepting the report of the Rules Committee signify by saying aye.

(Response of "Aye.")
ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

Opposed?

(No response.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The report is accepted.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Can we now take up the reading of today's calendar.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: There's a substitution at the desk.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: On page 6, Senator Serrano moves to discharge, from the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Assembly Bill Number 1779 and substitute it for the identical Senate Bill Number 181, Third Reading Calendar 74.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The substitution is so ordered.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 74, Assembly Print 1779, by Assemblymember Peoples-Stokes, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.
THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Serrano to explain his vote.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you very much, Mr. President.

I would like to thank my colleagues for supporting this legislation, which would create a list of environmental hotspots. And this is so important in communities like mine in the South Bronx, where we have some of the highest instances of asthma and other health-related issues because of pollution in the environment.

And this list will bring together data that's readily available on pollution, on other toxic materials in the environment, to help us understand where there are these clusters, these environmental hotspots. And we can use that information for future siting to ensure that we are handling communities that have been historically overburdened by these polluting
facilities in a way that brings about
environmental justice.

And I'm very grateful to all my
colleagues for supporting this.

Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator
Serrano to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to
Calendar Number 74, those Senators voting
recorded in the negative are Senators Amedore,
Antonacci, Jordan, Seward and Tedisco.

Ayes, 56. Nays, 5.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The
bill is passed.

There is a substitution at the desk.
The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: On page 6,
Senator Sanders moves to discharge, from the
Committee on Environmental Conservation,
Assembly Bill Number 2501A and substitute it for
the identical Senate Bill 2139B, Third Reading
Calendar 75.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The
substitution is so ordered.
The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 75, Assembly Print Number 2501A, by Assemblymember Englebright, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 140, Senate Print 2072, by Senator Carlucci, Concurrent Resolution of the Senate and Assembly proposing an amendment to Article I of the Constitution.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)
ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Sepúlveda to explain his vote.

SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA: Thank you, Mr. President, for allowing me to explain my vote.

I want to thank my colleague Senator Carlucci for introducing what is an important piece of legislation that provides all in our state with clean air and water, necessities that we deserve.

The water contamination crisis that we had in Flint, Michigan, is an indication of how important this legislation is. Five years ago, water from the Flint River began flowing through the city pipes and into the homes of residents. The improperly treated water caused old pipes to corrode and caused buildup of lead in the drinking water of almost 100,000 people. The water was cloudy, foul-smelling and had a metallic taste.

There were reports of high blood levels found in children, which is extremely dangerous and causes irreversible health problems. As you know, exposure to lead can cause severe learning disabilities, behavioral
problems, and mental disabilities. Flint was forced to resort to bottled water because it was the safest choice.

This proposed constitutional amendment would follow models taken from states that have constitutional protections in place to ensure access to clean air and clean water. We need to ensure that our state's water and our air quality are not harming our residents and providing harmful effects on our children.

I vote affirmatively.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Sepúlveda to be recorded in the affirmative.

Senator Carlucci to explain his vote.

SENATOR CARLUCCI: Thank you, Mr. President.

I want to thank my colleagues for supporting this important legislation to enshrine in our state's constitution the right to clean air, clean water, and a healthful environment.

You know, in our state constitution there's nearly 20,000 words in this constitution, yet you won't find anything dealing with the protection of water, with the protection of clean...
air. Yet there are protections for the right to
assemble, the right to get a divorce, even the
right to play bingo -- but yet not a single
protection in our right to clean air, clean water
and a healthful environment.

Look, we could either pay now or
we'll be paying the cost later. And this
constitutional amendment is about enshrining
those rights so that generations to come, they
will be inheriting an environment that's healthy.
There's a saying: Discipline weighs ounces,
regret weighs tons. And that's what we have to
do. We have to get real about what climate
change is doing to our communities. And that if
we don't start today by making sure that this is
the first thing that we have to consider -- not
the profits, not the ease of doing business, but
the realities of what does this mean to our
environment, what does this mean to our most
precious asset, our air, our water -- then we're
fooling ourselves.

So this is a step in the direction
to make sure that as we learn more, as laws do
change -- as they will -- that we have a
backstop, we have a protection in our
constitution to something that we know is so
fundamental to the health of our community, to
our survival as human beings. We need to step
up, protect it, and the best place to do that is
in our State Constitution. Particularly in a
time when the federal government unfortunately is
withdrawing us from the Paris agreement, is
slashing funding to the EPA, this is a way for us
to stand up, protect these rights, and make sure
that New York is showing us a way forward,
showing other states a way forward on how to
protect our environment.

So I will be supporting this
legislation. I want to thank my colleagues for
doing the same.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator
Carlucci to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to
Calendar Number 140, those Senators voting in the
negative are Senators Amedore, Antonacci,
Flanagan, Funke, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming,
Jacobs, Jordan, Little, O'Mara, Ortt,
Ranzenhofer, Ritchie, Serino, Seward and Tedisco.
Ayes, 44. Nays, 17.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The resolution is adopted.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 307, Senate Print 25A, by Senator Hoylman, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Hoylman to explain his vote.

SENATOR HOYLMAN: Thank you, Mr. President.

I wanted to thank my colleagues for their support of this legislation that would establish a bird-friendly building council to promulgate the use of designs that are bird-friendly and bird-friendly building materials and design features in buildings.
The reason this is important,
Mr. President, is that the latest statistics show
that up to 1 billion birds a year die from
strikes of buildings here in the United States.
And in my district alone we have many
skyscrapers, and in New York up to 90,000 birds a
year die from strikes with those buildings.

The reason, of course, is that many
of the buildings are sheathed in glass. And
birds, just like humans, can't see glass. And
worse, if there is a reflection of any sort or
they see through the building, they think they
can fly through it. And sometimes that happens
to us too. I don't know how many times you've
hit your head in the shower, but I have more than
a few times.

What we have to do, Mr. President,
is to establish guidelines that would promote
design that will stop this from happening. Other
states and cities have taken the lead, including
Toronto; Oakland, California; Minnesota, and
New York City. Statistics are showing that
collision deaths have been reduced up to
90 percent.

In my district, where the Javits
Center is located, the design change of 760,000 square feet for an exhibition hall -- it used to be one of the most deadly buildings for birds in New York City, but renovations that occurred in the last few years that incorporated bird-friendly design principles have reduced bird collisions by 95 percent.

So I want to thank my colleagues for their support. We can do better to protect our fine feathered friends.

I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Hoylman to be recorded in the affirmative.

Senator Akshar to explain his vote.

SENATOR AKSHAR: Mr. President, thank you.

While I certainly care about birds, I would suggest to everybody in this house that maybe we put forth a new act, maybe we should call it the taxpayer-friendly policy act. Before we focus on birds, I would suggest that we put forth the taxpayers first and we figure out a way to make their life a little bit easier.

We've had a million-plus people leave this state, and we're focused on birds and
not the hardworking taxpayers of the State of New York. I'm proudly voting no because we're not putting taxpayers first.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Akshar to be recorded in the negative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 307, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Akshar, Amedore, Antonacci, Flanagan, Funke, Gallivan, Helming, Jordan, Lanza, Little, O'Mara, Ortt, Ranzenhofer, Ritchie, Robach, Serino and Tedisco.

Ayes, 44. Nays, 17.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 428, Senate Print 2767, by Senator Comrie, an act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 10. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)
ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY:  Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY:  Calendar Number 429, Senate Print 3829, by Senator Metzger, an act to amend the Agriculture and Markets Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY:  Section 2.  This act shall take effect on the 180th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  Senator Metzger to explain her vote.

SENATOR METZGER:  Thank you, Mr. President.

I want to thank my colleagues for supporting this legislation to create standards for labeling of food products.  If they say that they are locally made and locally grown, they have to be locally made and locally grown.
This is so important to New York's farmers to making sure that they are getting the full benefit of the local food movement. It's very important to the environment. We want to reduce the miles that our food travels to get to our dinner table. And this is going to make sure that when you go and buy a jar of tomato sauce that says it's locally made, those tomatoes are going to come from New York farms.

Thank you very much.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Metzger to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 445, Senate Print 4046, by Senator Parker, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.
(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY:  Ayes, 61.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY:  Calendar Number 452, Senate Print 4742A, by Senator Parker, an act to amend the Real Property Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY:  Section 2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after it shall have become a law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:  Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY:  In relation to Calendar Number 452, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Akshar, Amedore, Antonacci, Flanagan, Funke, Gallivan, Griffo, Jordan, Lanza, LaValle, Little, O'Mara, Ort, Ranzenhofer, Ritchie, Robach, Serino, Seward and Tedisco.
Ayes, 42. Nays, 19.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 457, Senate Print 501B, by Senator Kaminsky, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This act shall take effect on March 1, 2020.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Boyle to explain his vote.

SENATOR BOYLE: Thank you, Mr. President, to explain my vote.

This bill has been a long time coming. I want to commend Senator Kaminsky for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor, and the Majority for bringing the bill to the floor. We've been far too long in not protecting our children from toxic chemicals. It's a makes-sense piece of legislation.

And I'd like to particularly thank
some of the greatest advocates, Kathy Curtis and Bobbi Wilding of Clean & Healthy New York for their tireless advocacy, along with many other advocates. We're finally today protecting children in New York State.

Thank you. I vote in favor.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Boyle to be recorded in the affirmative.

Senator Little to explain her vote.

SENATOR LITTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to explain my vote.

Certainly I would like to see that all children's toys, clothing, et cetera are safe for them to have around them and be playing with.

However, I think that this is an issue that needs to be dealt with at the federal level, to say that a Mattel, a Fisher Price, all of these toys, that you could not sell those toys in New York State because you may have one of these many, many chemicals that could be in those toys.

Usually the consumer directs that they won't buy toys with that kind of chemical in them, and pretty soon they don't use them to produce them. And many of these companies have
already done that.

But what I would like to see is all of these positions in support of the bill go to the federal government and have this done on a national level, not just state by state.

Therefore I support the idea, but not on the state level. I vote no.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Little to be recorded in the negative.

SENATOR HOYLMAN: Thank you, Mr. President.

I wanted to thank the Senate sponsor, Senator Kaminsky, for his leadership. I once carried a version of this bill when our conference was in the minority, and it was sad that for over a decade it never moved, notwithstanding Senator Boyle's efforts to pass it.

It is interesting that there's no debate on the legislation today even though it was blocked for so many years.

I do think it's important also to point out the dangers that are in these products that are lining the shelves. Parents don't know
which products are safe and which aren't. And this is, at the end of the day, not just putting taxpayers ahead of anyone else, but protecting the most precious resource we have in our society, which is our kids.

So I proudly vote aye. Senator Kaminsky, thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Hoylman to be recorded in the affirmative.

Senator Kavanagh to explain his vote.

SENATOR KAVANAGH: Thank you, Mr. President.

I also just rise to thank the sponsor and the chair of our Environmental Conservation Committee, who really has led the way in taking huge steps forward to protect the residents of New York from some extremely dangerous substances.

In this case, you know, I've joined Senator Boyle and many other Senators and Assemblymembers standing in front of, you know, inflated rubber ducks and in many other events to get across this notion that scientists and environmental advocates and many parents have
known for a long time, which is that things that
we think of as benign, things that we think of as
designed for use by our children, are in fact
very dangerous.

There are dozens and dozens of
highly toxic chemicals, of carcinogens, of
endocrine disrupters that routinely are put in
consumer products that expose our children to
those chemicals. It is a simple fact that the
federal government has utterly failed,
statutorily and from a regulatory perspective, to
protect United States citizens from this.

States -- not only New York, but
other states are stepping up. Hopefully this is
not the last time we step up in New York to
protect people from exposure to these chemicals.

But it's a huge step forward we're
taking today, and again I thank the sponsor and
all the people that have worked to get this done,
and I vote in the affirmative.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator
Kavanagh to be recorded in the affirmative.

Seeing and hearing no other
Senators, Senator Kaminsky to close.

SENATOR KAMINSKY: Thank you very
much, Mr. President.

I rise today as the proud sponsor of the Child Safe Products Act, a bill that’s been a long time coming and I'm glad we're finally going to do.

As a parent, I think we all agree that we would do anything to help our children become the best they can be and to reach their full potential. But the idea of harming one of our children is inconceivable, something so unnatural and so instinctively against our nature, we would never seek to do that.

But every day, every moment right now, just a few blocks from here and a few blocks from where anyone's listening to this in the State of New York, we're putting parents in that position. Because they're walking into stores, whether it's buying furniture, apparel, and especially toys, not knowing the difference between one product or another because they're not given that information.

Right now you can buy a little toy train that has cadmium in it, cadmium that's known to be much more dangerous than lead on a child's development. Jewelry containing lead in
it. Toys that have -- or personal care products that actually have asbestos in them right now can be purchased on shelves. Costumes a child can wear that contain antimony and cadmium in them.

And so what this bill will do, first and foremost, is one about disclosure and one about knowledge and transparency. It's far and away most chemicals will fall into the category of companies must disclose either to a national clearinghouse, like could be done in any other New York-specific, or to the DEC directly, saying what is contained in their product. That is the majority of how this bill will interact with consumers.

And that's important. As a previous Senator brought up, let parents make a decision and then let the market sort itself out with only wanting healthy products to be on our shelves. But those most dangerous chemicals, the ones that we know without question are harmful -- carcinogens, flame retardants, cadmium, lead, mercury -- these chemicals, by 2023, will be banned. You cannot produce a child's product with them in it and sell it in the State of
New York. And it's about time.

There's absolutely ways to make the same products in a safe manner, and they have until 2023 to figure out how to do that. And I think that's plenty of time.

We as a Senate are taking a major step forward today protecting our most vulnerable, making sure that there is more knowledge in a very important sphere and actually doing something while our federal government is not. I agree that uniform federal standard would work much better. But we stand here today without being able to name really a single harmful chemical that the federal government has banned and say cannot be in a child's product, chemicals that study after study show to be very problematic if not downright detrimental to the health of children.

I know when my 10-month-old son puts a toy in his mouth that that is going to matter to his or her future depending on what chemical is in that toy. It's about time we stepped up and did something about this, and I'm proud to be part of a Senate that's doing it, proud to be part of a Senate run by Andrea Stewart-Cousins,
who made this a priority, and proud to finally
get something done for the children of New York
today.

    Thank you, Mr. President. I vote in
the affirmative.

    ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator
Kaminsky to be recorded in the affirmative.

    Announce the results.

    THE SECRETARY: In relation to
Calendar Number 457, those Senators voting in the
negative are Senators Amedore, Antonacci,
Flanagan, Gallivan, Helming, Jordan, Little,
O'Mara and Ortt.


    ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The
bill is passed.

    Senator Gianaris, that completes the
reading of today's calendar.

    SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President,
can we now take up the supplemental calendar.

    ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The
Secretary will read.

    THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
485, Senate Print 354A, by Senator Kaminsky, an
act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.
SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside temporarily, please.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Please lay it aside temporarily.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN:

Calendar Number 486, Senate Print 752, by Senator Montgomery, an act to amend the Tax Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Montgomery to explain her vote.

SENATOR MONTGOMERY: Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

This is really an environmental bill, although it amends the Tax Law in the State of New York. This would just simply allow an increase in the tax credit allowance for people who are looking to retrofit their properties with solar energy technology.

It's a personal income tax credit,
and therefore it provides for citizens in the State of New York who are looking to make sure they are able to afford new technology which would be a reliance on renewable clean energy for their energy sources, but they can't quite afford to do it, this provides an incentive that the state gives them to make that happen.

And so I am very happy because we know that solar energy technology has absolutely many, many benefits to homeowners, to the society. It includes reducing the reliance on fossil fuel for provision of their electric consumption. It allows consumers to receive rebates from different government programs. It reduces the reliance on foreign oil. And it establishes a net metering possibility, whereby citizens can put back energy into the grid as they reduce the cost of energy to their own families.

So this is a very good bill. It's an important step -- a small step, though very important -- in the direction of New York State's own interest and goal to create a greener and a cleaner environment in the State of New York.

So Mr. President, thank you. I vote
aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Montgomery to be recorded in the affirmative.

Senator Lanza to explain his vote.

SENATOR LANZA: Thank you, Mr. President.

Finally. I've been waiting four months for this moment, a tax cut for someone in the State of New York. This is a good bill. I thank you, Senator Montgomery. I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Lanza to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 486, Senator Akshar in the negative.

Ayes, 61. Nays, 1.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 487, Senate Print 3558A, by Senator Kennedy, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This
act shall take effect --

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay the bill aside for the day.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Lay it aside for the day.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 488, Senate Print 4385, by Senator Parker, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law and the Education Law.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Lay it aside for the day.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Lay it aside for the day.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 489, Senate Print 5098, by Senator Martinez, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Martinez to explain her vote.
SENATOR MARTINEZ: Good afternoon, Mr. President. Thank you.

I am proud to stand here today as the sponsor of this bill that would protect vulnerable at-risk species in the State of New York.

This bill was actually inspired by the most recent classification of two subspecies of giraffes by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, where the population has plummeted by 40 percent between 1985 and 2016, leaving less than 100,000 of them remaining today.

Our nation and global community is home to an array of remarkable plants and animals, but however some of these species have fallen victim not only to climate change but also to loss of habitat.

By classifying certain species as vulnerable and prohibiting the sale or possession of anything made in whole or in part of a vulnerable species in New York, we are taking another step in the right direction when it comes to safeguarding at-risk species.

Protecting endangered vulnerable
animals is a priority of this state's Legislature, considering the federal government has failed to classify some of our species as endangered, despite ample evidence and petitions for change. New York will continue to be the leader in protecting our environment, and for this reason I proudly vote in the affirmative.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Martinez to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 489, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Akshar, Amedore, Gallivan, Jacobs, Jordan, Little, O'Mara, Ortt, Ranzenhofer, Lanza, Ritchie and Seward. Also Senator Helming. Also Senator Griffo.


ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number 490, Senate Print 5343, by Senator Kaminsky, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 4. This
act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Kaminsky to explain his vote.

SENATOR KAMINSKY: Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. President.

I certainly realize that taking the step of wholly banning an insecticide or pesticide is a significant step, something that we should not do lightly. But when I read the literature and spoke to doctors and experts who have studied the long-term impacts of the chlorpyrifos, I was shocked and stunned that this is something that is permitted and that is still impacting both people and animals and our agriculture today.

Studies have shown that chlorpyrifos used about 20 years ago is leading to early onset Parkinson's disease in those who are young adults, to tremors, to IQ deficiencies and to a number of other things.

And when you trace back the history of chlorpyrifos, it's not surprising because it
was invented as a military nerve agent in World War II. It was then converted into an insecticide, a highly lethal one, but it is admittedly something that had to be used as a measure of last resort.

Now, why that's troubling is it's also being used in cases that are not authorized. So we heard from people who told us it's important for the spotted lantern fly. Then you learn from the DEC that the spotted lantern fly is not an approved use for chlorpyrifos. You hear that it is not supposed to be sprayed on flowers, and yet pollinators like bees are dying and found with chlorpyrifos in their systems, which means it's being spread throughout the air.

We want to have the most robust agricultural production we can in our state, and we can do that without the cost of producing toxins within the products that we're able to put out there.

And so with that said, Mr. President, taking this step today of within the course of the next few years banning chlorpyrifos is an important step. The EPA almost took it a few years ago. They backed
away. We'll be the second state after Hawaii.
We will not be the last. It's time that we're
able to move on without putting these toxins in
our environment.

    I vote in the affirmative. Thank you.

    ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator
Kaminsky to be recorded in the affirmative.

    Senator May to explain her vote.

    SENATOR MAY: Thank you, Mr. President.

    In 1995, 12 people died in a
terrorist attack in a Tokyo subway, and the
weapon of choice was sarin gas, which is also
known as chlorpyrifos. This is a very toxic
substance.

    But I have been lobbied hard on both
sides about this issue because I have apple
growers in my district, I have some major apple
orchards. And for them, this is at this moment
the only thing they have to deal with a borer
that can kill their trees.

    We worked -- with my colleague
Senator Metzger, we worked pretty hard to address
their concerns, to delay the ban for a couple of
years so that they can find substitutes. But I am voting in favor of this bill, partly because if it kills the pollinators, no matter how healthy your trees are, you aren't going to have apples anyway.

And so in looking at the whole system that is our farmland and our waterways and the air we breathe, it is very important, I think, that we get toxins like this out of those systems.

So I applaud Senator Kaminsky for bringing this bill and for allowing us to make some modifications of it to help our farmers.

And I vote aye. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator May to be recorded in the affirmative.

Senator Serrano to explain his vote.

SENATOR SERRANO: Thank you very much, Mr. President.

And I would like to thank Senator Kaminsky for bringing this bill forward today. I feel that it's a very important bill, now and for the future. As the parent of two young children, I care very deeply about the chemicals that are in our food, in our environment. And this is one
that I think has proven to be very problematic.

And my hope, as a way to protect our environment, to protect farmers, to protect people who work on farms, is that we move to more greener, more sustainable methods of being able to eradicate pests from crops to create a safer environment and a way that we can feel that inspires confidence in the foods that we eat and in the techniques that are used in cultivating these foods.

I vote yes. Thank you.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator Serrano to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 490, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Akshar, Amedore, Antonacci, Flanagan, Funke, Gallivan, Griffo, Helming, Jacobs, Jordan, O'Mara, Ort, Ranzenhofer, Ritchie, Serino, Seward and Tedisco. Also Senator Little.

Ayes, 44. Nays, 18.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
491, Senate Print 5349, by Senator Kaminsky, an
act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read
the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 3. This
act shall take effect on the same date and in the
same manner as a chapter of the Laws of 2019.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call
the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator
Kaminsky to explain his vote.

SENATOR KAMINSKY: Thank you.

I just want to take this very brief
opportunity to thank Senator Boyle, Senator
Hoylman, and Senator Kavanagh for working over
the years on the toxic toy bill. Without their
work, this moment wouldn't have been possible,
and I want to thank them for their efforts and,
you know, really appreciate the work they put in
to get us here today.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Senator
Kaminsky to be recorded in the affirmative.

Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to
Calendar Number 491, those Senators voting in the
negative are Senators Amedore, Flanagan,
Gallivan, Jordan and Ortt.

    Ayes, 57.  Nays, 5.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The

bill is passed.

Senator Gianaris.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President,
now can we remove the temporary lay-aside on
Calendar 485 and take that bill up.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: There

is a substitution at the desk.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Senator Kaminsky
moves to discharge, from the Committee on Rules,
Assembly Bill Number 2286 and substitute it for
the identical Senate Bill 354A, Third Reading
Calendar 485.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The

substitution is so ordered.

The Secretary will read.

THE SECRETARY: Calendar Number
485, Assembly Print 2286, by Assemblymember
Hunter, an act to amend the Environmental
Conservation Law.
ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Read the last section.

THE SECRETARY: Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Call the roll.

(The Secretary called the roll.)

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: Announce the results.

THE SECRETARY: In relation to Calendar Number 485, those Senators voting in the negative are Senators Akshar, Amedore, Lanza and Serino.


ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: The bill is passed.

Senator Gianaris, that completes the reading of the supplemental calendar.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Mr. President, is there any further business at the desk?

ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: There is no further business at the desk.

SENATOR GIANARIS: Let me remind members of the Majority there is a briefing on housing issues in the Majority Conference Room.
immediately following session.

    And with that, I move to adjourn

until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 1st, at 11:00 a.m.

    ACTING PRESIDENT BENJAMIN: There

is a meeting of the Majority Conference in

Room 332.

    On motion, the Senate stands

adjourned until Wednesday, May 1st, at 11:00 a.m.

    (Whereupon, at 4:50 p.m., the Senate

adjourned.)