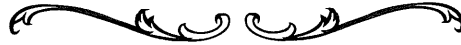




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THE HONORABLE CARL E. HEASTIE, SPEAKER
PRESIDING

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



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12:08 P.M.

ACTING SPEAKER DANGLES: A quorum being present, the House will come to order.

We will open the 242nd Session of the New York State Assembly with a prayer from the Reverend Dr. Allen Pickney, Jr.

REVEREND DR. ALLEN PICKNEY, JR.: Let us pray: God of love, light and life, we gather together in the beginning of a new year first to give You thanks and acknowledge You as the guide of our pathway, the provider of provisions and the source of our blessings. We thank You for enabling this Body to navigate the political and social landscape of our State this past year with energy, enthusiasm and effort. As we enter this new year, 2019, we seek Your

divine wisdom, love and compassion to permeate over and throughout this Body as the members of the Assembly discern, deliberate and decide what is not only in the best interests of their individual constituencies, but also what is in the best interests of our State and nation as a whole.

We pray that in the midst of their individual concerns, agendas and objectives, there would be the opportunity for unity, synergy and community in the midst of diversity. We pray that love, mercy, justice and peace will be the motivating factors that direct each member as they together legislate the law of our beloved State, because for such a time as this, what is crucial is bold, creative and compassionate leadership.

And so, as we enter this new year facing the challenges that are before us, with the understanding that no matter what the changing seasons may bring, we will walk by faith and we will trust in Your divine hand as we work together for the good that You have willed in our lives. We humbly ask for Your glory to be revealed in our land and in our lives. We pray that Your plan and purpose will, with precision, unfold in the leaders who have been given this awesome responsibility and office. Send healing upon our land. We pray that each member will remain humble as she or he conducts the sacred task of representing the people of New York. We pray that each legislator that comprises this august Body will be empowered and resourced in such a way as to address the important issues that face our community and world.

You have raised up these persons from various backgrounds to be servant leaders in the hollow halls of this edifice to speak truth authentically, to advocate for the needs of the least and the marginalized. Keep each one from harm, hurt or danger. Protect their loved ones and their family. And now, we ask Your grace to be upon them. We pray for wisdom, not foolishness; real representation, not rhetoric; compassion, not corruption; generosity, not complacency; humility, not pointedness; integrity, not dishonesties; truthfulness and not trickery, and justice for all God's people, not tyranny. But most of all, we trust that despite all of our faults, flaws and frailties, Your will shall be done to the Glory of God.

And now may the -- by the power of your Holy Spirit, may You reside, guide and preside over all who labor and carry out the work in this Chamber. In the name of God whom we love and serve, this is our prayer. Amen.

ACTING SPEAKER DANDLES: Visitors are invited to join the members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Whereupon, visitors joined the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.)

In accordance with Section 2 of Rule 6 of the Assembly as last amended, it is my honor to administer the oath to those individuals duly elected to serve as members of the Assembly for the 2019-2020 legislative term. I ask that the members now rise, raise their right hands and repeat after me.

(Whereupon, the oath of office was administered to

all members of the Assembly.)

Congratulations. You may be seated.

(Applause)

We will now proceed - shh - we will now proceed to the first order of business, the election of the Speaker of the Assembly. Let the record indicate the following announcement adopted by the Majority members of the Assembly. The Acting Clerk will read.

THE ACTING CLERK: This is to inform you that on the afternoon of December 12th, 2018, the Democratic members of the New York State Assembly convened in party caucus and elected the Honorable Carl E. Heastie as our nominee for the position of Speaker of the Assembly for the 2019-2020 Legislative Session. Signed, Richard N. Gottfried.

ACTING SPEAKER DANGLES: The record will indicate the following announcement adopted by the Minority members of the Assembly. The Acting Clerk will read.

THE ACTING CLERK: Resolution of the Minority members of the Assembly, meeting on November 27th, 2018, in relation to the election of Brian M. Kolb as Minority Leader of the Assembly for the years 2019-2020.

ACTING SPEAKER DANGLES: The Chair recognizes Mr. Gottfried for the purpose of offering a procedural resolution on the election of the Speaker of the Assembly.

MR. GOTTFRIED: Mr. (sic) Speaker, for the ninth

time, I offer up the following resolution.

ACTING SPEAKER DANGLES: The Acting Clerk will read the resolution.

THE ACTING CLERK: Resolved, that the House do now proceed to the election of Speaker for a term of two years, that the roll of the members be called by the Acting Clerk and that each member as his/her name is called openly name his/her choice for such office.

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

The Acting Clerk will call the roll and as each member -- as his name -- as his or her name is called will call his or her choice for Speaker of the Assembly for the years 2019-2020.

(Whereupon, the Acting Clerk called the roll.)

Having received a majority of all the votes cast, I declare the Honorable Carl E. Heastie to be duly-elected Speaker of the New York State Assembly for the years 2019-2020.

(Applause/Cheering)

SPEAKER HEASTIE: Thank you, everyone. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, and good afternoon. Welcome to everyone joining us in the Chamber today, the People's House of the New York State Legislature. It is my pleasure to begin the 2019 Legislative Session by offering you my best wishes for a healthy and productive new year. I would like to acknowledge my friend,

community partner and fellow advocate for social justice, the Reverend Dr. Allen Pickney, Jr., who is the Senior Pastor of the Butler Memorial United Methodist Church in my district in the Bronx. Thank you, Reverend Pickney, for being here on this special day as we begin our work in the 2019 Legislative Session. Let me further add that his is the church that has given us Senator Jamaal Bailey and another young man in my office, Kevin Riley; they're both members of your church. So, thank you, Reverend Pickney.

I also would like to extend a very special welcome to the greatest constituents in New York State who traveled here from the Bronx to be with us today. You hold a very special place in my heart.

(Applause)

You stuck with the me through thick and thin and I'm so thankful for your unwavering support.

To my Assembly Majority colleagues, thank you for your support and vote of confidence. This is the third time you've given me the privilege and I'm eternally grateful to each of you for selecting me to serve as Speaker once again. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for your friendship and your confidence.

(Applause)

Nineteen long years ago when I first came to Albany, the New York State Assembly looked very different. The leadership of the Majority Conference, the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Majority, Ways and Means Chair; in fact, most Committee Chairs were

positions held by men. Today, I'm pleased to announce that there are 50 women representatives in the Assembly, a record --

(Applause)

-- a record number of whom are Committee Chairs and hold high leadership positions. I truly hope this inspires more women to run for office so that we can grow this number even more. I'm proud to introduce our new Deputy Speaker, Assemblymember Cathy Nolan.

(Applause)

I am pleased to see she has agreed to join our leadership team, helping to guide us in pursuit to put families first. Cathy, thank you for your hard work over the years as Chair of Labor, Banks and most recently the Education Committee.

I'm also proud to introduce formally our new Majority Leader, Crystal Peoples-Stokes.

(Applause)

Buffalo in the House, huh?

(Laughter)

Crystal is a dedicated member of this House. She has fought hard for her constituents in western New York and she will continue to advocate for all New Yorkers as Majority Leader. She is a true friend and will be an exceptional leader. Crystal, thank you for accepting this challenge and important responsibility.

(Applause)

Assemblymembers Nolan and Peoples-Stokes join

our now veteran Chair of Ways and Means, Helene Weinstein --

(Applause)

-- who has been a thoughtful and dedicated public servant and has served our Chamber with distinction. With three of the four top leadership positions being held by women, for once, I'm happy to be in the minority.

(Laughter/Applause)

I would also like to welcome back my friend, Assemblymember -- Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb and the Assembly Minority Conference.

(Applause)

Brian, as I've said before, everyone is entitled to their own wrong opinion.

(Laughter)

But in all seriousness, I have a deep and abiding respect for you and for our political system and the notion that we can disagree without being disagreeable. That concept is too often lost in today's political discourse, and I'm deeply appreciative to you, Brian, and my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, for your contributions to this Chamber. So, thank you.

(Applause)

The Assembly Majority is both a member-driven and issue-driven Conference. As Session gets underway, we will hear much about progressive priorities. It is important that we remember that many of the issues that have taken center stage all started here in

the People's House. I said -- I've always said that New York, the Empire State, leads the nation on so many issues that have been nurtured and developed right here in the Chamber by our hard-working members. When we were told, God bless them, shoot for the stars, when it came to raising the minimum wage, thank you Michele Titus for reaching for the stars. You led the way in New York, becoming the first State with a \$15-an-hour minimum wage.

(Applause)

To Cathy Nolan, you didn't want families to have to choose between caring for a sick relative or getting their paychecks. Thank you for leading the way on Paid Family Leave.

(Applause)

To Uncle Joe, Assemblyman Joe Lentol, you introduced a bill and led the way on something very near and dear to my heart and other members, before anyone knew what Raise the Age meant. Thank you for caring about our young people.

(Applause)

And when we were charged to be My Brother's Keeper by President Barack Obama, we led the way in becoming the first and only State to fund MBK to change the plight of young men of color.

(Applause)

The sponsors of these initiatives were visionary and real leaders on progressive issues. We proposed -- we proposed these bills before they were popular because it was the right thing to do.

We didn't need editorial boards or other elected officials to instruct or push us on our long-held priorities. As we have in the past, we'll continue to lead the way on critical issues important to all New Yorkers.

To Assemblymembers Glick, Cahill and Jaffee, thank you for leading the way on protecting a woman's right to make decisions over her body.

(Applause)

Assemblyman Gottfried, you introduced the New York Health Act years ago because you dared to believe everyone should have access to health care.

(Applause)

To Assemblyman Aubry, the godfather of criminal justice reform, leading the way on speedy trial, known as Kaleef's Law, and solitary confinement even before the tragedy of Kaleef Browder, who was treated unjustly by our criminal justice system. Thank you, Jeff.

(Applause)

To Assemblywoman Walker who wants to change our bail system, a system which has not been used fairly. Bail was supposed to ensure your appearance in court, not be a pre-trial hurdle or pre-sentence to keep you in jail based on your economic status. Thank you, Assemblywoman Walker.

(Applause)

Every defendant has the right to a level playing field

by knowing what evidence is considered in relation to the charges against them. Thank you, again, Uncle Joe, for leading the way on discovery reform.

(Applause)

Every child or young person should have the ability to get an education whether they were born here or brought here by their parents looking for a better way of life. Thank you, Assemblywoman De La Rosa, for fighting hard for the DREAM Act.

(Applause)

Because everyone should be treated with dignity and respect, thank you, again, Assemblyman Gottfried, for pushing GENDA for countless years.

(Applause)

Our great Chair of Elections, Chuck Lavine, will lead our efforts to update our antiquated election system. Chuck, I look forward to your great work once again. Thank you.

(Applause)

And for children who are victims of sexual predators, let them finally be able to bring their abusers to justice. Thank you, again, Linda Rosenthal, for being a strong advocate for the Child Victims Act.

(Applause)

With climate control being ignored by the leadership in Washington, let's thank Professor Steve Englebright for leading the way on the Climate and Community Protection Act. Thank you,

again, Steve.

(Applause)

And because we know we have critical transportation needs all over our State, I look forward to the leadership of our new Transportation Chair, Bill Magnarelli, to lead us the way.

(Applause)

We will address a myriad of additional issues in a sensible and collaborative way, including continuing to address the opioid crisis; accessible and affordable child care; commonsense gun measures; robust education funding for our neediest schools; continuing to ensure college affordability; sustainable funding for the MTA; stronger rent laws; ensuring public and affordable housing and protecting tenants all across the State; marijuana law reforms and economic development and job creation. I've traveled across the State and I promise, we will not forget any community in Upstate New York.

(Applause)

Your district, too, Mr. Goodell.

(Laughter)

In November we saw sweeping change in our State government. We'll work with our like-minded colleagues in the State Senate who fought for years to advance many of these measures. Alongside my friend, Andrea Stewart-Cousins, who will soon become the new Senate Leader, and our fellow Senate Majority colleagues, we will work together to make our Families First agenda a reality.

(Applause)

All of the issues I talked about here, as well as others not mentioned, enjoy widespread public support. During a time when people are losing faith in government, we will show the way and truly get the people's business done. And I believe when all is said and done, we will have a list of accomplishments that will be unrivaled.

At this time, I ask you to join me in extending a warm welcome to our new intern class of 2019. We're excited to have you all here with us this Session.

(Applause)

On behalf of all members, I want to thank Assemblymember Deborah Glick, Chair of the Intern Committee, Kathleen McCarty, our Program Director, and all of the Committee staff for their support. Welcome back to our returning faculty members, Dr. Janet Penksa, leading our graduate interns; Dr. Angela Ledford, Dr. Wesley Nishiyama and Dr. Anthony Maniscalco, who will lead our undergraduates.

(Applause)

Before they are formally introduced by Majority Leader Peoples-Stokes and Minority Leader Kolb, I would like to take a moment to welcome the 22 new members of the Assembly Class of 2019. Your input and support are critical, and your contributions will be valued. I look forward to working with each one of you to further our shared goals of moving this great State forward.

To all our returning members and to the new

members, once again, welcome to Albany as we begin the New York State Assembly's 242nd Legislative Session. Now, ladies and gentlemen, let's get to work.

(Applause)

The Chair now recognizes Mrs. Peoples-Stokes for the purposes of addressing the members.

(Applause)

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is with a lot of honor and -- that I rise to thank you very much for the opportunity to serve this honorable Body. You have been a good friend for a long time, I appreciate that, and a great colleague and I'm glad that you're my Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

You know, I think it's always important -- people who know me know that I always say this, you know, to be God be the Glory, because it's because of Him that I am here and for that I remain grateful, as well. People also often hear me say, Mr. Speaker, that I am a descendent of the survivors of the Middle Passage. People who demonstrated strength, courage and the same faith that I have. I am a descendent of the survivors of the Middle Passage. I'm also the proud daughter of the late Colin Davis and Clara Davis, my mother is here with me today.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, most people have me heard this, as

well, that, you know, my father was always a Democrat and my mom was always a Republican. We had very hearty discussions at our dinner table.

(Laughter)

And it, quite frankly, made me a better person. It made my brothers and sisters better people, as well. So, I'm happy to be joined here by both of my sisters, one from Philadelphia and one from Buffalo, Cynthia and Charlotte, and my two brothers, John Calvin and Colin, both from Buffalo.

(Applause)

Also with me, Mr. Speaker --

(Applause)

Also with me, Mr. Speaker, is my husband, George Stokes, my daughter, Rashaun King, and my grandson, Kaleb King.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, I'm from a large family. My mother's one of 13, my father was one of seven, so most of the people behind me are in my family and/or in my staff from Buffalo.

(Laughter/Applause)

I'm grateful to them because much like God, they always stick by me. They always support me even when they don't like what I do, and for that I am grateful. Today is a historical day for a lot of reasons, and I think one of the more important reasons you just mentioned, Mr. Speaker, is the fact that, you know, there are so many more women in our Chamber. There's so many more women in the

Senate Chambers, and that's really, like, great news because when I came here in '03, and there were a few of us and we did very well, but -- if I use the words of Susan B. Anthony who said, "Whenever women gather together, failure is impossible." I'm going to use her words because there are now, I want to say, 70 of us in the State government. And so, there's no room for failure.

(Applause)

There's no room for failure, Mr. Speaker, as we move towards the agenda of Families First, because it is the right agenda and it applies to everybody no matter where they live or how they look. If they're citizens of the State of New York, they come from or they belong to or they are a, family, families first, families first. I also want to say, Mr. Speaker, that we we're happy to have so many new members here and I remember, you know, 16 years ago when I came, Paul Tokasz was the Speaker, and then it was Mr. Canestrari, and then it was, of course, our great former Leader, Joe Morelle, who's now a Congressperson, which I want to congratulate him publicly on that. We miss him, but we're glad he's in Congress. They need some help in Albany -- in Washington.

(Laughter)

So, Mr. Speaker, no one could have told me in 2003 that I would ever end up here at the Majority Leader's seat. It wasn't my desire. It wasn't on my mind. I didn't even think about it, but now that I'm here, I look forward to doing the work that God has prepared me for. And so, I want to say to my new members, in particular, and

some of those who've -- us who have been here for a while who need to be clear on just a few things: This is a legislative Body. Nobody does anything by themselves. That means we have to work together to make it happen.

So, I want to end with these words, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the opportunity. We can't change the world unless we change ourselves. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

SPEAKER HEASTIE: The Chair now recognizes Mr. Kolb for the purposes of addressing the members.

MR. KOLB: There we go. I was a little worried there.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I get into my remarks, I just want a little bit of official business. First of all, I'd like a recount on that last vote --

(Laughter)

-- but Mr. Jackson has informed me that that is entirely not possible, so... but, seriously, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 9, Section 1 of the Assembly Rules, I hereby give notice that on or after Monday, January 14th, 2019, we will move to amend numerous provisions of the Assembly Rules and the Permanent Joint Rules of the Senate and the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, first of all, congratulations. I always look forward to working with you and your Conference. As I say many times, I don't care about political registration, I care about

getting things done for the people of this great State of New York. So, I want to congratulate you and look forward to another term working directly with you side-by-side. So, congratulations.

(Applause)

Madam Majority Leader, congratulations. Welcome. I know you'll do a great job and we look forward to working with you in your new role and it's -- it's a great honor to have the privilege of working with you, but it's a great honor for the State Assembly and the history that's being made with you as our new Majority Leader. Well-deserved and congratulations.

(Applause)

I'd also like to, as we kick off the new year, I want to recognize our -- our folks to my left here, my entire Conference, which I want to thank you for your confidence in allowing me to lead you in this new Session. Specifically to my left, the gentleman that will hopefully carry on the debate or lead the debate, as well as our Conference, I'd also like to welcome back Andy Goodell and Ed Ra as our trusty people on the floor to carry that debate. So, welcome back.

(Applause)

And we also have, besides our new members, which we'll talk about a little bit later, we are going to have a new Ways and Means Ranker, and I would also like to acknowledge and congratulate Will Barclay as our new Ranker on Ways and Means.

(Applause)

A new year, new members, new energy, new

opportunities. As we welcome all things new, I want to remind this Chamber of something old. It's called the New York State Constitution. The legislative power of this State, the legislative power of this State shall be vested in the Senate and the Assembly. We have the power, the ability, the talent and the responsibility to stand and act on our own.

To new members and to longtime colleagues, I urge you to not pay attention and to ignore a couple statements that have been made: One, *There is no Legislature*. Two, *I am the government*. We are the government of the people in this State.

(Applause)

Our authority rests not only in law, ladies and gentlemen, but in the 20 million people that we represent who sent us here to be their voice. I hope, as a Body, we act that way each and every day.

Some concerns. We lead the nation in outmigration. More than one million people have left our State in the last 10 years. I guarantee the people leaving for other states is not exclusive to one political party, and it certainly is not the weather. Reversing this alarming trend should be among our highest priorities. I know there's a robust agenda ahead, and we will disagree on many issues. But we need to seek and try to work together to find common ground. As a reminder, ladies and gentlemen, as there's lots of issues that will be forthcoming: We're 48th in the business tax climate; we're the second worst in debt burden; we're the 47th for property taxes; we're the 48th

in business friendliness, which is not good; we're 50th in tax freedom day; we're the sixth worst State for condition of our infrastructure; we're ranked the worst state to retire in. We have the highest per-pupil school spending, the second most costly Medicaid program in the country. We've ranked 50th for the highest child care costs and, of course, the outmigration of millions of residents that we need to reverse.

Priorities, ladies and gentlemen. We have to lower the tax burden. We have to help the mom and pop businesses succeed and create jobs. We have to upgrade our roads and bridges throughout the State. We have to fix the MTA disaster.

(Applause)

We must achieve real ethics reforms. We have to make the property tax cap permanent. We have to reign in wasteful, ineffective economic development programs. And, certainly as I mentioned in prior years, which was also mentioned here today, that we need to address the heroin and opio -- opioid epidemic. Ladies and gentlemen, fellow New Yorkers are dying, all walks of life. We have to have action that saves lives in the State on this topic. It is beyond normal. It's about our neighbors. It's about our families. It's about our friends. We have to stop the deaths and destruction of lives in our State.

So, Mr. Speaker, as we go forward -- and I know there's a lot of other items on everybody's agenda in terms of what we're going to focus on this coming year I understand that, but we will

and continue to speak out, speak up and vote our conscience. And that's the message I always deliver to our Conference is the 130,000-plus people that sent us here, those are your constituents to worry about first and foremost, and you should be voting with your heart, not by party. And our job is to speak up and speak out and vote, and we will continue to do that, but in a respectful manner. I respect each and every member of this Body, regardless of your political affiliation or background. I respect you. I want to work with you. Our Conference wants to work with you and we will work with you. And the most important thing is hopefully we'll listen to each other and respect each other's opinion even though it might be different.

So with that, Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to say a few words. Thank you to each and every one of you for serving the public and congratulating all of you on your election to this Body, and I look forward to a great 2019. Thank you.

(Applause)

SPEAKER HEASTIE: I hereby recognize Mrs. Cook for the purpose of offering up the resolution on the election of the Clerk of the Assembly.

MRS. COOK: Mr. Speaker, I offer the following resolution and move its adoption.

SPEAKER HEASTIE: The Clerk will read.

THE ACTING CLERK: Assembly Resolution providing for the election of Mary-Anne E. Dandles to the Office of Clerk of the Assembly.

SPEAKER HEASTIE: All those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, nay. The resolution is adopted. I hereby declare Mary-Anne E. Dandles duly elected Clerk of the Assembly for the years 2019 and 2020.

(Applause)

The Chair recognizes Mr. -- sorry. I thought Mr. Ramos was going to escort you, but...

The Chair recognizes Mr. Ramos for the purposes of a resolution.

MR. RAMOS: Mr. Speaker, I offer the following resolution and move for its adoption.

SPEAKER HEASTIE: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution providing for the election of Marina B. Pugliese to the Office of Official Stenographer of the Assembly.

SPEAKER HEASTIE: All those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, nay. The resolution is adopted. I hereby declare Mariana (sic) D. (sic) Pugliese duly elected Official Stenographer for the years 2019 and 2020. Congratulations.

(Applause)

Unfortunately, I recognize Mr. Aubry for the purposes of offering a resolution regarding the election of a Sergeant-at-Arms.

(Laughter)

MR. AUBRY: Mr. Speaker, I offer the following

resolution and move its adoption for someone who will now serve for 40 years in the New York State Assembly. We know that he is a mixture of Dorian Gray and Methuselah --

(Laughter)

-- move the resolution.

SPEAKER HEASTIE: The Clerk will read. The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution providing for the election of Wayne P. Jackson to the Office of Sergeant-at-Arms of the Assembly.

SPEAKER HEASTIE: All those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, nay. The resolution is adopted.

(Applause)

Congratulations, Wayne. You know we love you.

(Laughter)

The Chair recognizes Ms. Nolan for the purposes of a resolution.

MS. NOLAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. Always one that's a little controversial, but still very important. I move and offer the following resolution to seat and arrange for seats for representatives of the press and move its adoption.

SPEAKER HEASTIE: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution directing the Clerk of the Assembly to arrange seats for the representatives of the press.

SPEAKER HEASTIE: All those in favor signify by saying aye; opposed, nay.

(Laughter)

In spite of the grumbling, the resolution is adopted.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Before I offer this resolution to adopt the Rules of the Assembly for 2019-2020, let me note that as we adopt the current Rules, we do so with the knowledge that the improved operations of this Body remains as an important priority and the future amendments to our Rules will reflect this importance. Priority, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption.

SPEAKER HEASTIE: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Resolved, that the Rules of the Assembly for 2017 and 2018 as last amended be adopted as the rules of the Assembly for 2019 and 2020.

SPEAKER HEASTIE: The Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Quick, quick, quick. The Senate's waiting on us.

Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is adopted.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes for the purposes of offering a

resolution.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: I offer the following resolution and move its adoption.

SPEAKER HEASTIE: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Resolved, that a committee of two be appointed by the Speaker to advise the Governor of the election of Carl E. Heastie as Speaker of the Assembly and to inform him that the Assembly is organized and ready to proceed with business.

SPEAKER HEASTIE: All those in favor of the resolution signify by saying aye; opposed, nay. The resolution is adopted. I hereby appoint Mrs. Peoples-Stokes and Mr. Kolb as a committee of two to advise the Governor.

Ms. Weinstein for purposes of offering a resolution.

MS. WEINSTEIN: Mr. Speaker, I offer the following resolution and move its adoption.

SPEAKER HEASTIE: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Resolved, that a committee of two be appointed by the Speaker to advise the Senate of the election of Carl E. Heastie as Speaker of the Assembly and that the Assembly is organized and ready to proceed with business.

SPEAKER HEASTIE: All those in favor of the resolution signify by saying aye; opposed, nay. The resolution is adopted. I hereby appoint Ms. Weinstein and Ms. -- Mr. Barclay as a committee of two to advise the Governor -- to advise the Senate, I'm sorry.

The Chair now recognizes Mrs. Peoples-Stokes for the purposes of briefly introducing the new Majority members to the House.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you mentioned earlier, we will, next week, have the opportunity to introduce our members with more of their bio, but on today, we would like to introduce you to these fabulous new members of our Conference.

The first one is Taylor Raynor from the 18th District. Welcome, Taylor.

(Applause)

Judy Griffin from the 21st District.

(Applause)

Catalina Cruz from the 39th District.

(Applause)

Mathylde Frontus from the 46th District.

(Applause)

Simcha Eichenstein from the 48th District.

(Applause)

Charles Fall from the 61st District.

(Applause)

Karines Reyes from the 87th District.

(Applause)

Nader Sayegh from the 90th District.

(Applause)

Jonathan Jacobson from the 104th District.

(Applause)

Jaime Romeo from the 130th (sic) District.

(Applause)

Thirty-sixth.

Marianne Buttenschon from the 119th District.

(Applause)

Patrick Burke from the 142nd District.

(Applause)

And Karen McMahan from the 146th District.

(Applause)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER HEASTIE: Congratulations to each of
you.

Mr. -- Mr. Kolb to briefly introduce the new members
from the Minority side of the aisle.

MR. KOLB: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First of all, I'd like to welcome with the 3rd Assembly
District, Joe DeStefano.

(Applause)

From the 9th Assembly District, Michael LiPetri.

(Applause)

From the 62nd, Michael Reilly.

(Applause)

From the 99th, Colin Schmitt.

(Applause)

From the 116th, Mark Walczyk.

(Applause)

From the 118th, Robert Smullen.

(Applause)

From the 121st, John Salka.

(Applause)

From the 130th, Brian Manktelow.

(Applause)

And from the 133rd Assembly District, Marjorie
Byrnes.

(Applause)

SPEAKER HEASTIE: Thank you, Mr. Kolb.

Congratulations to you, as well.

As the Majority Leader noted, we will have the opportunity next week to learn more about our new members -- colleagues, and to welcome them individually with their families. For now, I'd simply like to extend my most sincere congratulations and warm welcome to each of our new members.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned until tomorrow, January 10th at 10 a.m., tomorrow being a legislative day, and that we will reconvene on Monday, January the 14th at 12:30, that we will reconvene on January the 14th at 12:30 p.m. for Monday Session.

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

(Whereupon, at 1:06 p.m., the House stood adjourned until Thursday, January 10th at 10:00 a.m., Thursday being a legislative day, and to reconvene on Monday, January 14th at 12:30 p.m., Monday being a Session day.)